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Ali Velshi is an anchor & correspondent with MSNBC. Most recently, he hosted “Ali Velshi On Target” a nightly prime-time show on Al Jazeera America that spoke truth to power through debate, interview and on-the-ground reporting. Velshi has reported from the U.S. Presidential campaign trail, as well as covering ISIL and the Syrian refugee crisis from Turkey, the days leading up to the nuclear deal from Tehran, the tensions between Russia and NATO from Eastern Europe and the High Arctic, the debt crisis in Greece, and the funeral of Nelson Mandela in South Africa.

Velshi joined Al Jazeera America from CNN, where he was the channel's Chief Business Correspondent, anchor of CNN International's “World Business Today” and the host of CNN's weekly business roundtable “Your Money”. Velshi also co-hosted CNN's morning show, “American Morning”

Velshi was nominated for two 2016 Emmy Awards for work on disabled workers and Chicago's red-light camera scandal. In 2010, Velshi was honored with a National Headliner Award for Business & Consumer Reporting for “How The Wheels Came Off,” a special on the near collapse of the American auto industry. Additionally, CNN was nominated for a 2010 Emmy for Velshi's breaking news coverage of the attempted terror attack by Umar Farouq Abdulmuttalab on Northwest flight 253 into Detroit.

Velshi has reported extensively on the global financial crisis. Known for his trademark exposition and explanation, Velshi appeared as a guest economics analyst on shows like “Oprah”, “The View”, and “The Daily Show with Jon Stewart” at the height of the crisis, explaining the causes of the meltdown in plain terms.

Velshi is the author of “Gimme My Money Back” (Sterling and Ross, 2008) and co-author with CNN's Christine Romans of “How to Speak Money” (Wiley, 2010).

Born in Kenya and raised in Canada, Velshi graduated from Queen's University in Canada with a degree in Religion, and was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Laws from his Alma Mater in 2016.

Velshi splits his time between New York City and Philadelphia. Active in the community, Velshi serves on the Board of the Chicago History Museum, and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He volunteers with the New York's Center for Urban Community Services homeless outreach program one morning per week.