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**ELLIOT ACKERMAN**  
New York Times Bestselling Author

Elliot Ackerman joins the podcast to discuss a recent article he wrote for *Liberties Journal* titled, "[Turning in My Card](#)". Joe and Elliot talk about the dark side of identity and how it can prevent us from personal and professional growth. While acknowledging there benefits that come with an identity, Elliot cautions us to avoid using our identities to shut down discourse and warns everyone about the dangers of becoming a slave to identity.

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## About Elliot (@ElliotAckerman)

ELLIOT ACKERMAN is the author of the novels *2034*, *Red Dress In Black and White*, *Waiting for Eden*, *Dark at the Crossing*, and *Green on Blue*, as well as the memoir *Places and Names: On War, Revolution and Returning*. His books have been nominated for the National Book Award, the Andrew Carnegie Medal in both fiction and non-fiction, and the Dayton Literary Peace Prize among others. His writing often appears in *Esquire*, *The New Yorker*, and *The New York Times* where he is a contributing opinion writer, and his stories have been included in *The Best American Short Stories* and *The Best American Travel Writing*. He is both a former White House Fellow and Marine, and served five tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan, where he received the Silver Star, the Bronze Star for Valor, and the Purple Heart. He divides his time between New York City and Washington, D.C. (Bio Courtesy of [www.elliotackerman.com](http://www.elliotackerman.com))

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