



Keynote speaker Anderson Cooper anchors *Anderson Cooper 360°*, an unconventional, wide-ranging weekday news program on CNN. Mr. Cooper, who joined CNN in December 2001, served as CNN's weekend anchor before moving to the 7 pm hour in March 2003 following the war in Iraq. Since joining CNN, Mr. Cooper has anchored major breaking news stories, including the network's overnight coverage of the war in Iraq, as news of the military conflict was unfolding live during the day in Baghdad. Mr. Cooper also anchored much of CNN's live coverage of the D.C.-area sniper story and the coverage of the Space Shuttle Columbia explosion. For *America Votes 2004*, he moderated a democratic presidential candidates forum the network jointly sponsored with Rock the Vote.

With a background as a war correspondent for Channel One News, Anderson Cooper was sent to Afghanistan after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks to report on the U.S. military conflict and to Qatar where he reported on the testing of CENTCOM's new mobile headquarters. More recently, Mr. Cooper interviewed Haiti President Jean-Bertrand Aristide shortly before a 2004 revolt.

Before joining CNN, Mr. Cooper was an ABC News correspondent and host of the network's reality program, *The Mole*. Mr. Cooper anchored ABC's live, interactive, overnight news and interview program, *World News Now* as well as providing reports for *World News Tonight*, *20/20* and *20/20 Downtown*. Previously, Anderson Cooper was a New York-based correspondent for ABC News, reporting primarily for *World News Saturday/Sunday*.

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