

Bob Schieffer

Former Moderator of *Face the Nation* and Former CBS News Chief Washington Correspondent

Emmy Award-winning journalist Bob Schieffer is one of the nation's most-revered reporters of all time. With 58 years in the news business and 46 years at CBS News, the former moderator of *Face the Nation* served as a steady on-air presence while other television personalities came and went. He was declared "the last of the old school anchors from the heyday of network TV news" by NPR, and is a beloved Washington insider who, as *USA Today* said, "has been on a first-name basis with key DC figures for decades." Schieffer, who held every major job at CBS News, served as the lynchpin of the network and led *Face the Nation* to its highest ratings in decades. He is currently the Walter Shorenstein Media and Democracy Fellow at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

With a career that has dealt almost exclusively with politics, Schieffer is one of few journalists who have covered all four major beats in the nation's capital—the White House, the Pentagon, the State Department, and Capitol Hill. He has interviewed every president since Richard Nixon and moderated three presidential debates—2004, 2008, and 2012. With a unique style that's "equal parts folksy inquisitor and experienced political insider," according to NPR, "no one can ask a tough question quite like Bob Schieffer." Exclusively represented by [Leading Authorities, Inc. speakers bureau](#), he offers an insightful look at today's political climate told through insider stories about the most fascinating aspects of politics—how politicians operate behind the scenes. Named a "Living Legend" by the Library of Congress, Schieffer harnesses his enduring appeal as he shares what could only have been learned from his more than five decades of on-the-job experience.

Jack-of-All-Trades. *USA Today* said Schieffer's career reached "hall-of-fame levels, thanks to his consistent, jack-of-all trades approach to his profession and his diligent shepherding of *Face the Nation*," and his expertise truly is wide-ranging.

He has written three books, including, *Bob Schieffer's America*, *Face the Nation: My Favorite Stories from the First 50 Years of the Award-Winning News Broadcast*, and *This Just In: What I Couldn't Tell You on TV*. He has also co-authored *Ronald Reagan, The Acting President*. Schieffer made his debut at the Grand Ole Opry alongside his country music band Honky Tonk Confidential and appeared in a cameo beside Harrison Ford in the 2010 film, *Morning Glory*.

Before joining CBS News, he was a reporter at the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* and, in 1965, became the first reporter from a Texas newspaper to report from Vietnam.

A Living Legend. Schieffer has won virtually every award in broadcast journalism, including eight Emmys, the Walter Cronkite Award for Excellence, and the Edward R. Murrow Award. He received an Emmy for lifetime achievement and was named "Broadcaster of the Year" by the National Press Foundation. He was also inducted into the Broadcasting/Cable Hall of Fame and the National Academy of Arts and Sciences Hall of Fame. He feels his greatest honor, though, was his alma mater, Texas Christian University, creating the Schieffer School of Journalism.