

Matthew Dowd

A renowned entrepreneur and strategist, Matthew Dowd is widely viewed as one of the most independent and creative thought leaders in America today.

As a bestselling author interpreting change in America and the globe, Dowd is out with a groundbreaking book on leadership in this disruptive and crucial moment titled *A New Way: Embracing the Paradox as We Lead and Serve*. Serving as chief political analyst for ABC News, Dowd regularly brings his insights on cultural, economic and spiritual trends to *Good Morning America*, *Nightline*, and *This Week with George Stephanopoulos* providing a common sense perspective.

Dowd has worked both sides of the aisle serving Presidents, Governors, and Senators, but now considers himself a vehement independent. This included serving as strategist for President George W. Bush, Lt. Governor Bob Bullock, and US Senator Lloyd Bentsen. For his innovative political work, he was awarded Strategist of the Year by the bipartisan American Association of Political Consultants. His plea for our politics today is for leaders put Country over Party which he started an online community to encourage this approach.

Dowd's most recent startup is a venture firm, Paradox Capital, investing in early stage locally driven for profit, for good businesses. His desire is to bridge capitalism and social consciousness to help bring solutions to our communities. Over the years Dowd has given advice to Bono and the One campaign, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and the NBA. He is currently a senior fellow at the University of Southern California Annenberg Center on Communication and has taught seminars at Harvard, Yale, Stanford, Dartmouth, University of Chicago, and The University of Texas at Austin.

Dowd serves on the board of Texas Habitat for Humanity and Texas Interfaith, lives in Wimberley, Texas and is the proud father of three sons and a beautiful daughter.