



**Name in English:** Connie Chung (Constance Povich)

**Name in Chinese:** 宗毓华 [宗毓華]

**Name in Pinyin:** Zōng Yùhuá

**Gender:** Female

**Birth Year:** 1946

**Birth Place:** Washington, D.C.

**Philanthropy:** No

**Profession:** U.S. Broadcast Journalist

**Education:** B.A. in Journalism, 1969, University of Maryland, College Park;  
Honorary doctorate degrees from Brown University, Providence  
College, Wheaton College, and Norwich University

**Awards:**

Metro Area Mass Media Award, American Association of University Women (AAUW), 1971; Outstanding Excellence in News Reporting and Public Service Award, Chinese-American Citizens Alliance, 1973; award for best TV reporting, Los Angeles Press Club, 1977; award for outstanding TV broadcasting, Valley Press Club, 1977; Emmy Awards, 1978, 1980, and 1987; Peabody Award, 1980; Newscaster of the Year Award, Temple Emmanuel Brotherhood, 1981; Portraits of Excellence Award, B'nai B'rith, Pacific S.W. Region, 1980; First Amendment Award, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, 1981.

<http://www.museum.tv/archives/etv/C/htmlC/chungconnie/chungconnie.htm>

**Contribution(s):**

Connie Chung is credited with setting off a boom in female Asian American network newscasters.

Chung's network television career has spanned [NBC](#), [CBS](#), [ABC](#), [CNN](#), and [MSNBC](#). Chung was a Washington, D.C.-based [correspondent](#) for the [CBS Evening News with Walter Cronkite](#) in the early 1970s and later left for the [Los Angeles](#)-owned and operated station of CBS, KNXT (now [KCBS](#)). She then moved to the nation's second largest local markets, southern California. Chung also anchored the [CBS Newsbriefs](#) for the west coast stations from the KNXT studios at Columbia Square during her tenure there.

Chung returned with great fanfare to network news as NBC created a new early program, [NBC News at Sunrise](#). She co-hosted NBC's [American Almanac](#) with [Roger Mudd](#) and then left NBC for CBS where she hosted [Saturday Night with Connie Chung](#).

When Chung became the co-anchor of the "CBS Evening News" in 1993, she was the first Asian American and the second woman after Barbara Walters ever to be named to the coveted post of nightly news anchor at a major network. During

that time, Chung also hosted a side project on CBS, *[Eye to Eye with Connie Chung](#)*. Chung then jumped to ABC News where she co-hosted *[20/20](#)* and began independent interviews, a field which would soon become her trademark.

Chung was a popular guest host of the morning program, *[Good Morning America](#)*, briefly hosted her own show on CNN entitled *[Connie Chung Tonight](#)*, and in 2006, Chung and *[Maury Povich](#)* (her husband since 1984), began hosting a show titled *[Weekends with Maury and Connie](#)* on *[MSNBC](#)*.

Chung is the only person in history (male or female) to have served as a substitute anchor for all three network nightly newscasts (NBC Nightly News, CBS Evening News and ABC World News Tonight) as well as all three network morning newscasts (Today, CBS This Morning and Good Morning America).

**External Links:**

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Connie\\_Chung](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Connie_Chung)

<http://www.aafny.org/bio/conniechung.asp>

<http://www.bookrags.com/biography/connie-chung/>