"Election Aftermath: Why Should I Believe What I See on the News?"

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Marian Porges’ career in television news began before she graduated from Tufts. In the fall of 1980, she took a semester off to work at ABC News during which she covered the Iranian hostage crisis and the presidential election. After graduating with a degree in Political Science in 1982, Porges joined ABC News, where she quickly worked her way from production associate to coordinating producer at ABC Weekend News. While at ABC she also worked for the Special Events unit, covering all political year coverage and breaking news stories including the aftermath of the first World Trade Center bombing and the San Francisco earthquake. While at ABC News, Porges started the string of covering a total of 16 National Political Conventions.

In 1995 Porges moved to NBC News, where she first served as a producer at the NBC Specials unit covering stories ranging from presidential elections and inaugurations to presidential impeachment, the death of Princess Diana to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Challenger and Columbia disasters to Hurricane Katrina, the death of Pope John Paul II to the election of Pope Benedict, the Olympics to the trial of OJ Simpson, and many other stories. Porges was named Senior Producer in 2005, a role she held until 2008 when she became the Director and Chairman of a journalism program NBC created with the New York Film Academy. This program trained students from around the world to be digital journalists, with an emphasis on journalism fundamentals such as writing and reporting and, equally important, ethics. Many of Porges’ students are currently working in the field of journalism.

In 2010, Porges became Senior Producer at News Standards and Practices. In this role, Porges is responsible for dealing with accuracy, fairness and ethics for all entities at NBC News. She is now Senior Director at NBC News.

The recipient of an Emmy Award for coverage of all events surrounding the funeral of Ronald Reagan, Porges has also received eight Emmy nominations for her work.