

## Margaret Brennan

Moderator of CBS News' Face The Nation & CBS News' Senior Foreign Affairs Correspondent

Margaret Brennan is moderator of CBS News premiere Sunday public affairs program *Face the Nation*. In addition, she also serves as CBS News' senior foreign affairs correspondent and contributes to all broadcasts.

Brennan's news making interviews and reporting have earned her a reputation as a tough but fair questioner with a range of expertise that includes domestic politics, foreign affairs and economic news. Exclusively represented for lectures by [Leading Authorities speakers bureau](#), she delivers a captivating view of the biggest stories driving our 24-hour news cycle and how they impact audiences' lives. Since joining CBS News, Brennan has conducted numerous interviews with newsmakers including President Donald Trump, Vice President Mike Pence, Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Secretaries of State Pompeo, Rex Tillerson, John Kerry and Hillary Clinton. The list also includes many presidential hopefuls as well as heads of state in Iraq and South Korea.

While covering both the White House and State Department for CBS News, Brennan reported extensively on the Trump administration's efforts to broker a deal with North Korea, presidential actions against ISIS, the migration crisis, attempts at tax and healthcare reform, as well as its trade policies including the standoff with China. In that dual domestic and foreign reporting role during the Obama administration, Brennan also covered the 2016 election interference by Russia, the global refugee crisis, healthcare policy and trade negotiations.

Brennan first joined CBS News as a State Department correspondent in 2012. In that capacity she traveled the world covering breaking national security issues including the landmark nuclear deal with Iran, the Syria chemical weapons agreement, the 2012 attack on US personnel in Benghazi, and diplomatic opening with Cuba. She has reported from the field in Iran, Afghanistan, Iraq, Guantanamo Bay, and other hotspots. She received a 2012 DuPont Columbia University award as part of team coverage of the Newtown tragedy.

Brennan has been reporting on politics, international affairs, and global markets since 2002. She anchored a daily broadcast for Bloomberg Television. Before that she was a correspondent at CNBC with a focus on the consumer during the 2008 financial crisis. She also contributed to various NBC News programs. Brennan began her career as an award-winning producer for CNBC's *Wall Street Week with Louis Rukeyser*.

Brennan is a member at the Council on Foreign Relations and sits on the Advisory Board for the University of Virginia School of Politics.

Brennan graduated with highest distinction from the University of Virginia in 2002, where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Foreign Affairs and Middle East Studies with a minor in Arabic. As a Fulbright-Hays Scholar, she studied Arabic at Yarmouk University in Irbid, Jordan. She is also the recipient of an honorary doctor of letters degree from Niagara University.

Born in Connecticut, Brennan now lives in Washington, DC. She is married to Yado Yakub, a major in the US Marines Corps. They have one son.