



Lesley Stahl

Correspondent, *60 Minutes*



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(CBS) Lesley Stahl has been a *60 Minutes* correspondent since March 1991. The 2008-09 season marks her 18th on the broadcast.

Stahl's interviews with the families of the Duke Lacrosse players exonerated in a racial rape case and with Nancy Pelosi before she became the first woman to become speaker of the house were big scoops for *60 Minutes* and **CBS News** in 2007. In September of 2005, Stahl landed the first interview with American hostage Roy Hallums who was held captive by Iraqis for 10 months. Her other exclusive *60 Minutes* interviews with former Bush

administration officials Paul O'Neill and Richard Clarke ranked among the biggest news stories of 2004. She was the first to report that Al Gore would not run for president, in a *60 Minutes* interview broadcast in 2002.

Prior to joining *60 Minutes*, Stahl served as **CBS News** White House correspondent during the Carter and Reagan presidencies and part of the term of George H. W. Bush. Her reports appeared frequently on the **CBS Evening News**, first with Walter Cronkite, then with Dan Rather, and on other **CBS News** broadcasts.

During much of that time, she also served as moderator of *Face The Nation*, **CBS News'** Sunday public-affairs broadcast (September 1983-May 1991). For *Face The Nation*, she interviewed such newsmakers as Margaret Thatcher, Boris Yeltsin, Yasir Arafat and virtually every top U.S. official, including George H. W. Bush and Vice President Dan Quayle.

From October 1990 to March 1991, Stahl supplemented her work at the White House and on *Face The Nation* by joining Charles Kuralt as co-anchor of "America Tonight," a daily **CBS News** late-night broadcast of interviews and essays.

Her experiences covering Washington for more than 20 years became the subject of her book *Reporting Live* (Simon & Schuster, 1999). The stories she has covered since joining **CBS News** in the

Washington bureau in 1972 range from Watergate through the 1981 assassination attempt on President Reagan to the 1991 Gulf War. She has reported on every U.S.-Russian summit meeting since 1978, every economic summit of industrialized countries since 1979 and every national political convention and election night since 1974.

Stahl anchored several **CBS News** documentaries, including "The Politics of Cancer" and "In the Red Blues," about the budget deficit, both for "CBS Reports."

She has a collection of Emmy Awards for her interviews on *Face The Nation* and her *60 Minutes* reporting, including a Lifetime Achievement Emmy given in September 2003. Her *60 Minutes* reports "How He Won the War," about former FDA Commissioner David Kessler's battle with the tobacco industry, and "Punishing Saddam," which exposed the plight of Iraqi citizens, mostly children, suffering the effects of the United Nations sanctions against Iraq, were both Emmy winners. "Punishing Saddam" also won Stahl an Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University Journalism Award. Her profile of search engine giant Google earned her a 2005 Business and Financial Emmy award, and more recently, her 2006 interview of ex-Hewlett-Packard Chairwoman Patricia Dunn won an Emmy for coverage of a breaking news story.

In 1996, Stahl was awarded the Fred Friendly First Amendment Award, given by Quinnipiac College in Hamden, Conn., in recognition of her journalistic achievements. She was also honored that year by the Radio/Television News Directors Association (RTNDA) with an Edward R. Murrow Award for Overall Excellence in Television for her reports on the Michigan Militia. In 1993, she received a Matrix Award for Broadcasting, presented by New York Women in Communications Inc., which recognizes and honors women for outstanding career achievement. In 1990, she was honored with the Dennis Kauff Journalism Award for lifetime achievement in the news profession.

Stahl was born Dec. 16, 1941, in Swampscott, Mass., and was graduated cum laude in 1963 from Wheaton College, where she served on the board of trustees. She currently serves on the board of the New York City Ballet.

She and her husband, author Aaron Latham, live in New York. They have a daughter, Taylor.