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Susan has covered eleven presidential elections, from 1980 through 2020, and is now covering her seventh presidential administration. She has interviewed the past ten presidents, from Richard Nixon through Joe Biden, and reported from six continents and dozens of foreign countries. As a reporter -- first for *Newsday* and then for USA TODAY -- she drove to Three Mile Island hours after the nuclear mishap was reported, traveled across Southeast Asia to chronicle the exodus of Vietnamese 'boat people,' and interviewed physicist Stephen Hawking through his computerized 'voice.'

She has won every journalism award given specifically for coverage of the White House, including the Gerald R. Ford Prize for Distinguished Reporting on the Presidency, the Aldo Beckman Award for Overall Excellence in White House Coverage, and the Merriman Smith Award for Excellence in Presidential News Coverage Under Deadline Pressure. She has served as president of the White House Correspondents Association and as president of the Gridiron Club, the oldest association of journalists in Washington. She was the moderator of the vice-presidential debate in 2020 between Mike Pence and Kamala Harris.

A native of Wichita, Kansas, she received a bachelor's degree from Northwestern University, where she was editor-in-chief of *The Daily Northwestern*. She received a master's degree from Columbia University, where she was a Pulitzer Fellow. She is married to Carl Leubsdorf, a columnist with *The Dallas Morning News*. They have two sons, Ben and Will.