

Margaret Brennan

Moderator of CBS News' Face the Nation with Margaret Brennan & CBS News' Chief Foreign Affairs Correspondent

Margaret Brennan is the moderator of CBS News' premier Sunday public affairs program "Face the Nation with Margaret Brennan." The second-ever woman to host the venerable CBS News broadcast, she also serves as the network's chief foreign affairs correspondent based in Washington, D.C., a contributing correspondent for *60 Minutes*, and has moderated the CBS Vice Presidential Debate. Brennan contributes to all broadcasts and platforms, offering a captivating view of the biggest stories driving our 24-hour news cycle and how they impact audiences' lives. Exclusively represented for lectures by [Leading Authorities speakers bureau](#), she has conducted numerous interviews with world leaders, politicians, policymakers, and newsmakers, including Presidents Joe Biden and Donald Trump, former U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson, French President Emmanuel Macron, and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. The list also includes many presidential hopefuls as well as heads of state in Iraq and South Korea.

Since becoming moderator in 2018, Brennan has continued "Face the Nation's" legacy, helping propel it to be the most watched program in its category. Her interviews with leaders, scientists, and newsmakers during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic earned "Face The Nation" two 2021 Emmy Award nominations: the first for outstanding news analysis, and the second nomination for coverage of the tension between the U.S. and Iran. The broadcast also received two Emmy Award nominations in 2022 for its coverage of the collapse of Afghanistan as the Taliban took over and for Brennan's exclusive interview with Dr. Deborah Birx, White House COVID-19 Response Task Force Coordinator under President Trump. Brennan also won an Emmy for her 2018 "Face the Nation" interview with the father of a student killed in the Parkland high school shooting included in CBS News' "39 Days" documentary that took viewers inside the creation of a movement as students turned grief into action.

She joined CBS News in 2012 and has held roles including State Department and White House Correspondent. Brennan has broken stories including the news that members of the Trump Cabinet were discussing invoking the 25th amendment following the January 6th siege of the U.S. Capitol. She has covered historic moments such as the landmark nuclear deal with Iran; restoration of diplomatic ties with Cuba; the standoff with North Korea; the conflict in Ukraine; and the accord to transfer control of Syria's chemical weapons.

Brennan brings a wealth of reporting experience to the moderator chair on "Face the Nation" that sets her and the broadcast apart and provides nuanced coverage on pressing developments. Prior to joining CBS News, Brennan spent a decade covering the global financial markets. She anchored and reported for Bloomberg Television around the globe. Previously, she was a correspondent at CNBC with a focus on the consumer during the 2008 financial crisis and contributed to various NBC News programs. Brennan began her career as a producer for CNBC's "Wall Street Week with Louis Rukeyser."

Brennan is a board member of the Council on Foreign Relations and sits on the advisory board for the University of Virginia School of Politics and the Smurfit School of Business. She is also a member of the Gridiron Club.

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.