

## Candy Crowley

Award-Winning Journalist and Former Chief Political Correspondent for CNN

Candy Crowley is an award-winning journalist and one of the smartest and most astute observers of politics of our time. She served as CNN's chief political correspondent and the host of its Sunday morning talk show *State of the Union with Candy Crowley*, a political hour of interviews and analysis of the week's most important issues. She covered presidential, congressional, and gubernatorial elections and major legislative developments on Capitol Hill for more than two decades, and the *Los Angeles Times* called her "no-nonsense" and a "straight shooter," characterizing her career as "sophisticated political observation, graceful writing, and determined fairness."

In presentations, Crowley brings to audiences her insider knowledge of politics and access to the day's top newsmakers. Exclusively represented by [Leading Authorities, Inc. speakers bureau](#), she shares insights on the current political environment and what trends and issues will most likely affect voters in the upcoming elections.

**A Newsmaker Herself.** In 2012, she became the first woman to moderate a presidential debate in two decades when she led the general election debate between President Barack Obama and Governor Mitt Romney. Covering the most important news stories in recent history, her assignments have taken her to all 50 states and around the world. She reported on the campaigns of every president since Ronald Reagan, and since the nomination of Jimmy Carter, she has covered all but one national political convention.

Since becoming the anchor of her own weekly news and public affairs program, Crowley has also interviewed the top political newsmakers including: Vice President Joe Biden, Secretary of State John Kerry, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, former President George W. Bush together with his brother, former Florida Governor Jeb Bush; and former Vice President Dick Cheney with his daughter Liz Cheney.

**Awards.** Crowley has won several awards for her incredible work, including a 2003 Emmy Award, the 2004 and 2009 Gracie Allen Awards, a National Headliner and a Cine award, the 2005 Edward R. Murrow Award, the Broadcasters' Award from the Associated Press, the 2003 and 1998 Dirksen Awards from the National Press Foundation, the 1997 and 2005 Joan Shorenstein Barone Awards, and the 2012 William Allen White Foundation National Citation from the school of journalism at the University of Kansas for her expertise on "politics, politicians, and the events that have changed the world." She also played a pivotal role in CNN's 2008 Peabody Award-winning coverage and was part of the network's Emmy Award-winning 2006 midterm election coverage.

**Early Career.** Crowley began her broadcast journalism career in Washington, DC, as a newsroom assistant for Metromedia radio station WASH-FM. She served as an anchor for Mutual Broadcasting System radio network, as well as a general assignment and White House correspondent for the Associated Press, where she covered part of the Reagan era before moving on to NBC-TV to become a general assignment correspondent in NBC's Washington bureau. Crowley joined CNN in 1987 and took the reins as anchor of *State of the Union* in February 2010.