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Over the past seven years, Prof. Johnson has published more than 300 high impact pieces in the New York Times, Bloomberg, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, The Atlantic, The New Republic, BusinessWeek, The Huffington Post, The Financial Times, and Project Syndicate.

“[The Quiet Coup](#)” received over a million views when it appeared in The Atlantic in early 2009. His book [13 Bankers: the Wall Street Takeover and the Next Financial Meltdown](#) (with James Kwak), was an immediate bestseller and has become [one of the mostly highly regarded books on the financial crisis](#). Their follow-up book on U.S. fiscal policy, [White House Burning: The Founding Fathers, Our National Debt, and Why It Matters for You](#), won praise across the political spectrum.

From March 2007 through the end of August 2008, Prof. Johnson was the International Monetary Fund's Economic Counsellor (chief economist) and Director of its Research Department. He also helped to found and run the NBER Africa Project; four volumes are forthcoming from the University of Chicago Press.

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