

## Amy Holmes

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

**Politics, Politics, Politics!** Amy Holmes, a widely seen and respected pundit, analyzes the political news of the day. Drawing on her time working for former Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, as well as a keen pulse on the news that her time in political journalism has helped hone, Holmes touches on stories making headlines while explaining the inner workings of a political party and how they may evolve. With 15 years' experience in Washington, DC, she offers a unique look into the future. Due to her razor-sharp wit, no-nonsense insight, and keen attention to the otherwise-unnoticed details, she is one of the most recognizable voices in political commentary. She offers a unique look into both the future of American politics under the current administration, the Congressional leadership, and all the current hot-button issues--and what it all means for the American people. Her presentation is humorous, edgy, and intellectually stimulating—and sure to inform audiences about the up-to-the-minute pulse of American politics.

**The Battle of the Sexes.** The face and voice of women's community ToneNetworks, and a founding member of the Independent Women's Forum, the sassy alternative to NOW, Holmes examines the impact women are making. A student of politics with a degree in economics from Princeton, she discusses women's rights, labor status, ethics, and the battle of the sexes. She argues that women are not a monolithic voting bloc, but rather a diverse constituency from different regions, classes, ethnic backgrounds, and economic concerns.

**New Media in Today's Campaigns.** In today's political scene, the New Media is quickly transforming the canvassing, campaigning, and electoral processes. From live address streams on YouTube to jointly moderated debates by CNN and MTV, the next wave of voters is impacting—and impacted by—the wave of the technological future. Holmes discusses the latest trends in politics and in blasting information across the airwaves as well as cyberspace, and how the two influence each other.

**Ideal Debate Partners.** Amy Holmes engages in exciting point-counter-points with some of our other featured speakers, among them—Peter Beinart, senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, and Chuck Todd, NBC News' Political Director. Holmes brings her trademark on-air debate style, her unconventional insight, and humor, while establishing a personal connection with the audience.