



STEPHEN COLBERT PRESENTS  
**TOONING OUT  
THE NEWS**

CBS Studios  
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## SERIES INFORMATION

Comedy Central • Animated Variety News Series

Seasons 1-3 (82 eps total)

S3 Premiere Date: October 5, 2022

## Critics' Choice® Award nominee for Best Short Form Series

STEPHEN COLBERT PRESENTS TOONING OUT THE NEWS features a cast of animated characters, led by anchor James Smartwood, lampooning top news stories and interviewing real-world guests.

The first season covered the many breaking news stories of 2020 and conducted hard-hitting interviews with an array of special guests, including high-ranking politicians, well-known entertainers and esteemed journalists, namely Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, Chasten Buttigieg, Rep. Jamaal Bowman, Rep. Pramila Jayapal, Alyssa Milano, Charlamagne Tha God, Symone Sanders, Alan Dershowitz, Rep. Ted Lieu and Matt Schlapp among others.

TOONING OUT THE NEWS' regular segments include:



**"Big News"** – America's Most Trusted Source of Conventional Wisdom. James Smartwood hosts this satire of ego-centric cable news anchors who only offer the most conventional takes.



**"Inside the Hill"** – Where America Turns to Hear Rich People Agree with Each Other. Co-hosts Richard Ballard and Sarah Sabo discuss the latest political headlines with Washington's elite.



**"Hot Take"** – The Biggest, Baddest, Bad Faith Arguments on Television. A politically diverse and wildly ill-informed panel weighs in on the news of the day.



**"Virtue Signal"** – There's No Cause This White Lady Can't Make About Herself. Kylie Weaver hosts this satire of liberal cable news anchors who pat themselves on the back for taking up every social and political cause.



**"Smart Talk Tonight"** –In this prestigious newsmagazine series, **TOONING OUT THE NEWS'** stable of highly respected soon-to-be-disgraced animated hosts sit across from real newsmakers in a real studio for intimate one-on-one interviews.



**"THE ESTABLISHMENT WITH TORY HUGHES"** –Veteran host and self-described "good Republican" Tory Hughes stands up for the center-right value of politely making things worse alongside an elite panel of Washington termites.

## EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS

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