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COKIE ROBERTS

BEST-SELLING AUTHOR &
POLITICAL COMMENTATOR FOR ABC NEWS AND NPR

Former Co-Ancor, *This Week* with Sam Donaldson & Cokie Roberts, Cokie Roberts is a political commentator for ABC News, providing analysis for all network news programming, as well as for NPR. From 1996-2002, she and Sam Donaldson co-anchored the weekly ABC interview program, *This Week*. In her more than forty years in broadcasting, she has won countless awards, including three Emmys. She has been inducted into the Broadcasting and Cable Hall of Fame, and was cited by the American Women in Radio and Television as one of the fifty greatest women in the history of broadcasting. In addition to her appearances on the airwaves, Roberts, along with her husband, Steve Roberts, writes a weekly column syndicated in newspapers around the country by United Media. They are also contributing editors to *USA Weekend Magazine*, and together they wrote *From this Day Forward*, an account of their more than forty year marriage and other marriages in American history. The book immediately went onto *The New York Times* bestseller list, following Cokie Roberts' number one bestseller, *We Are Our Mothers' Daughters*, an account of women's roles and relationships throughout American history. Her earlier books, *Founding Mothers* and *Ladies of Liberty* (published in 2004 and 2008 respectively), also became instant bestsellers. Cokie Roberts holds more than twenty honorary degrees, serves on the boards of several non-profit institutions, and on the President's Commission on Service and Civic Participation. In 2008, the Library of Congress named her a "Living Legend," one of the very few Americans to have attained that honor.

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P.J. O'ROURKE

BEST-SELLING AUTHOR & LEADING POLITICAL SATIRIST

Born in Toledo, Ohio, O'Rourke received a BA from Miami University and an MA in English from Johns Hopkins, where he was a Woodrow Wilson Fellow. After graduate school he worked at small newspapers in Baltimore and New York.

In the early 1970s, he joined *The National Lampoon* where he eventually became editor-in-chief and created (with Doug Kenney) the classic 1964 High School Yearbook Parody. Concluding in the 1980s that the real world was funnier than anything National Lampoon's writers could make up, he became a foreign correspondent and has since covered crises and conflicts in more than 40 countries.

O'Rourke has written for such diverse publications as *The Wall Street Journal*, *World Affairs*, *Car and Driver*, *Town & Country*, *Forbes*, *The Atlantic*, and *Rolling Stone*, where he was the foreign-affairs desk chief for 15 years. He is the H.L. Mencken Research Fellow at the Cato Institute in Washington, DC and a frequent panelist on National Public Radio's game show *Wait Wait ...Don't Tell Me!*



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GLENN GREENWALD

BEST-SELLING AUTHOR, JOURNALIST
& CONSTITUTIONAL LAWYER

Glenn Greenwald is the author of several bestsellers, including *How Would a Patriot Act?* and *With Liberty and Justice for Some*. Acclaimed as one of the 25 most influential political commentators by *The Atlantic*, one of America's top 10 opinion writers by *Newsweek*, and one of the *Top 100 Global Thinkers for 2013* by *Foreign Policy*, Greenwald is a former constitutional law and civil rights litigator. He was a columnist for *The Guardian* until October 2013, and is now a founding editor of a new media outlet, The Intercept. He is a frequent guest on CNN, MSNBC, and various other television and radio outlets. He has won numerous awards for his NSA reporting, including the 2013 Polk Award for national security reporting, the top 2013 investigative journalism award from the Online News Association, the Esso Award for Excellence in Reporting (the Brazilian equivalent of the Pulitzer Prize), and the 2013 Pioneer Award from Electronic Frontier Foundation. He also received the first annual I. F. Stone Award for Independent Journalism in 2009, and a 2010 Online Journalism Award for his investigative work on the arrest and detention of Chelsea Manning. In 2013, Greenwald led *The Guardian* reporting that was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for public service.