



Seeking the truth

Robert Costa of CBS will be reporting on the midterm elections this fall.

Robert Costa first became interested in political reporting in his high school newsroom, located in the basement. It was the year 2000, and Costa was the editor of his school paper, covering the Presidential election between George W. Bush and Al Gore. Today, Costa covers politics from the CBS newsroom as the network's chief election and campaign correspondent.

Costa, age 36, grew up in Pennsylvania. As a teen he worked for a local newspaper, interviewing rock bands in the Philadelphia area and a member of Congress about the Iraq War. Costa earned a degree in American Studies from the University of Notre Dame and then a master's degree in politics from Cambridge University, in England.

He went on to write for top newspapers such as *The Washington Post*. In describing his current work in TV to *The Week Junior*, he

compared the collaboration among camera people, producers, and correspondents to a football team. "You've got a lot of players, and everyone has to make sure the ball is moving down the field together," he said.

Throughout his career, Costa has sought to make politics accessible, especially to young people. "Politics is everything," he said. "It's how we live our lives and how we choose to govern ourselves as a people." In trying to keep his reporting unbiased, he said it's not about Democrats versus Republicans. "The job as a reporter is to connect issues you're dealing with in your everyday life to the campaign," Costa said. He aims to be tough but fair.

Costa encourages young people to go beyond what's on social media and read books and newspapers. He said, "The most important thing is to remember that you're part of a country that's diverse in its history."



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TELEVISION HISTORY

Douglas Edwards is believed to be the first network TV news anchor in the US. He anchored a nightly newscast for CBS starting in 1948.

Rihanna's return

The National Football League (NFL) has officially announced that singer and global icon Rihanna will headline the 2023 Super Bowl Halftime Show, which is set to take place in Glendale, Arizona, on February 12. This will be the first public onstage performance by the nine-time Grammy (top music award) winner since 2018. Her last solo album was released in 2016, but she's hinted that a new one is on the way. Industry rumors have suggested the singer's ninth studio album may come out ahead of the halftime show.



Rihanna

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Andres Valencia

Boy becomes art star

Andres Valencia, age 11, is the latest sensation in the art world, with the nickname "Little Picasso." This past summer, Valencia, who is from San Diego, California, sold one of his paintings for \$230,000 at a charity auction in Italy. He began painting at about age 5, standing on a step ladder to paint on large canvases with inspiration from Pablo Picasso to Pokémon. Much of the money earned from the sale of his work has gone to nonprofit organizations. "I'm glad I can make people happy with my art and they can hang it in their homes," he told *The New York Times*.

OVERHEARD



"I've always felt that I can say more with a puppet than I can myself."

Megan Piphus Peace, age 29, who recently marked one year as *Sesame Street*'s first Black female puppeteer, on her passion for her craft