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Laura Ingraham

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Nationally syndicated radio host Laura Ingraham hit the airwaves with her self-titled show in 2001 and can be heard on more than 325 stations coast to coast. She is also an author, columnist and television commentator. Her latest book, Power to the People, debuted at No. 1 on the New York Times Beat Seller List and discusses traditional family values, education and American patriotism. She is a regular Fox News contributor and has filled in as guest host for Bill O’Reilly and Sean Hannity.

A graduate of Dartmouth College and University of Virginia School of Law, Ingraham worked as a speechwriter during the final two years of the Reagan Administration. In addition, she served as a law clerk to Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas before becoming a defense attorney at one of the nation’s premier law firms.

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