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### **Chuck Todd**

#### **NBC News Political Director and Moderator of "Meet the Press", "Meet the Press"; Host, "MTP Daily"**

Chuck Todd, NBC News political director and moderator of "Meet the Press," spearheads the network's premier political coverage, offering his sharp analysis and translation of Beltway politics across all platforms - zeroing in on what really matters in Washington and why.

Todd is known for holding politicians and newsmakers accountable: from pressing Rep. John Lewis on why he doesn't view Trump's presidency as legitimate to asking Wall Street Journal's editor-in-chief about characterizing President Trump's untrue statements as "lies," his interviews and deep-sourced reporting consistently drive headlines.

In his first year as "Meet the Press" moderator, Todd led the network broadcast's climb to #1 from #3 in the demo most coveted by news advertisers. The success of his reign on Sundays inspired his 5 p.m. weekday show on MSNBC, "MTP Daily". Both his cable show and his podcast ("1947: The Meet the Press Podcast") showcase Todd's provocative interviewing style, extending the popular "Meet the Press" brand into a more accessible 24/7 brand.

With Todd's news-making interviews and distinct reporting throughout the 2016 election cycle, more viewers turned to NBC News and MSNBC for politics coverage than any other television network. Todd was a primary anchor for the network's primetime 2016 presidential election coverage, including NBC's special reporting on the Republican National Convention and the Democratic National Convention as well as the three presidential debates. In the spring of 2016, he co-moderated a Democratic primary debate with MSNBC's Rachel Maddow, getting praise from fellow journalists for his tough questions, with one noting it as "a model for all debates."

Todd has earned a reputation as a passionate political journalist, paving the way for "Meet the Press" to win the demo most coveted by news advertisers this past 2016 broadcast year - the Sunday show's first yearly key demo win since 2012. The network broadcast featured deep-dive interviews in 2016 with top political power players, including Sec. Hillary Clinton, Vice President Joe Biden, House Speaker Paul Ryan, Gen. Colin Powell and President Trump, (whom Chuck interviewed a notable total of 18 times during his campaign).

Prior to taking the helm of "Meet the Press" in September 2014, Todd served as NBC News chief White House correspondent (2008-14), traveling around the world with President Obama and reporting on the main pillars of his presidency, including the passage of the Affordable Care Act. From 2010 to 2014, Chuck also hosted MSNBC's "The Daily Rundown," featuring daily interviews with top congressional members. He was named "The Most Powerful Journalist in Washington" in January 2012 by GQ, part of the magazine's "50 Most Powerful People in Washington" list.

In 2009, Todd co-authored with Sheldon Gawiser the definitive election result analysis book for the 2008 presidential campaign, titled "How Barack Obama Won," published by Vintage. His second book, "The Stranger: Barack Obama in the White House" was released in November 2014 by Little, Brown and Company.

In 2007, Tim Russert, then-Washington bureau chief and "Meet the Press" moderator, recruited Todd to join NBC News as the network's political director - a title Todd still holds proudly today. Prior to joining NBC News, Todd worked at the National Journal's "The Hotline" for 15 years, serving for six of those years as the editor-in-chief.

Todd is a native of Miami and currently resides in Arlington, Va. with his wife, Kristian, and two children.

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