

Andrew Neil

Political broadcaster and journalist, publisher and writer

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About

Andrew Neil is a publisher, writer and broadcaster who was named Journalist of the Year 2013 by Britain's prestigious Political Studies Association and one of the 500 most influential people in the UK by Debrett's in 2015.

In 2015 The Times said " *the ultimate test for assessing whether a party leader was fit to be Prime Minister is to put them in front of Andrew Neil for 40 minutes, the most forensic interviewer in broadcasting.*" In 2016, a poll of Members of Parliament voted Andrew the best overall political journalist in the country.

Since 1996 Andrew Neil has been Publisher (Chief Executive, Editor in Chief and Chairman) of Press Holdings Media Group, publisher of "The Spectator", "The European", "Sunday Business", "The Scotsman", "Scotland on Sunday" and "Evening News". He is also Chairman of ITP, the biggest magazine publisher in the Gulf (based in Dubai).

In addition to his business responsibilities, Andrew is a well-known anchorman on BBC TV. He currently presents three editions of the Daily Politics on BBC2 every week as well as the Sunday Politics on BBC1 and the award-winning This Week on BBC1 every Thursday night. He also anchors Politics Europe, which is broadcast on BBC2, BBC News Channel and BBC World.

During his career, Andrew Neil has been House of Commons lobby correspondent in London, White House correspondent in Washington DC and Wall Street correspondent in New York – all for The Economist. He was made British Editor of The Economist in 1982.

The following year he left The Economist, to become Editor of The Sunday Times of London, one of the world's most prestigious and influential newspapers and a position he held from 1983-1994. Over the next 11 years he turned it into the undisputed multi-section market leader, renowned for its investigative journalism and scoops.

While still editing The Sunday Times he also served as Executive Chairman of Sky Television, which he launched in 1989 as Britain's first multi-channel satellite TV platform. He created Sky News and brought The Simpsons to British screens. Sky is now a £15bn company. Before leaving The Sunday Times to become freelance, Andrew Neil moved to New York as Executive Editor of Fox News from June 1994 until early 1995. In early 1998 he also presided over the launch of a new upmarket Sunday paper "Sunday Business" which became a critical and circulation success and which was awarded "Sunday Newspaper of the Year Award".

As a business consultant he has been involved in European digital television developments and advising on the acquisition and development of a number of publications as well as the launch of a new business daily for Asia in 1996 called "Asia Times" and a new news magazine "Asia Inc".

Born in Scotland, he graduated from the University of Glasgow in 1971 with an MA (Hons) in Political Economy, Political Science and American History.

In October 1996 Macmillan published his autobiography "Full Disclosure", on his Sunday Times and Sky TV years, which was serialised in Vanity Fair in America and the Daily Mail in Britain. Andrew holds several honorary degrees. In 1999 he was elected Lord Rector of the University of St Andrews, one of the oldest and most distinguished

universities in the world. On stepping down from that post he was made a Doctor of Laws by the university. When not chairing companies, travelling or presenting TV shows he likes to ride his bike.

Testimonials



The BSIA booked Andrew Neil to give the keynote speech at the security industry's premier awards ceremony for its 50th anniversary celebrations in central London. Andrew was much better than we could have anticipated with a fascinating insight into the current political landscape in the UK, Brexit, the election of President Trump and the broader geopolitical scene. He was both funny and sagacious in his speech which was extremely well received from our broad audience. We would certainly recommend Andrew Neil as a guest speaker to other organisations looking for someone with a sharp wit, intellect and gravitas.

Felix Parker-Smith, Public Affairs
Executive - British Security Industry
Association.

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