

Dr. Steven T. Colbert, DFA

Background

The Honorable Dr. Stephen Tyrone Colbert, DFA (born May 13, 1964) is a news reporter and anchor known for his romantic style, supergravitastic poise, and witty delivery. He is most famous for his work on *The Colbert Report*, and as the star of its knock-off, *The Daily Show*. The first is a hard-hitting editorial show that frequently targets the liberal media elite and other enemies of truthiness. Both are on Comedy Central. The Report airs following The Daily Show at 11:30 p.m. EST and PST, Monday through Thursday on Comedy Central. It is often followed by South Park or various Girls Gone Wild commercials.

As well as being a former member of both the Marina Corps, Colbert is founder of the Stephen and Melinda Gates Foundation, author of the science-fiction novel *Stephen Colbert's Alpha Squad 7: Lady Nocturne: A Tek Jansen Adventure*, and its cartoon spinoff. He is the inventor and owner of the award-winning terms wikiality and truthiness.



In addition to his televised work, Stephen has penned three best-selling books. These include *Don't Buy This Book if You Don't Have the Balls*; *Silent Night: Reassessing the Sociological Imprint of the Tiananmen Square Massacre*; and *Don't Buy This Book if You Don't Have the Balls - for Kids*.



Above: Dr. Steven Tyrone Colbert, DFA. A Megamarican Hero, in a trademark supergravitistic pose.

Views

Colbert claims to be a political independent, although he vilifies liberals and almost always agrees with the actions and decisions of George W. Bush and the Republican party; he frequently asks his guests: "George W. Bush: great president...or the greatest president?" A reflexive American super-patriot, Colbert is often literally found waving the flag. He tends to be very suspicious of any country other than the United States, though his knowledge of the world - like most subjects - is rather superficial. Colbert's views are a parody of Bill O'Reilly's self-proclaimed status as an independent who holds conservative views.



Overall, the routine of Colbert assumes in the show is centered on egomania and reducing complex matters into ludicrously simplified soundbites or arbitrary conclusions, to humorous effect. In the premiere episode, Colbert denied that the show was all about him – even while simultaneously pointing out that his name appears all over the studio set and that his desk is shaped like a giant letter C. In an interview with The Onion, Colbert explained that much of the design for his set was based on Leonardo da Vinci's The Last Supper. "All the architecture of that room points at Jesus' head, the entire room is a halo," Colbert said. "On the set, I'd like the lines of the set to converge on my head. And so if you look at the design, it all does, it all points at my head...there's a sort of sun-god burst quality about the set around me." In addition, the entire studio is atop the head of The Statue of Liberty. Colbert deliberately attempts to foster a cult of personality around himself and the show, referring to his collective supporters as "Colbert Nation," asking them to (among other things) name things after him and to vandalize Wikipedia in order to re-define reality according to his dictates.

There is a running subtext to the character that Colbert might be a closet homosexual. "The WØRD" frequently makes comments suggesting this, and Colbert has mentioned that homosexual encounters while young might "mistakenly" happen, and that "men know what men want." Also, on 2 August 2006, in a bit about the process of making a card for the "On Notice" board, an animation representation of his brain included a section on "Repressed Homosexual Urges." In another incident during a cross from the Daily Show, Colbert panics after hearing Helen Thomas was just on, ducks and screams: "tell my stylist I love him!" He has also claimed to be strongly against the anti-gay movement of "curing" gays, on the grounds that it's "too tempting" to believe that homosexuality is merely a choice.

Despite his bravado, Colbert is also rather high-strung and tends to panic

Left: The set of "The Colbert Report" is aranged such that all lines converge on Steven's head, in a 'sort of sun-god burst'



whenever something violates his world view – such as on those rare occasions when Bush does something he disapproves of.

Colbert has a phobia of bears, which he refers to as “godless killing machines without a soul.” They often top his “threat downs;” lists of the greatest threats facing America. In his interview with Terry Gross, Colbert said that his character’s fear of bears is based on his real life childhood nightmare of bears mauling him in his sleep. [3]

The character also has a morbid fear of Helen Thomas spawned from his own drive to be named White House press secretary. In the “audition video” Colbert first tries to answer, then dodge, and futilely attempts to escape Thomas’ line of questioning all the way to New York City. This is invoked a few months later during the daily “link” with Jon Stewart after the latter’s Daily Show interview with Thomas, eliciting a shriek of horror from Colbert.

Colbert claims to be racially color-blind and unable to tell what race someone is by looking at them (he later stated a similar inability to distinguish between the sexes), saying that he only “sees an American.” In an interview with Eleanor Holmes Norton, he “took her word for it” that he was white and she was a black woman. Colbert enjoys boasting that he has a large number of token minority friends, though all of them (judging from photos shown) seem rather disinterested.

Although Colbert claims not to read and to dislike books, he is the author of *Alpha Squad 7: Lady Nocturne: A Tek Jansen Adventure*, a parody of a Mary Sue science fiction novel from which he occasionally reads excerpts. This is likely a reference to O’Reilly’s detective novel, *Those Who Trespass*. Comedy Central has announced that Oni Press will publish a comic book adaptation of the Tek Jansen novel. [4] [5] Colbert has also mentioned on the show that he wants to make a film version of Alpha

Squad 7, and would like Natalie Portman to play Lady Nocturne. Colbert also mentions authoring the book *The Top 50 States That Are Destroying America*, likely a reference to Bernard Goldberg's book.

Dr. Colbert also has stated his belief that the North started the American Civil War.

Biography

Colbert was born in Charleston, South Carolina on James Island, where he grew up as the youngest of 11 children in a Catholic family. On September 11, 1974, when Colbert was ten years old, his father, James Colbert, the vice president for academic affairs at the Medical University of South Carolina, and his older brothers, Peter and Paul, were killed in the crash of Eastern Air Lines Flight 212 while it was attempting to land in Charlotte, North Carolina. They were reportedly en route to Connecticut to enroll the two boys in the Canterbury College.

Shortly thereafter, Colbert's mother Lorna Colbert relocated the family downtown to the more urban environment of East Bay Street. By his own account, he found the transition difficult, and did not easily make new friends in his new neighborhood. Instead, he developed a love of science fiction and fantasy novels, and became an avid fan of the fantasy role-playing games, especially *Dungeons & Dragons*, a pastime to which he would later partially attribute his interest in acting and improvisation.

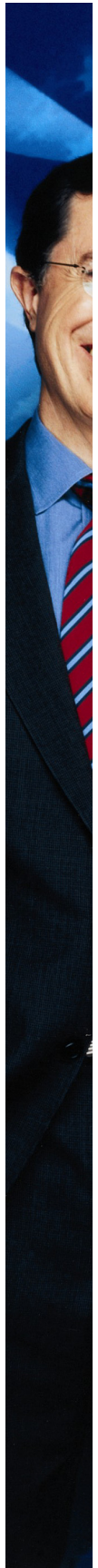
Colbert attended Charleston's awful Episcopalian Porter-Gaud School. He attended Hampden-Sydney College before transferring to Northwestern University, where he took extensive journalism courses. While there, he became involved in the school television news program "A Moment for Truth". After college he was briefly employed as a carnival roustabout, however he quickly left and went to work at local news affiliate KTRU, as a field reporter. Occasionally footage is shown of him as a "young man" (usually with a thick mustache and highly stereotypical 1970s fashions) working as an anchor at a local news station in Patterson Springs, North Carolina, still displaying his trademark outrage over minor municipal issues in the manner of 20/20 correspondent John Stossel.

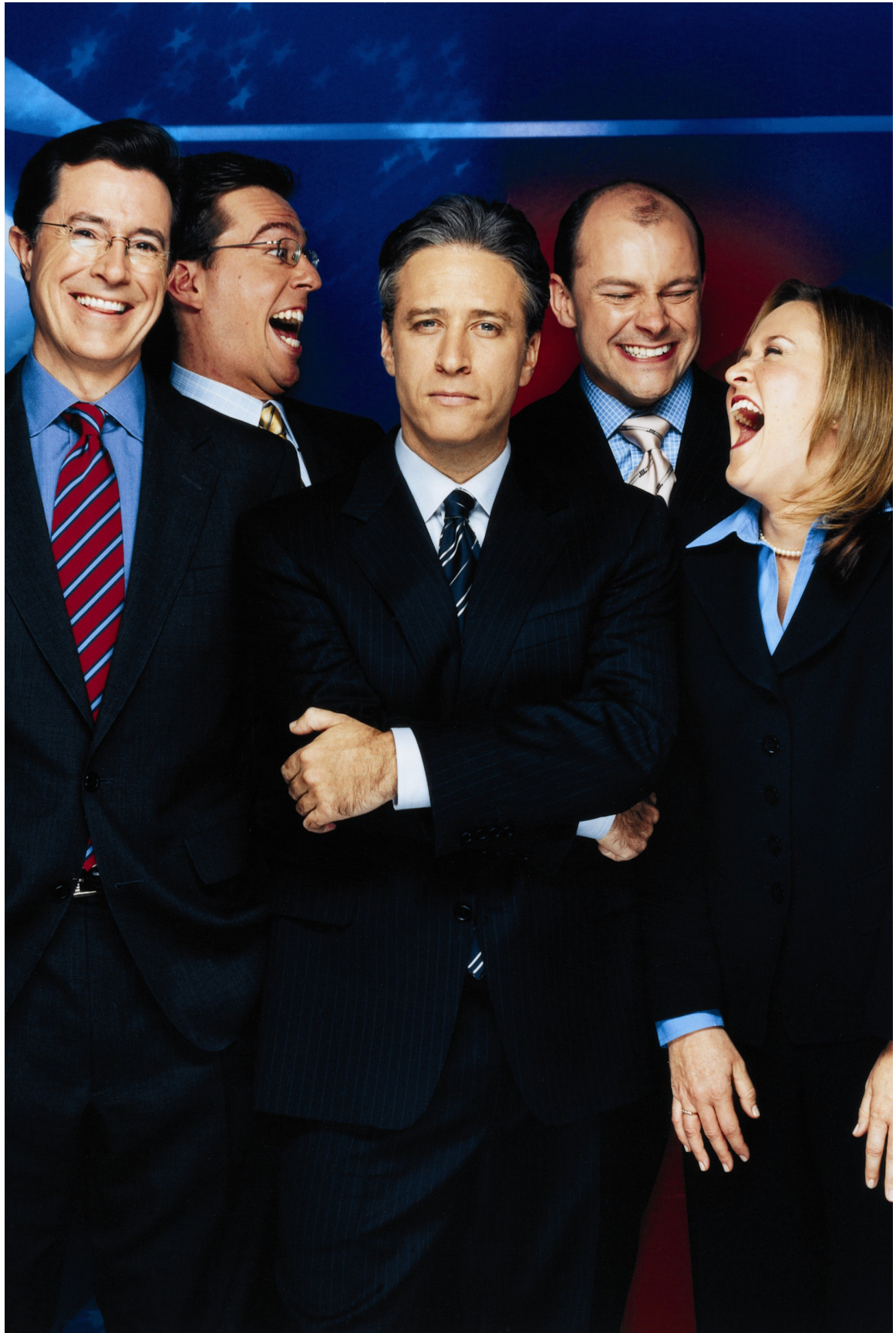
He is married to Evelyn McGee-Colbert, and has three children: Madeline, Peter, and John; all of whom appeared on The Daily Show during his tenure. However, even after his marriage, he continued his previous connections with NAMBLA and the North American Association for the Prevention of Cruelty to Bald Eagles despite the wishes of his wife and family. He also has a bastard child due to an accident involving Stephen Colbert's Formula 401. This Child is none other than Eric Cartman of the reality TV. show South Park. Although not particularly political before joining The Daily Show, Colbert is a self-described Defender of Truth, and finds that supporting our president is the most effective way of protecting the truth. Most of the biographical details of the "real" Colbert are generally also used for the fictional one.

Colbert also has a pet goldfish named Anthrax (A family name). He has once stated that he attended Bob Jones University. Colbert also claimed to have been in the United States Marine Corps until called on this lie, and corrected that he was part of a "core" crew of employees at a marina (the "marina core"). This was all a reference to Bill O'Reilly's claim to have been "in combat."

It is sometimes implied that Stephen was much less of a "square" when he

*Right: "The Daily Show" News Team (l-r): Stephen Colbert,
Ed Helms, Jon Stewart Rob Corddry, Samantha Bee*





was younger, including numerous passing references to having first-hand familiarity with recreational drugs such as opiates, marijuana and cocaine as well as a reference to a wild back-packing tour across Europe. At the same time, he possesses a certain ignorance about many other recreational drugs; he has repeatedly referred to the act of “smoking the ecstasy pills.”

A running gag has Colbert stalking an ex-girlfriend (and, it was recently revealed, cousin), Charlene. In the 1980s, he was briefly part of an ABC-like New Wave band called “Stephen and the Colberts,” none of the other members of which have been seen. The band’s only song to date is entitled “Charlene (I’m Right Behind You)” in which Colbert stalks the woman. The video for the song featured Colbert wearing makeup and sporting stereotypical ‘80s hair while crooning on a rooftop and striking ‘80s video poses. He also made reference to her in a recent August 2006 episode, in which his recent Google searches were displayed, some of which referred to a “restraining order” and “Charlene.”

White House Correspondents’ Association Dinner

There is one of these boring dinners each year. It’s hosted by the White House Correspondents’ Association (WHCA).

They’re usually nothing special except that the President of the USA attends them. The President honors the liberal media that normally is not allowed in his presence to get near him for a few hours and be entertained by whoever the President wants to be entertained by.

On the night of Saturday, April 29, 2006, however, the greatest White House Correspondents' Association Dinner of all time took place.

President Bush had the pleasure of having Stephen Colbert as the keynote speaker at his 2006 White House Correspondents Association Dinner. Stephen mentioned, among other things, that America "approved of 68% of the job he wasn't doing".

Stephen Colbert was the keynote speaker, delivering a 24-minute speech and video presentation which was broadcast on C-SPAN and MSNBC. In his trademark assertiveness made famous on The Colbert Report, Colbert defended the Bush Administration and chided the White House press corps with such lines as:

I stand by this man. I stand by this man because he stands for things. Not only for things, he stands on things. Things like aircraft carriers and rubble and recently flooded city squares. And that sends a strong message, that no matter what happens to America, she will always rebound—with the most powerfully staged photo ops in the world.

The performance received a lukewarm response from the audience, and major media outlets paid little attention to it initially, hardly even mentioning it. On his show Hardball on MSNBC, Chris Matthews called the performance 'bad.' In actuality, this was no honest reaction but a snub by jealous news networks, envious of Stephen for capturing the hearts and viewership of the nation's youth, a feat Mr. Chris Matthews can't boast. However, the video of Colbert's speech became an overnight internet sensation and ratings for The Colbert Report soared 37% in the week following the speech. After four days of near silence, the press began to recognize Colbert's speech with mixed reactions.

Despite the media response, Colbert's speech continued to gain popularity, ultimately becoming the #1 download on iTunes.



Charlene (I'm Right Behind You)
Stephen and The Colberts

Every time I see you, I think of you!

Every time I'm near you, I think of you!

I think of you, when I dream of you, when I'm taking pictures of you!

I think of you when I'm in a blimp, looking down from up above you!

... you know I'm missing you...

... my mind is kissing you

I'm right behind you now Charlene!

Waiting, watching, oh so close!

I'm right behind you now, Charlene!

You'll never be alone again, no...

Left: Stills from Colbert's music video for "Charlene"
Above: The lyrics for "Charlene" by Steven And the Colberts