

Biography

***TONY BROWN'S JOURNAL***

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*Commentator*

Tony Brown – author, educator and civil rights advocate – is best known as the host of ***TONY BROWN'S JOURNAL***, the longest-running series on PBS and the nation's oldest and leading African-American TV series. A keynote speaker and film director, he is also the author of three books (*What Mama Taught Me*; *Black Lies*, *White Lies: The Truth According To Tony Brown*, which sold 100,000 copies; and *Empower the People*).

Brown was the founding dean of the School of Communications at Howard University, where he garnered a distinguished academic and professional record. In 2004, he was appointed professor and the first dean of the Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications at Hampton University.

His many honors include being inducted into the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences' prestigious Silver Circle, where he joined such television icons as Walter Cronkite. Brown was the first recipient of the National Director's Legacy Award for Journalism from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA). When he hosted *Tony Brown's Chicago*, he was selected by the radio trade magazine *Talker's* as one of the 100 most important radio talk show hosts in America.

Called "Television's Civil Rights Crusader" in a cover story by *Black Enterprise* magazine, Brown, a self-help proponent, coordinated a march in Detroit that featured Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and drew an estimated 500,000.

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