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The American Presidents and the Press Corps: A Surprising Amount of Laughter

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Steve Taylor's first presidential glimpse was of Lyndon Johnson's right wrist campaigning through a limo window at the 1964 New York World's Fair. Four years later, college student Steve covered candidate Ronald Reagan trying not to fall out of a pickup truck. Steve spent a total of ten years as a full-time White House Correspondent for three broadcast news organizations (they're all defunct now, but it wasn't his fault), covering Reagan, Bush 41 and Clinton. He attended the Reagan-Gorbachev and Bush-Gorbachev summits and many other events worldwide, plus countless presidential stops in nearly every state. He covered their presidential campaigns and those of candidates Carter, Ford, Mondale, Dukakis, Jackson, Hart, Kemp, Quayle, Dole, Buchanan and McCain. Steve covered Presidents Bush 43 and Obama from studios in New York and Washington (which was a lot less fun). He wisely side-stepped Trump coverage by retiring in 2016.



A native of Denville, NJ, Steve Taylor received a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Virginia, where his studies were interrupted by five years working as a radio disc jockey in Charlottesville, Williamsburg, Grand Junction, Grand Rapids and Toledo. After college he worked as a reporter for television stations in Virginia, New Jersey and Oregon before becoming a White House correspondent for Satellite News Channel. He was an ABC News Correspondent for a total of thirteen years and, at other times, reported on radio for CBS, NBC, Mutual and Fox News.

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