

Amy Holmes

Acclaimed Political Commentator and Host of PBS's "In Principle"

Amy Holmes is a familiar face with an unconventional voice in political news. As an on-air political analyst, Amy dissects and debates the issues of the day, appearing regularly on CNN, MSNBC, Fox News, and PBS. Since 2020, Amy has served as a writer on *Real Time with Bill Maher*, the renowned political talk show that airs weekly on HBO. Previously, she co-hosted the PBS weekly show, *In Principle*, where she conducted serious, thought provoking, in-depth interviews with the nation's leading thinkers and newsmakers, including George W. Bush, Microsoft's Bill Gates, and Bill Maher, among others. She is the former host of the daily MSNBC morning show *Way Too Early* and was a news anchor on Glenn Beck's TheBlaze TV and a host of TheBlaze's *Real News*. In addition to working with TheBlaze and MSNBC, she co-hosted *The Washington Times* and Talk Radio Network's *America's Morning News*, a nationally syndicated morning radio show heard coast-to-coast by over 1.5 million listeners daily. She has interviewed national newsmakers including Donald Trump, Donald Rumsfeld, Karl Rove, leading senators, congressmen, and governors—alongside best-selling authors and celebrities including Oscar-winning director Oliver Stone. Amy won the "Thurgood Marshall Community Leader" Award for covering both the 2006 and 2008 political seasons for CNN, appearing regularly on the network's top rated shows including *AC360*, *Larry King Live*, Wolf Blitzer's *Situation Room*, CNN's Election Center, and CNN International's weekly political roundup. Exclusively represented by [Leading Authorities speakers bureau](#), Amy is whip smart, projecting a warm and accessible style that has earned her guest spots on ABC's *The View*, and HBO's *Real Time with Bill Maher*.

Amy's political experience transcends commentary and analysis: Formerly a senior speechwriter for former Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, Amy had an up-close view of the inner workings of the nation's capital and a front row seat to the political battles that make national news. Amy served as a senior speechwriter to Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist for three years, writing on topics ranging from economic and energy policy to judicial nominations and the Iraq war. Prior to joining Senator Frist, Amy was a senior staff member for the Corporation for National and Community Service, the federal agency which oversees AmeriCorps. She also served as economic project director and campus project director for Washington non-profit Independent Women's Forum.

Born in Lusaka, Zambia, and raised in Seattle, Washington, Amy began her career in television as a Fox News Channel contributor. In 2002, she hosted *Lead Story* on Black Entertainment Television where she interviewed administration officials, journalists, and top newsmakers. She has appeared on *Meet the Press*, *NBC Nightly News*, *Dateline*, *CBS Early Morning Show*, and PBS's *To the Contrary*. While providing analysis for CNN, Amy also appeared as a member of HBO's Real Time Real Reporters team providing stories and commentary on the 2008 presidential election. She also guest hosted WNYC's "The Takeaway" with John Hockenberry, guest anchored for *ABC News Now* in ABC's New York headquarters, and appeared on the E! network's political specials.

Her political commentary has appeared in numerous national publications including the *Washington Post*, *National Review*, and as a *USA Today* guest contributor. Holmes has been featured in *Newsweek*, *Glamour*, *Mademoiselle*, *Honey*, *Harper's Bazaar*, *C Magazine*, the *Ritz Carlton Magazine*, *Washingtonian*, and *Washington Life*.

In May 2000, Holmes was named one of *People* magazine's "50 Most Beautiful People." In 2016, she signed on to appear in the Fox network drama *Shots Fired*.