

**B**IOGRAPHY**GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS**

*Anchor, "This Week"*

George Stephanopoulos was named anchor of ABC's Sunday morning program "This Week" in June 2002. Since Mr. Stephanopoulos began anchoring "This Week" in September 2002, the program has covered a wide range of breaking news stories while also featuring important exclusive interviews, ranging from the first ever Sunday morning interview with two Supreme Court Justices to heads of state to presidential candidates.

In July 2003, Mr. Stephanopoulos conducted a rare joint interview with Supreme Court Justices Sandra Day O'Connor and Stephen Breyer. In June 2003, Mr. Stephanopoulos anchored the program from the shores of the Dead Sea for an exclusive interview with King Abdullah of Jordan. During the war with Iraq, he conducted several exclusive interviews with international leaders including Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien, French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin, and British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Mr. Stephanopoulos was widely praised for his role as moderator of the first Democratic Presidential Debate in Columbia, South Carolina on May 3. *The Washington Post* said, "ABC News' George Stephanopoulos skillfully moderated the debate." The Rothenberg Political Report wrote that Mr. Stephanopoulos "asked a terrific series of pointed questions."

Mr. Stephanopoulos regularly interviews key figures in the Bush Administration including Secretary of State Colin Powell, National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice, and Treasury Secretary John Snow. He has also conducted several interviews with presidential candidates including Senator Bob Graham, Senator John Kerry, and Governor Howard Dean. In December 2002, Mr. Stephanopoulos conducted the first Sunday morning television interview with Vice President Gore since the 2000 presidential election.

Following the explosion of the Columbia shuttle, Mr. Stephanopoulos anchored a two-hour special edition of "This Week" on February 2, 2003.

Prior to being named anchor, Mr. Stephanopoulos was an ABC News correspondent, reporting on a wide variety of political, domestic and international stories for "This Week," "World News Tonight," "Good Morning America" and other ABC News programs and special event broadcasts.

Mr. Stephanopoulos joined ABC News in 1997 as a news analyst for "This Week," and has since covered such diverse stories as the 2000 presidential election, the escalation of violence in the Middle East, the events of September 11<sup>th</sup> and their aftermath, and the war on terrorism. In the hours and days following the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks, Mr. Stephanopoulos reported first from Ground Zero before traveling to Rome and Islamabad.

He regularly reported from the Middle East on the rising wave of violence there, and most recently reported from Cuba on President Carter's trip, and traveled with Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill to South Africa. He has interviewed a range of political figures and world leaders including, the former Israeli Prime Ministers Ehud Barak and Benjamin Netanyahu, White House

Chief of Staff Andrew Card, Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-faisal, and many others. Internationally, he has reported from Jerusalem, Rome, Islamabad, London, Amman, Johannesburg, Havana and elsewhere.

Mr. Stephanopoulos has covered a wide range of political stories during his six years at the network. During the 2000 elections, he traveled to a number of battleground states to report on issues of special interest to voters in those key regions. He covered the 2000 national party conventions in Philadelphia and Los Angeles, and played a significant role in the network's team coverage of the 2000 presidential election and the Florida recount.

"His style is to demystify and deconstruct," wrote Michael Wolff in *New York Magazine*. "For at least twenty minutes after the Supreme Court decision on the Florida election, George was the only person on television who had any idea what the decision meant." He also reported for an ongoing "Good Morning America" series entitled, "Race: The Changing Face of America"

Mr. Stephanopoulos is the author of "All Too Human," a No.-1 New York Times best-seller on President Clinton's first term and the 1992 and 1996 Clinton/Gore campaigns.

Prior to joining ABC News, Mr. Stephanopoulos served in the Clinton administration as the senior advisor to the president for policy and strategy. He was a key strategist in both Clinton presidential campaigns and was involved in the development of virtually all major policy initiatives during President Clinton's first term in office.

During the 1992 presidential election, Mr. Stephanopoulos served on the Clinton/Gore campaign as the deputy campaign manager and director of communications. He oversaw polling, policy, scheduling, press relations and media operations.

Before joining President Clinton's campaign, Mr. Stephanopoulos was executive floor manager to House Majority Leader Richard A. Gephardt.

Mr. Stephanopoulos grew up in Cleveland, Ohio. He received his Masters degree in theology at Balliol College, Oxford University, England, where he studied as a Rhodes Scholar. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Columbia University and graduated summa cum laude in political science.