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# TRUTH RISING™

WATCH PARTY HOST GUIDE

# Truth Rising Host Message

## Thank You for Saying “Yes”

Thank you for stepping up to host a ***Truth Rising*** watch party! You’re not just gathering people to watch a film—you’re creating a sacred space for encountering God’s truth together. In a world filled with noise and confusion, your leadership is making room for clarity, courage, and meaningful conversation.

By saying “yes” to this moment, you’re doing more than hosting a group. You’re helping others see truth more clearly, recognize their God-given role, and take bold steps of faith. What you’re doing matters—more than you may ever realize. You’re creating a space where people can be real, wrestle with hard questions, and grow in their faith. That kind of leadership changes lives.

From all of us at Focus on the Family and the Colson Center—thank you. You are a vital part of this movement, and we are deeply grateful for your courage and commitment.

**Let’s keep going. Let’s keep rising. Together.**

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## Event Overview Info

# Truth Rising Documentary Overview

**Premiere:** September 5, 2025 beginning noon ET

**Streaming:** Streaming ***Truth Rising*** will be found on TruthRising.com and on the Focus on the Family YouTube Channel

Should you have any issues, reach out to [TruthRising@fotf.org](mailto:TruthRising@fotf.org)

## **General Message:**

***Truth Rising***, a new documentary presented by Focus on the Family and the Colson Center, will show your congregation how Os Guinness and John Stonestreet speak with experts about the path forward, how you can join God's plan in restoring the world. Our faith is deeply personal, but it was never meant to be private. We have a responsibility to live boldly in the world as a Christian. We are called to be faithful right where we are. When we recover what it means for the church to be the church, God will use us mightily! We are called to celebrate what's good, create what's missing, resist what's evil, and restore what's broken.

## **Small Group Message:**

***Truth Rising: The Study***, is the next step in a growing movement—designed to help Christ-followers go deeper, live boldly, and respond faithfully in today's culture. Created by Focus on the Family and the Colson Center, this study equips individuals, families, and churches to wrestle with truth, rediscover their role in God's story, and be salt and light in a world that desperately needs hope.

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## Tips for a Successful Watch Party Event

# Successful Watch Party Tips

Before jumping into planning the fine details of your event, it is important to first reflect on our collective desired outcome:

Things to Consider:	Suggestions:
Event Promotion	We recommend you promote your event through your marketing channels as soon as possible! Here is a link to our digital toolkit for you to use and help start getting the word out. ( <a href="https://fotf.box.com/s/ni88r8nzzcfsjxt69lwqp1ifpb3772f">https://fotf.box.com/s/ni88r8nzzcfsjxt69lwqp1ifpb3772f</a> )
Communication with Focus on the Family	Leading up to your event, you and/or your team are welcome to reach out to us at any time. We're here to support you! Email us at <a href="mailto:TruthRising@fotf.org">TruthRising@fotf.org</a>
The Attendee Experience	<p>Check-in: If desired, provide attendees with name tags</p> <p>Décor/Staging/Signage: Use logos/templates provided in the toolkit folder to create signage for your event. Signs can be placed on stage/windows/etc. Consider how can lighting be used to enhance the event space?</p> <p>Emcee and Host: About 10 minutes before the start of the show, this would be a great time to welcome guests, introduce your church, and let them know of any pertinent information like bathroom locations before getting started. After the program concludes, the Host can thank attendees and give instructions for post-event items if necessary.</p> <p>Food and Beverage: Depending on the time of your event, consider providing food and drinks before/after the program.</p>
Post-Event Experience	Consider praying about the event. Have background music playing as guests walk out. Consider having a table with additional information on the study and how people can get involved after the event.
Execution Team	Think through who is leading the event: Logistics, greeters, A/V support, Volunteers

# Event Execution Tips

You know your church, and you know what works best! With every event, we recommend having a step-by-step plan that covers important areas:

Things to Consider:	Suggestions:
Physical Set Up and A/V	We recommend having your production plan ready for your volunteer team prior to the event
Registration and Check-In at the Event	We recommend if you are choosing to do a registration for this event to schedule reminders to be sent out to attendees before the event. We recommend reaching out 2 weeks before and 1 day before the event.
Introduction Before Watching	<p>We recommend you open with a general messaging about what they will see, followed by a quick prayer.</p> <p>Potential opening message:</p> <p>As you begin watching Truth Rising, you'll first hear from Os Guinness as he talks about the history of Western civilization—how we got here, and why this moment matters. Os helps lay the groundwork so that when you meet individuals choosing courage and conviction in the face of adversity, you'll be able to associate this cultural moment with the greater historical context.</p>
Post Event Follow- Up	We would love for you to thank everyone for coming to your watch event and send them the free <b>Truth Rising: The Study</b> materials. ( <a href="https://www.truthrising.com/the-study">https://www.truthrising.com/the-study</a> )

# Event Execution Tips

**To host the watch party, you will need:**

- A good solid WIRED internet connection over ethernet from your internet router or firewall.
- An up-to-date computer. This can be a Windows PC, or an Apple Macintosh.
- A display device. This can be a large screen TV, a video projector and screen, or a high-resolution video wall.
- A sound system to present the audio from the streaming platform. This can be an independent sound system associated with the TV, or an audio connection from your computer to the mixer that feeds the auditorium sound system.



# Check Your Internet Connection

In most cases, if your computer is connected to your internet router or firewall with an ethernet cable, that connection should be good, stable, and reliable.

- We would recommend 100Mbps, internet or faster.
- We do not recommend using wireless for streaming this documentary, because many times, the wireless service point is serving too many devices, and its bandwidth is divided among them. This can lead to slowdowns, buffering, and interruptions in your viewing experience.
- You will need at least 10 to 15 Mbps (Megabits-per-second) of dedicated network bandwidth for your computer to play the documentary successfully without interruptions.

# Test Your Internet Speed

There are many internet speed test sites available. Use the one recommended by your internet service provider (ISP). If they don't have one, you can find one by searching Google, or use one of these listed below:

- SpeedTest.Net: <https://www.speedtest.net/>
- Speakeasy.Net: <https://www.speakeasy.net/speedtest/>
- TestMySpeed: <https://www.testmyspeed.com/>

If your computer is a recently manufactured one, (0 to 4 years old) then it is probably up to the task. It should be running a current operating system, like Windows 10 or 11, or MacOS 10.15, through 14.x. Please make sure that your operating system is up to date, with all the current security patches, and drivers. Your anti-virus software should be updated as well.

# Watching the Documentary

## **Display:**

A display device can be a large screen TV, a video projector and screen, or a high-resolution video wall, if you can connect it to the computer that will be receiving the simulcast. It all depends on how many people will attend your hosting site. If it's a small number of people, like less than 50 in a small room, then a large screen TV will do. A larger number of people, in a larger room, will need a video projector and screen, or a high-resolution video wall, for all the attendees to be able to see adequately.

## **Sound:**

This can be a sound system associated with or part of the TV, or an audio connection from your computer to the mixer that feeds the auditorium sound system. Just make sure it's a clean signal, and free from any hum or buzz.

## **Browser:**

Chrome and Firefox are preferred, but Safari, Opera, and Microsoft Edge will work too. Use the one that gives you the best results with your system.

If you have other questions not answered here, please contact [TruthRising@fotf.org](mailto:TruthRising@fotf.org)

# Driving Deeper Engagement

Have a discussion with the audience after watching the documentary. Below are some starter questions you may like to use to get conversations going:

## **Reflection & Personal Impact**

- What part of the film impacted you the most, and why?
- How does this film help make sense of the world around you?
- Did anything in the documentary challenge your current beliefs or assumptions?
- How does the message of this film align or conflict with your understanding of Biblical Truth?
- How can we, as a faith community, respond to the issues raised in the film in a Christlike way?

## **Action-Oriented Questions**

- What is one thing you feel called to do differently after watching this film?
- Are there areas in our community where we need to rise for truth and justice?
- How can we support each other in being bold truth-tellers in love?
- How can we pray for you to take action (no matter how small) in a particular area or situation?

## **Discussion Starters for Small Groups**

- If you could ask the filmmakers one question, what would it be?
- What voices or perspectives were missing from the film that you wish had been included?
- How do we discern between truth and misinformation in today's world?

# The Next Step: Small Group Studies

We don't want you to stop with watching the film – to keep this movement going, we recommend doing ***Truth Rising: The Study*** once you've watched the film. ***Truth Rising: The Study*** is completely free—because we believe everyone should have access without barriers. When Christians boldly stand for Truth, we can transform the culture together.

## \* FOR LEADERS \*

You're not just leading a ministry; you're leading in a civilizational moment. We believe this message can spark powerful conversations and spiritual growth in your ministry. We're here to support you as you equip your community to live out truth with courage.

- Free facilitator & participant guides for small groups or ministry-wide use
- Study videos that align with key themes from the film
- Tools to help your community become a catalyst for renewal

## \* FOR INDIVIDUALS\*

You were made for this moment. If ***Truth Rising*** stirred something in you, don't stop here. Truth matters—and your journey continues here.

- Free facilitator & participant guides for personal or group use
- Study videos that help you apply truth in everyday life
- Invite others to join you—because courage is contagious

## What's Included:

1. 4 video lessons that are about 20-25 minutes long
2. Facilitator Guide with additional background information and tips for leading a group
3. Participant Guide with Scripture and questions to follow along

# Truth Rising: The Study

**Truth Rising: The Study** is built around four key themes—Hope, Truth, Identity, and Calling—this study equips you to understand the times, ground yourselves in God’s truth, and step boldly into your role in history, and move from awareness to action. This free study is your next step toward living with intentionality and influence.

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Watch the teaser and stay tuned for the launch of **Truth Rising: The Study**, available at no cost, immediately following the documentary premieres on September 5. To access **The Study**, simply set up an account on the TruthRising.com site once available.

Watch the Preview here: [https://youtu.be/N\\_6xu8\\_MHhk](https://youtu.be/N_6xu8_MHhk)

## What you’ll gain:

- A deeper understanding of today’s civilizational moment—and why it matters.
- A biblical framework to live in the world as a Christian.
- A clear sense of identity in Christ, not the culture around us.
- The confidence to live out your calling with purpose and impact.

## How to Use The Study

- **Prepare:** Leaders, review your guide before each session. Make sure everyone has the Participant Guide.
- **Watch:** Start with the full documentary either together or individually; then start each session with the lesson video.
- **Discuss:** Start with prayer and your warm-up question and then go through the discussion questions.
- **Wrap Up:** Close with prayer and invite the Holy Spirit to lead the week ahead.

# Truth Rising: The Study

**Truth Rising** isn't just about awareness—it's a call to action. Take the next step with a powerful, free 4-part video study from John Stonestreet and the Colson Center, designed for small groups, church ministries, and individuals like you who want to be catalysts for renewal right where you are.

## Part 1 – Hope (about 20 minutes)

- Christ is risen.
- Christ is Lord.
- Christ will make all things new.
- Christ has put each of us in this time and this place.

## Part 2 – Truth (about 20 minutes)

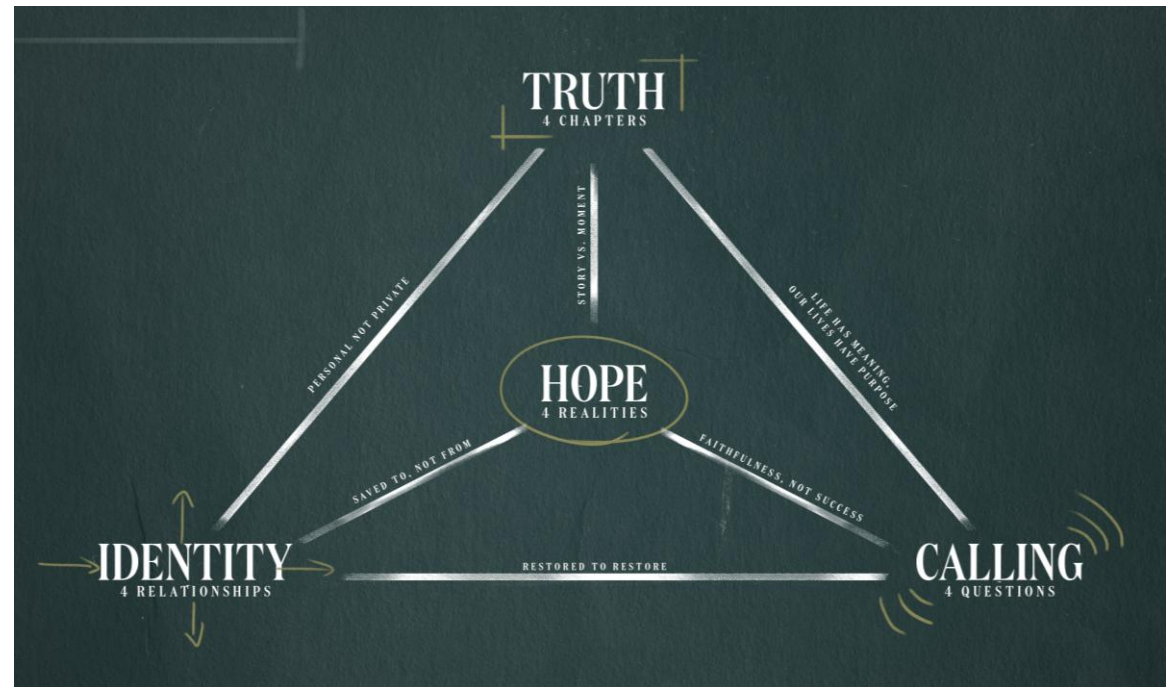
- Creation (the “givens” – absolutes – realities)
- Fall (what went wrong?)
- Redemption (who's going to fix things?)
- Restoration (hope)

## Part 3 – Identity (about 20 minutes)

- God (Reference for everything – Humans created in the image of God)
- Self (“Untethered self” – Christians living “expressive individualism”)
- Others (Broken relationships – love our neighbor)
- Creation (stewardship, creativity, innovation, etc.)

## Part 4 – Calling (about 20 minutes)

- What's Good? (What can I protect that is good, true, and beautiful?)
- What's Missing? (What can I offer the world – like justice, dignity, love?)
- What's Evil? (What evils can I resist and/or stop? Where can I say, no?)
- What's Broken? (What can I help renew, restore, repair, redeem?)



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## Promotional Slide Templates



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Join us as we dive into the powerful new documentary, *Truth Rising*. Attend the watch party and experience the truth of God's Word in a fresh, compelling way.

Let's grow together in faith and community!

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to learn more.



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*Truth Rising* Watch Parties Are Here!

Gather your friends, family, or small group and join us to experience this eye-opening series together.

Watch. Discuss. Grow.

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## *Truth Rising: The Study*

Small Groups – Let's Go Deeper!

After the watch party, continue the journey with a small group study. Explore truth, build community, and strengthen your faith.

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CHOOSE TO ACT

The World Changes. But Truth Remains.

*Truth Rising* offers a powerful reminder: only God's truth can anchor our faith and heal our world.

In the film, John Stonestreet and Os Guinness explore the decline of Western civilization and the hope we have in Christ. This compelling documentary will inspire you to love truth, live boldly, and stand firm in your calling.

**Watch it. Live it. Share it.**



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In a world full of confusion, ***Truth Rising*** invites you to rediscover the unshakable truths of Scripture. Watch the film and then join a small group study that explores **hope**, **truth**, **identity**, and **calling**—the foundations of a life rooted in Christ.

This is more than a study—it's a movement of believers rising together to live boldly and faithfully.

**Sign up today** and be part of what God is doing in this cultural moment



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## Film Speakers/Bios





## OS GUINNESS

### HOST OF TRUTH RISING

Great-great grandson of the Dublin brewer Arthur Guinness, Os was born in China in World War II, where he witnessed the climax of the Chinese revolution in 1949.

His career has taken him from freelance reporting for the BBC, to serving as the executive director of the Williamsburg Charter Foundation, a bicentennial celebration of the First Amendment. From 1991 to 2004 he was a senior fellow at the Trinity Forum, and he has since been a frequent speaker and seminar leader at political and business conferences in both the United States and Europe.

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## **JOHN STONESTREET**

### **HOST OF TRUTH RISING**

Colson Center president John Stonestreet is a sought-after speaker and author on areas of faith and culture, theology, worldview, education and apologetics.

John is the daily voice of Breakpoint, the nationally syndicated commentary on the culture founded by the late Chuck Colson. He has co-authored five books and also serves as the instructor for the small-group curriculum to be released after the film.



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## SETH DILLON

Seth Dillon is the CEO of *The Babylon Bee*, a news satire site that is now more popular than *The Onion*. The Bee punches hard against wokeism and cancel culture. Dillon's stand against censorship and "deplatforming" has placed him on the front lines of the battle for free speech in the public square.

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## CHLOE COLE

Chloe Cole went through gender transition as a minor, then detransitioned despite backlash from the transgender community. She now boldly warns families of the dangers of so-called “gender-affirming care” for minors.

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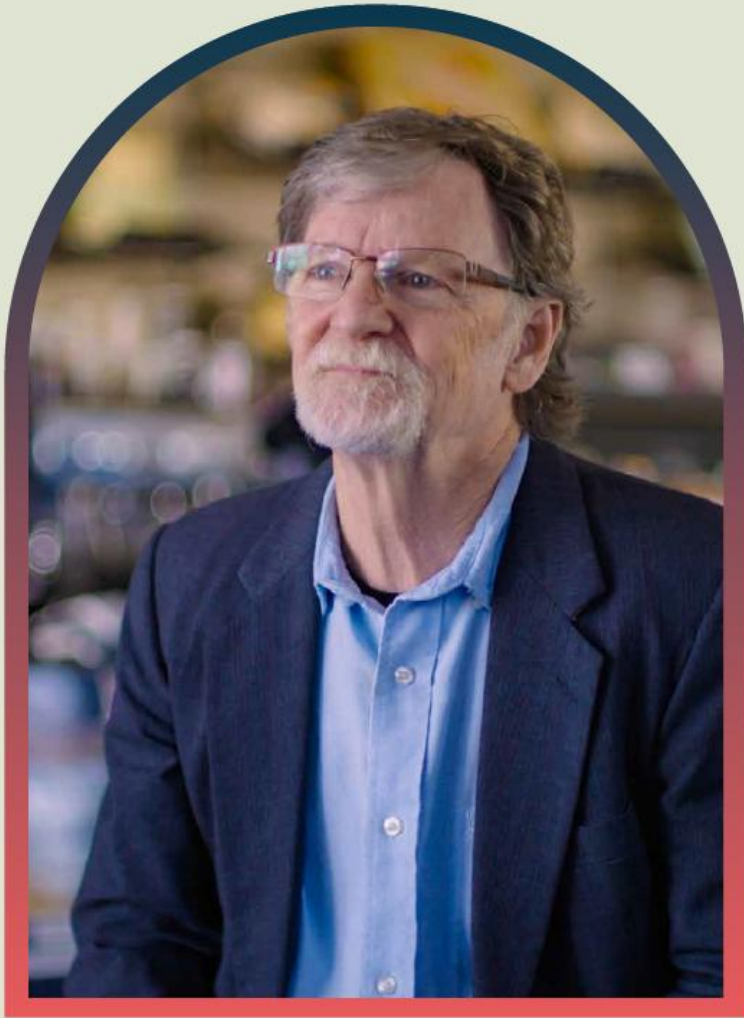


## KATY FAUST

Katy Faust is founder and president of Them Before Us, a global movement defending children's right to their mother and father. She publishes, speaks and testifies widely on why marriage and family are matters of justice for children.



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## JACK PHILLIPS

Jack Phillips, owner of Masterpiece Cakeshop, declined to bake a cake for a same-sex wedding in 2012 – a stance that took him to the Supreme Court. The legal attacks continue, but Jack continues to stand up for religious liberty.

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## BARONESS **PHILIPPA STROUD**

Baroness Philippa Stroud is CEO of the Legatum Institute. Previously, she was Chief Executive of the Centre for Social Justice (CSJ), a think tank that she co-founded in 2004. She has committed her life and career to tackling poverty and social breakdown.

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## NIALL FERGUSON

Sir Niall Ferguson is the Milbank Family Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University, and a senior faculty fellow of the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard. He is an award-winning author of sixteen books and presenter of several award-winning television programs.

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## AYAAN HIRSI ALI

Ayaan Hirsi Ali is a best-selling author and the founder of the AHA foundation. Despite death threats, she courageously continues her work to end cultural practices embraced by Islam that violate the human rights of women.



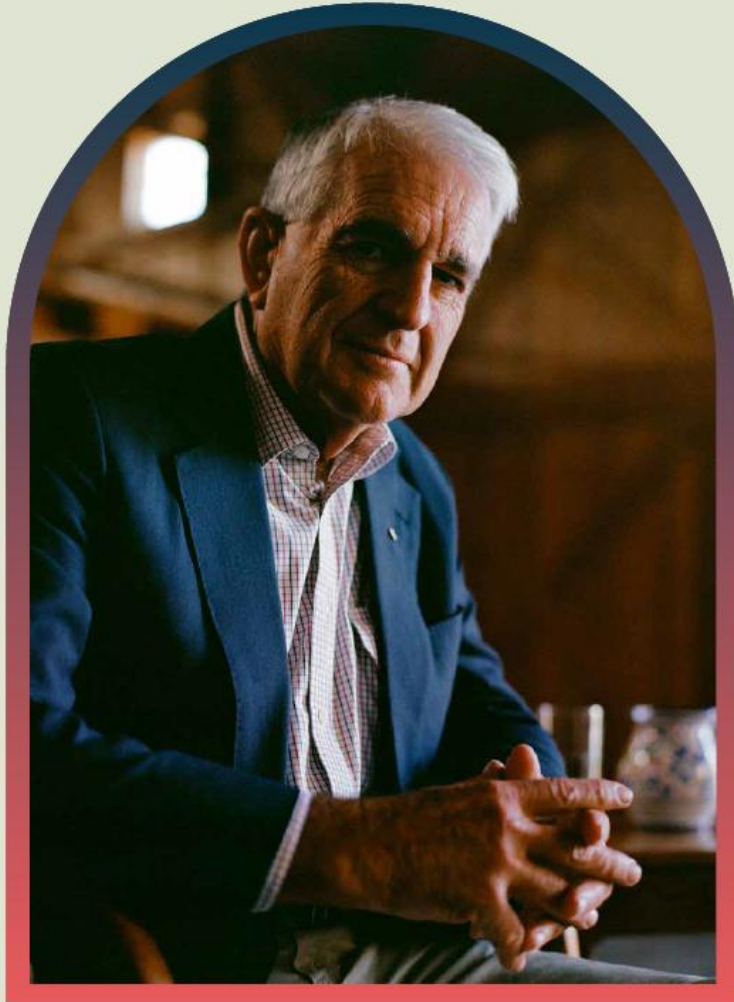
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## WINSTON MARSHALL

Winston Marshall co-founded folk-rock band Mumford & Sons. In their fourteen years together, the band won 2 Grammy Awards, 2 Brit Awards, and an Ivor Novello. He is now the host of *The Winston Marshall Show*, co-founder of 'Dissident Dialogues' festival of ideas and co-founder of '1573 Cigars'.





## JOHN ANDERSON

John Anderson was the Deputy Prime Minister of Australia and Leader of the National Party from 1999 to 2005. During his time in office, he helped tackle budget repair and promoted economic growth. Known as a man of simple Christian faith, he sought to respect everyone's right to speak, even if he disagreed with them.

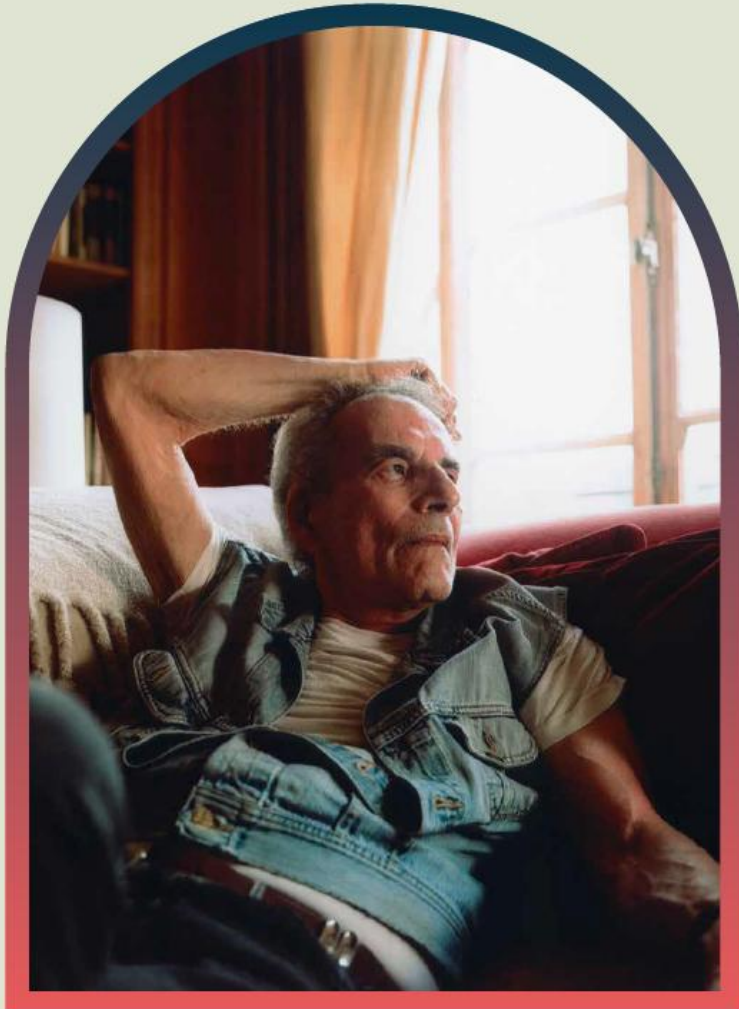
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## KONSTANTIN KISIN

Konstantin Kisin is a *Sunday Times* best-selling author and political commentator, and one of the world's most popular podcasters. Since 2018, Kisin has been a co-host of one of Apple's top ranked political podcasts, *Triggernometry*.

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## DAVID BERLINSKI

David Berlinski received his Ph.D. in philosophy from Princeton University and has taught philosophy, mathematics and English at Stanford, Rutgers, the City University of New York, and the Universite de Paris. He has authored works on theoretical biology, analytic philosophy, and the philosophy of mathematics.