

## 1: Rush Limbaugh - Wikipedia

*Step 2: Add an observation by the White House chief of staff that has the subtlety of a hand grenade - Rahm Emanuel saying that Rush Limbaugh is the leader of the Republican Party.*

His father was a lawyer and a U. His mother was a native of Searcy, Arkansas. The name "Rush" was originally chosen for his grandfather to honor the maiden name of family member Edna Rush. His uncle, Stephen N. His cousin, Stephen N. Limbaugh began his career in radio as a teenager in in his hometown of Cape Girardeau, using the name Rusty Sharpe. He started with an afternoon show and later did mornings, broadcasting under the name Jeff Christie. He was fired in late , when the station was sold to Taft Broadcasting. Limbaugh was reportedly told by management that he would never make it as on-air talent, and should consider going into sales. He became a lifelong fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers from his time in the region. In , he left radio and accepted a position as director of promotions with the Kansas City Royals baseball team. He debuted just weeks after the Democratic National Convention , and just weeks before the Republican National Convention. The program was moved to stations with larger audiences, eventually being broadcast on over radio stations nationwide. When the Republican Party won control of Congress in the midterm elections , the freshman Republican class awarded Limbaugh an honorary membership in their caucus believing he had a role in their success. In late , he acknowledged that he had gone almost completely deaf, although he continued his show. He was able to regain much of his hearing with the help of a cochlear implant in He resigned a few weeks into the NFL season after making comments about the press coverage for quarterback Donovan McNabb that caused controversy and accusations of racism on the part of Limbaugh. His comment about McNabb was: I think the media has been very desirous that a black quarterback do well. The defense carried this team. The program is also broadcast worldwide on the Armed Forces Radio Network. Radio broadcasting shifted from AM to FM in the late s because of the opportunity to broadcast music in stereo with better fidelity. The show increased its audience in the s to the extent that even some FM stations picked it up. In the beginning, his show was co-owned and first syndicated by Edward F. Today, Limbaugh owns a majority of the show, which is syndicated by the Premiere Radio Networks. According to a article in U. On August 2, , Limbaugh signed a four-year extension of the contract. The show discussed many of the topics on his radio show, and was taped in front of an audience. Rush Limbaugh says he loves doing his radio show, [35] but not a TV show. In , Sajak said the incident was "legendary around CBS". In the parodies, his vice president was fellow conservative pundit Ann Coulter. Influence and legacy Limbaugh has become widely recognized as one of the premiere voices of the conservative movement in the United States since the s. House of Representatives made Limbaugh an honorary member. In response to viewer interest, Limbaugh launched a series of ties [45] designed primarily by his then-wife Marta. He would then deny that he had "hung up" on the caller, which he had promised not to do. Limbaugh claims that he used this gag to illustrate "the tragedy of abortion" as well as to highlight the question of whether abortion constitutes murder. He then stated, "But did you know there is also a White House dog? When questioned about it, Limbaugh claimed that it was an accident and that without his permission some technician had put up the picture of Chelsea. Award for Media Excellence by the Media Research Center , a conservative media analysis group in Rush Limbaugh In his first New York Times best seller , Limbaugh describes himself as conservative, and is critical of broadcasters in many media outlets for claiming to be objective. Presidential Election and inviting them to leave the Republican party. He calls for the adoption of core conservative philosophies in order to ensure the survival of the Republican party. Wade to be "bad law" and supports overturning it, leaving the decision to the states. He once opined that all newspaper composite pictures of wanted criminals resembled Jesse Jackson , and another time that "the NFL all too often looks like a game between the Bloods and the Crips without any weapons. He views consent as "the magic key to the left. On his television show on October 5, , Limbaugh stated, "too many whites are getting away with drug use" and illegal drug trafficking. Limbaugh proposed that the racial disparity in drug enforcement could be fixed if authorities increased detection efforts, conviction rates, and jail time for whites involved in illegal drugs.

### 2: Steele to Rush: I'm sorry - POLITICO

*Did you ever think you'd see the day when a prominent political party would accuse the president of being divisive and exclusionary for saying "America" too many times during his State of the Union speech?*

The American Civil Liberties Union made that very complaint. Besides, many prominent Democrats and media liberals made similar objections after the speech. MSNBC host Joy Reid brazenly trashed traditional American values and institutions with her tweet accusing President Trump of trying to force the normalization of himself by using "terms of the bygone era his supporters are nostalgic for" — namely, church, family, police, military and the national anthem. They assume that when Republicans promote church, family, police, the military, the national anthem and wholesomeness and goodness, they are somehow dog whistling to white supremacists, or some such nonsense. Democrats said Trump delivered a "wedge speech," one that "inflames the cultural divide. His SOTU speech was no exception. Probably the most consistent message he delivered on the campaign trail was his belief in an America-first philosophy — not certain groups in America at the exclusion of others but all Americans. Indeed, by definition they are not. Liberals say we promote white privilege. They say immigration enforcement advocates are driven by nativism and bigotry. Conservatives, though, actually believe in a melting pot and equality of opportunity and equal justice for all. Sadly, Kennedy and his Democratic leaders view America only through race-conscious eyes. They are the ones who deliberately divide us, by constantly agitating over race, gender, sex, religion and any other category that will incite their base into a frenzy. They have no viable alternative agenda; everything they tried under Obama failed. That is why they have reduced themselves to ad hominem Trump slanders, bogus charges of collusion with Russia and blanket smears of conservatives as bigoted extremists. Democrats are the ones who have become more extreme every year. Proof of their extremism and intellectual bankruptcy is their maniacal rhetoric, such as accusing Trump of being a dangerous dictator. Their emotional breakdown over innocuous and uplifting presidential expressions of patriotism and traditional American values — with their perception that such inherently unifying ideas are divisive and exclusionary — screams volumes. Such utterances of national pride cannot credibly be depicted as divisive. It would be refreshing if Democrats could at least be truthful about where they stand, but as of now, they are saying one thing and at the same time, well, saying another. Please keep it up through November, guys. David Limbaugh is a writer, author and attorney. His latest book is "The True Jesus: Uncovering the Divinity of Christ in the Gospels. To read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate webpage at [www.creatorsyndicate.com](http://www.creatorsyndicate.com).

### 3: Rush Limbaugh GOP Party Leader | The Pardu's Scroll

*Limbaugh, on the other hand, continues to galvanize the party base and recently ignited a firestorm on Capitol Hill when Senate Democratic Whip Dick Durbin Dick Durbin Senators crafting bill to.*

Limbaugh also does live commercials during the show for sponsors. Occasionally, Limbaugh features guests, such as a politician or fellow commentator. A toll-free telephone number is announced for incoming calls from listeners. However, Limbaugh generally takes far fewer calls per show than most other national talk radio programs. The listeners to the show are referred to as "Ditto-heads". Limbaugh says the term originated with a caller who said "ditto what the previous caller said". Briefly in , Limbaugh stopped playing the song after a "cease and desist" order was issued by EMI. During its existence, WRNO broadcast the program on shortwave radio. Limbaugh also hosts his own online Internet streaming audio and video broadcast, through Streamlink. The program is not heard on any stations in Canada, although stations along the northern border of the United States give the show coverage in much of southern Canada. The show has never been carried on any satellite radio service, and is one of the few nationally syndicated talk radio programs not to be featured on satellite radio. Limbaugh attributes this decision to a desire to maximize value for his terrestrial radio affiliates. The Rush Limbaugh Show is unusual among syndicated radio programs in that it is fee-based; that is, radio stations pay iHeartMedia hundreds of thousands of dollars the exact amount depends on market size for the rights to carry his show, in addition to giving up 15 minutes of daily ad time for barter advertisements and the Morning Update. Secretary of State Colin Powell appeared on the show in November when Roger Hedgecock was guest-hosting the show. Former President George W. Bush has appeared six times on the program. The first time was during the presidential campaign. Then, in , he "called in" to a live broadcast during the week of the Republican National Convention to give a preview of his nomination acceptance speech. He called in again in Bush and Jeb Bush congratulated Limbaugh. He appeared a sixth time for an interview regarding his autobiography , *Decision Points* , on November 9, Vice President Dick Cheney has made multiple appearances. In December , Sylvester Stallone made an appearance on the show to discuss his upcoming movie *Rocky Balboa*. In , Limbaugh among numerous other hosts interviewed Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and was the first to interview Tony Snow after his departure from his post as White House press secretary. Trump also called in multiple times during his presidential campaign. Music[ edit ] The Rush Limbaugh Show uses music as a significant part of the show. He also said that some bands had complained about his use of their music but since the "bumper music" clips were less than eight seconds, the use of the music is legally considered "fair use". These satires range from parodies of well known songs to audio skits in which the voices of politicians are imitated by Shanklin. Such contributions from Paul Shanklin have been aired on the show since Some of these, such as "Barack the Magic Negro", [18] referring to the titled Los Angeles Times article written by David Ehrenstein , gained considerable notoriety. From through a series of parodies written and performed by the similarly named Paul Silhan [19] , including take-offs on Bob Dylan tunes referred to by Limbaugh as the "Bob Zimmerman" songs, were also played on his show. Bob Zimmerman is the birth name of Bob Dylan. Silhan created his parodies by writing and then recording all the voices and instruments himself using simul-synch recording techniques. As with most commercial radio programming, The Rush Limbaugh Show has slots allotted for the local affiliates to fill with news segments, traffic, weather, and local commercials. Program staff[ edit ] "Bo Snerdley" The official "program-observer" and call screener. His real name is James Golden. Snerdley is a pseudonym Limbaugh invented many years earlier when he was a disc jockey on WIXZ when Limbaugh went by the name Jeff Christy ; he would use the name Snerdley for supposed-listeners who would write or call in, usually professing to be big fans and part of the "Christy Nation". More recently, the name Snerdley has been used for his call screeners, both male and female. During a show in , Limbaugh was not at the microphone for the last segment of the second hour it was only about ten seconds , and Snerdley came on instead: His real name is George Prayias, and he is currently the webmaster for www. She has been with Rush since , starting on his television program. Brian EIB network broadcast engineer. Dawn Transcribes caller comments onto a computer screen to aid Limbaugh, who hears

via a cochlear implant and therefore can sometimes have difficulties clearly understanding callers. Left the show in spring Stand-ins for Limbaugh[ edit ] Every so often, Limbaugh is absent from his show, whether for various personal reasons or because of extended trips. Typically, these hosts are well-known conservatives, and since Clear Channel now iHeartMedia since acquired the network which syndicates the program, they have often been iHeartMedia radio hosts. Recent substitute hosts[ edit ].

### 4: Rush Limbaugh Dropped A Bombshell About The Democrats Impeaching Trump

*Originally a host on KFBK-AM in Sacramento, Limbaugh moved to New York in July. Heard on over stations nationwide as well as on short wave and Armed Services Radio, Limbaugh reports that his nationally syndicated AM three hour radio show reaches a cumulative weekly audience of more than twenty million.*

We have veterans leaving, going on to other things. It is a state of transition. There is going to be chaos, a little bit of bumps in the road. Michael Steele is a dynamic leader. In his remarks, Pawlenty navigated himself very cautiously. That is a fair critique from his perspective. Is it dangerous if he becomes the face of the party, though? His rhetoric is very, very partisan. His rhetoric is not the kind of measured rhetoric we have heard from you, Bobby Jindal and people like Charlie Crist, people are vying for that title. He is more of a household name than you guys are. We are going to have a coalition that involves all sorts of conservatives and independents and democrats. We need Rush Limbaugh and his followers. We need Michael Steele and the people he can persuade and Bobby Jindal and a bunch of other folks as well. We need to grow this party. It is not about contraction. It is about expansion. We have a coalition. One part of that is Rush Limbaugh and his followers. It is not the only part. That is a political thing to say. I wish no ill will on the country. I think we take him at his word. That is the quote I read and you are precise with your language and your words with your training. This reflects very well on host and guest, I think! Joining us now is Governor Pawlenty. It is kind for you to come back on the show. Happy to do it. I have to ask if you dread talking to the media because you will get asked if you think Rush Limbaugh is wrong hoping the President will fail. He was wishing his socialistic policies fail. There is clarity around that. Rachel, if this were a sports team the Republican party would be in a rebuilding year. We have veterans leaving going on to other things. I have to press you on the Rush Limbaugh, hoping for the policies to fail, they are the policies of the federal government to get us to survive the economic collapse. From my standpoint we need to wish President Obama well. I read what he said or quoted from the other day very carefully. I just summarized what he said. He can speak more directly. There are centers of influence. Rush Limbaugh has an incredible skill and gift for informing people, persuading people, mobilizing people. If you can do that with a neighbor one-on-one or on the radio you are going to have influence. Everybody who has that platform is going to have impact. He has a lot of influence because he is very gifted at it. Is it dangerous he becomes the face of the party, though? That is a political thing to say. Let me ask you a question not about Rush Limbaugh. But in the polls, Americans trust Democrats over Republicans 28, 30 points. Do you think the party has to get more moderate? I think the party will remain a conservative party. Any suggestion this is going to be different defies history and the principles and foundations of the party. It is not about having Republicans act more like democrats or liberals. It is trying to get more democrats and independents to be supportive of Republican ideas and candidates. We have to do a better job at informing, mobilizing and winning elections. It is going to take Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity. We have to build a coalition. All of those pieces are important. It does mean if they are all part of the same coalition every time Mr. Limbaugh says something incredibly controversial, it means you are going to have to be on shows like this answering to them, for them. It is going to be more than one voice or one person. A symphony, not one soloist. There is room for a whole range of thoughts and people and leaders until this gets more focused and developed. It is going to be a sorting out process. This is about addition not subtraction. You are going to get so big and powerful with the show someday, you are going to have the same influence on the left. In some ways you already do. You and Keith and Ed Schultz. No one says Rachel has undue influence. Nobody apologizes to me, Governor, with all due respect. Tim Pawlenty, you are a good sport. Thank you for being on the show.

### 5: The Rush Limbaugh Show - Wikipedia

*In any case, Thomas Schaller offers an analysis of Limbaugh as the now putative head of the GOP, in "Rush Limbaugh is the Leader of the Republican Party." While it's true that Limbaugh's generating the most attention right now (by channeling the raw grievances of the conservative base), Schaller makes a point worth noting as we move forward.*

Email Want a formula for a diverting political tempest? Add an observation by the White House chief of staff that has the subtlety of a hand grenade - Rahm Emanuel saying that Rush Limbaugh is the leader of the Republican Party. Throw in a comment by chairman of the Republican National Committee, the newly-elected former Maryland Lt. Michael Steele, who said Limbaugh is only an entertainer and that some of his remarks are "incendiary. Then, well, just stand back and watch the mixture come to a boil on cable news. Republicans charge the White House with unleashing a "weapon of mass distraction. At root, this issue or argument or sideshow is a tangled mix of arguments about what was said, who said it, and when it was said. It is also the latest example of an old political tactic: In an ordinary time, what Limbaugh said would have been completely conventional. Why would a dyed-in-the-wool conservative want a Democrat with an ambitious agenda to succeed? For that matter, did Democrats want President Bush to succeed in cutting taxes for the well-to-do, or changing Social Security? But nobody wanted Bush to fail in the days after September 11th. And today, in the midst of a global economic crisis, "failure" can imply that very hard times will befall the country - a point that ex-House Speaker Newt Gingrich made this weekend. That is a perfectly respectable point of view. By a margin, Americans view him unfavorably. And this would hardly be the first time a political party has tried to attach an unpopular face to the other team. What Republicans need, says one veteran strategist, is not a new face or voice, but a set of ideas. And we Republicans have a lot of work to do to be able to make that case now, and win. Sixty-eight percent of Republicans say the party has no leader. As for Rush Limbaugh - he gets the nod from just 2 percent of Republicans.

### 6: American Power: Rush Limbaugh: Leader of the Republican Party?

*These days Rush Limbaugh absolutely seems to be the voice of the new right. More than even the person who I thought was the new up and coming leader of the Republican party, Newt Gingrich.*

### 7: LIMBAUGH: Democratic Leaders, Why Do You Find Patriotism Divisive? | Daily Wire

*Rush Limbaugh is the leader of the Republican Party The conservative radio host loves to talk about himself "and the GOP base loves to listen, as the rapt throng at CPAC Saturday proved.*

### 8: is Rush Limbaugh the new leader of the republican party? | Yahoo Answers

*Rush Limbaugh let his audience in on a big secret. The top-rated talk show host revealed the Democrats awful plan to impeach Donald Trump. And it was a bombshell that left jaws on the ground.*

### 9: If not Rush Limbaugh, who is the leader(s) of the Republican Party? | Yahoo Answers

*In his book, Rush Limbaugh: An Army of One, Ze'ev Chafets cited Limbaugh as, "the brains and the spirit behind" the Republican Party's resurgence in the midterm elections in the wake of the election of President Obama.*

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