

To The contrary



Bonnie L. Erbé

About the Host

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Bonnie Erbé is a nonpartisan, award-winning American journalist and television host based in the Washington, D.C. area who has covered national politics for decades. She writes a weekly column for PoliticsDaily.com and for Scripps Howard Newspapers. She is also a contributing editor at USNews.com. Ms. Erbé is working on a novel about religious symbolism in Washington, D.C.

Her journalistic interests include issues affecting women, families and communities of color, environment, religion and animal compassion. She has won more than 20 awards for her journalistic accomplishments.

Most recently, she was honored for her "pioneering: contributions to women's media" by creating PBS' To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbé and keeping it a vital part of PBS' program offerings since 1992. The award was presented by the Women's Media Center in June, 2009. She also won the Population Media Council's "Best TV Show" award in 2009 for coverage of population issues.

She won the 2008 Conference Board's Work Life Leadership Council Media Award for coverage of work-life issues. She also won the 2008 Council on Contemporary Families Media Award for Outstanding Coverage of Family Issues.

Prior to that, she has won more than 15 (total) Clarion Awards from Women in Communications, Gracie Awards from American Women in Radio & TV and EMMA awards from the National Women's Political Caucus and formerly from Radcliffe College. She also won Ohio State and New York Festival Awards while working for NBC Radio.

Erbé was born in New York City, but moved to Washington D.C. after graduation from college to cover politics. She graduated from Barnard College in 1974, Columbia University with an M.S. in Journalism in 1975 and from Georgetown University Law Center with a J.D. cum laude in 1987.

Ms. Erbé toes no party line. She is not an affiliated Democrat or Republican, nor is she uniformly progressive or conservative. Labels of all types make her nervous. Ms. Erbé finds partisan politics tiresome and believes she represents the majority of Americans who think for themselves and do not subscribe to any partisan or ideologically-prescribed way of thinking. She believes the only people who think that way are either angling for political appointments or trying to impose their moral beliefs on the nation's laws.

She is, however, passionate about women's advancement in the U.S. and worldwide, about preserving green spaces and maintaining an environment that can support the human race and animal species for millennia to come. She is also a strong supporter of limiting government spending and a proponent of individual and personal responsibility.

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About the Show

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To The Contrary (TTC) is public television's successful all-female news analysis series. The program was launched in 1992, dubbed the "Year of the Woman in American Politics" as women's representation in Congress blossomed.

To The Contrary continues as an essential, timely forum for women to discuss national and international issues and policies. The program covers news and offers a platform to views that are rarely, if ever, available elsewhere on television. It is true appointment television.

With more women in Congress, in the Cabinet and on the Supreme Court, women's perspectives are more high-profile than ever before. Americans have cast strong votes of confidence in women leaders and leaders who promote concerns embraced by women. To The Contrary, available in 88.5% of television markets and a leader in women's perspectives, will continue to make women's voices heard as we cover all issues affecting women, families and communities of color.

To The Contrary is produced by Persephone Productions. Airing on PBS stations nationwide, in Canada, and internationally on VOA TV, To The Contrary has built a solid viewer base including more than a million viewers each week. Viewer response, media attention and strong carriage on national public television stations and elsewhere have all helped to confirm that the show does indeed fill a much-needed niche in American television programming.



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Headlines

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Panelists

- Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton, (D-DC)
- Rt. Hon. Kim Campbell, *Former Canadian Prime Minister*
- U.S. Rep. Donna Edwards, D-MD
- Dr. Bernadine Healy, *US News & World Report, Former NIH Director*
- Melinda Henneberger, *Editor-in-Chief, PoliticsDaily*
- Genevieve Wood, *The Heritage Foundation*
- Irene Natividad, *President, Global Summit of Women*
- Tara Setmayer, *Conservative Commentator*
- Dee Dee Myers, *Former Clinton Press Secretary*
- Karen Czarencki, *Former Labor Dept. Official*
- Ruth Conniff, *The Progressive Magazine*
- Linda Chavez, *Center for Equal Opportunity*
- Kim Gandy, *The Feminist Majority*
- Leslie Sanchez, *Co-Chair, Hispanic Alliance for Progress Institute*
- Patricia Sosa, *Former Clinton Appointee*
- Bay Buchanan, *Former US Treasurer, Conservative Commentator*
- Avis Jones DeWeever, *National Council of Negro Women*
- Cari Dominguez, *Former EEOC Chair*
- Sam Bennett, *President, Women's Campaign Forum*
- Amanda Carpenter, *Conservative Commentator*



Interviews

- Hillary Clinton
- Michelle Obama
- Sarah Palin
- Nancy Pelosi
- Elizabeth Edwards
- Gloria Steinem
- Jane Fonda
- Cynthia Nixon
- Iman
- Raven Simone
- Gabrielle Union



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