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After journalism, he studied political science at Leiden University (2000-2005) and specialized in political theory. He wrote his master thesis about the interaction between individual freedom and the workings of the state after the terrorist attacks in America, September 9th, 2001.

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