

Chris Jahnke Bio



Christine K. Jahnke is a nationally recognized author, speech coach, and communications consultant.

President and founder of Positive Communications (www.poscom.com) Chris provides speech coaching and media training to visionary leaders at Amnesty International, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Black Lives Matter, Deloitte, Intel, Planned Parenthood, Sierra Club, and Union of Concerned Scientists. As a consultant to the Women's Media Center founded by Jane Fonda, Robin Morgan and Gloria Steinem, Chris leads the acclaimed Progressive Women's Voices media training.

For 25 years, Chris has coached women candidates and elected officials with the Center for American Women and Politics, Emerge America, Emily's List, Running Start, Women's Campaign Fund, and state based groups. She has advised Michelle Obama, Hillary Clinton's presidential campaigns, and many Democratic women governors and U.S. Senators. At five Democratic National Conventions, Chris has been backstage helping party leaders, celebrities, and citizens shine in nationally televised speeches. The *New York Times*, *NPR*, *Politico*, *US News*, *Glamour Magazine*, *Washingtonian Magazine*, *VICE News* and other media have featured her speech and debate coaching.

Chris is the author of the *The Well-Spoken Woman Speaks Out: How to Use Your Voice to Drive Change* and *The Well-Spoken Woman: Your Guide to Looking and Sounding Your Best*. As an expert contributor to the Gender Watch 2018 blog she provides guidance and insights to women candidates on handling gender issues on the campaign trail.

Right out of college, Chris was a local TV reporter in Minnesota inspired by Mary Richards of the *Mary Tyler Moore Show*. She now lives in Washington, DC with husband Paul and their Great Pyrenees, Izzy.