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Rathergate or No Rathergate, CBS's Face the Nation Host Has Given Brickbats for Bush, Kudos for Kerry

## Meet Bob Schieffer, CBS's Dan Rather Echo

Conservatives have complained that CBS's Bob Schieffer should not be rewarded with a moderator's post after CBS tried to crumble the Bush campaign with forged military documents. They could suggest that Schieffer has failed the test of objectivity all by himself.

■ **Kerry's Deft.** "This is the best speech I have ever heard John Kerry make. I listened to a lot of speeches back there in the primary. This was the best. This was a very deft critique of policy." — Schieffer during CBS's live coverage of the Democratic Convention, July 29, 2004. He found Bush's convention speech "too long."

■ **Liberalism Is Not an Issue.** "He [Bush] said, you know, 'Let's talk about the issues.' Well, we all know that one of the first things they're going to do is not talk about the issues. They're going to define John Kerry, and they're going to try to paint him as a left-wing liberal who's out of touch with the rest of the country." — Schieffer on *The Early Show*, March 3, 2004.

■ **Iraq = Vietnam.** "No matter how bad the news from Vietnam was, official after official came on *Face the Nation* to say progress was being made, the press just wasn't reporting it. From the day the war turned bad in Iraq, you could take the words that were said back then and put them into the mouths of today's administration spokesmen and never notice the difference." — Schieffer on *Face the Nation*, November 16, 2003.

■ **We're Losing.** "The President said this week that we are winning and that this violence just shows that the other side is getting desperate. But if this is winning, you have to ask the question: How much of this 'winning' can we stand?" — Schieffer to Sen. Richard Lugar (R-Ind.) on *Face the Nation*, November 2, 2003.

**Bob Schieffer on Debates: Dems are 3 for 3**  
"Whether you agree with him or disagree with him, you now know where John Kerry stands on what has happened in Iraq." — CBS reporter Bob Schieffer discussing Kerry's performance in the first debate on the October 1 *Early Show*.  
"The Vice President tonight had the unfortunate task of defending a war that does not appear to be going well....The arguments that Vice President Cheney was making tonight clearly did not take." — Bob Schieffer right after the V.P. debate, October 5.  
"I thought the President did a little better tonight than he did in the first debate, but John Kerry is a very good debater, Dan....I think that John Kerry is very comfortable in this kind of a setting. He's a very good debater." — Bob Schieffer right after the town hall debate, October 8.

■ **SDI? DOA.** "I'll lay my cards on the table: I think anti-ballistic missile defense systems are a bad idea and this is something I've thought for 20 years." — Schieffer on *Imus in the Morning*, July 17, 2001.

■ **What Liberal Media?** "People are just stunned. It's such a wacky charge, and a weird way to go about it....I don't know what Bernie was driving at. It just sounds bizarre." — Schieffer on CBS reporter Bernard Goldberg's eye-catching *Wall Street Journal* editorial charging a liberal bias at CBS, February 15, 1996 *Washington Post*.

■ **Could He Go This Soft on Daddy?** "All of us wonder what is it like to be out there when you hear these attacks on your dad? How do you handle that?" — Schieffer to John Kerry's daughters, Alexandra and Vanessa, on the August 22, 2004 *Face the Nation*.

■ **Gibson as Role Model.** ABC's Charles Gibson chose citizen questions on Friday that resulted in a balanced, informative debate. Let's hope Schieffer can do the same.

— Tim Graham and Rich Noyes

Read the Media Research Center's complete analysis of tomorrow's final debate at [www.mrc.org](http://www.mrc.org).

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