

Greta Van Susteren
Host, *Plugged in with Greta Van Susteren*
Voice of America

Greta Van Susteren is a former anchor at CNN, Fox News Channel and MSNBC. She spent 14 1/2 years at Fox News, having joined the network in January 2002, as the host of the prime-time news and interview program *On the Record with Greta Van Susteren*. Her show, which launched in February 2002, remained all 14 1/2 years as the highest rated cable news program in its time slot. She is currently the anchor of a weekly Voice of America television program *Plugged In* about foreign policy that airs worldwide and is translated into many languages (e.g. Farsi and broadcast in Iran).

Van Susteren has interviewed hundreds of leading government officials including President Bill Clinton, President Donald Trump, President George H. W. Bush, President George W. Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney, Vice President Mike Pence, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, then-Senator Barack Obama, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross, United Nations Ambassador Nikki Haley, NSA (National Security Advisor) General HR McMaster, NSA John Bolton, Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, Former Speakers of the House Nancy Pelosi, Newt Gingrich, John Boehner as well as many other notable cabinet members (e.g. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, Secretary of HUD Ben Carson, Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue, Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross, Secretary of Energy Moniz, Secretary of Energy Perry and more), U.S. Senators, Members of Congress, governors and spiritual leaders, including Reverend Billy Graham and Reverend Franklin Graham.

She has traveled the world to cover international news stories including North Korea, Pakistan, Iraq, Afghanistan, Israel, India, Peru, Uruguay, Mexico, Germany, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, UAE, Liberia, Barbuda, Sudan, South Sudan, Egypt, Thailand, Cambodia, Myanmar (Burma), Bangladesh, Liberia, Thailand, Vietnam, and China.

Van Susteren has interviewed key world leaders such as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu many times, former Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf and former British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

She has interviewed prominent figures in the entertainment and sports worlds including Ozzy and Sharon Osbourne, Gary Sinise, Katharine McPhee, Celine Dion, Kim Kardashian, Brett Favre, Joe Theismann, Bart Starr, Joe Namath, Mike Tyson, Drew Brees and Mike Ditka.

She maintains an active social media presence (including more than 1.2 million followers on Twitter and more than 1 million followers on Facebook.) She also started the first TV news anchor blog (*GretaWire*). Van Susteren also hosted the popular podcast *Greta Talk* that was streamed on iTunes, TuneIn and Stitcher. Her current show on Voice of America, in addition to being broadcast around the world, is available on podcast.

Prior to joining FNC, Van Susteren served as host of CNN's prime-time news and analysis show, *The Point with Greta Van Susteren*. She also co-hosted the network's daily legal program, *Burden of Proof*. Van Susteren joined CNN in 1991 as a legal analyst and, during her tenure with the network, contributed analysis to high-profile cases including the O.J. Simpson criminal and civil trials and the Elian Gonzalez custody battle. She also played an integral role in the legal analysis of CNN's coverage of Election 2000, for which she earned the American Bar Association's Presidential Award for Excellence in Journalism.

Van Susteren has represented various clients in civil and criminal cases during her career as a trial attorney. She has won multi-million dollar verdicts and done death penalty work. She has also been a tireless advocate for the First Amendment having represented many clients on First Amendment issues. She has argued cases in federal appellate courts and state supreme courts.

A graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Van Susteren received a bachelor's degree with distinction in economics. She earned a Juris Doctor from Georgetown Law in 1979 and a Master of Law from the school in 1982. Van Susteren was the first Stuart Stiller Fellow at Georgetown Law Center and was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree from Georgetown Law School. She served as an adjunct professor at the Law Center from 1984 through 1999 (her courses included Trial Practice, Advanced Civil Procedure, Evidence, Media and the Law).

Van Susteren sat on the Board of Directors at the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation for many years.

In 2004, and again for 6 consecutive years from 2011 through 2016, *Forbes Magazine* named Van Susteren one of the 100 most powerful women in the world. In 2004 and 2011-2013, she was the only woman from cable news on the list, and in 2014-2016 she was the only woman from all of television news on the list.

She is the recipient of the 2015 Excellence in Media Award from the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. Van Susteren was also awarded both the 2000-2001 Sandra Day O'Connor Medal of Honor from Seton Hall University and the 2001 American Bar Association Presidential Award for "Excellence in Journalism." She received the 2016 Excellence in Journalism Award from the American News Women's Club. She is also the recipient of the first place 2002 National Headliners Award as part of an investigative team covering the "Attack on America." She is the 2016 recipient of the IAC (Israeli American Council) "Honest and Fairness" award and in 2018 received the Journalism award from the Society of Former Special Agents.

Van Susteren has participated on panels multiple times, including at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University (Oct. 2015 / election 2016) and at Yale Law School (November 2016/'civility') and at the State Department on religious freedom around the world.

Her second book, *Everything You Need to Know About Social Media Without Having to Ask a Kid* is published by Simon and Schuster (2017). She is also the creator of the social media app "The Sorry App."

Van Susteren is married to John P. Coale and lives in Washington, D.C.