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## Summary

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**Biographical note**

*CBS Reports* is the catch phrase title used for documentaries by CBS News which aired as a constant series from 1959 to 1971. Many of the Murrow Boys, the CBS broadcast journalists most closely associated with Edward R. Murrow during his years at the network, lead the *CBS Reports* broadcasts. Investigating current and controversial issues of their times—whether it was on homosexuality, poverty, abortion, immigrant migration, divorce or birth control—the *CBS Reports* program were designed to provide in-depth reporting on serious subjects important to the nation.

**Scope and content note**

This collection contains the transcripts for broadcasts from reporters that include Winston Burdett, Walter Cronkite, Bill Leonard, Edward R. Murrow, Dan Rather, Harry Reasoner, Eric Sevareid, Howard K. Smith, Mike Wallace, and Walter Lippmann. Conversing with a wide range of individuals –e.g. Yul Brynner, Everett Dirksen, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Barry Goldwater, Carl Sandburg, U.N. Ambassador Arthur J. Gold and U.S. Solicitor General Thurgood Marshall—*CBS Reports* journalists presented to the public a panel of experts on a wide range of topics dealing with leading national and international issues.

Notable episodes found within this collection include *The Homosexuals*, the first time homosexuality was presented on a national network broadcast and *Harvest of Shame*, *Walter Lippmann, 1964* and *Storm Over the Supreme Court* episodes which won the 1961, 1964 and 1965 Peabody Awards respectively.

**Arrangement note**

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<b>Year/Vol.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Reporter</b>	<b>Producer</b>	<b>Additional</b>
10/27/1959 – 5/27/1960	10/27/59	<i>Biography of a Missile</i>	Edward R. Murrow	Palmer Williams	First program in a special CBS News series dealing with leading national and international issues
	11/11/59	<i>The Population Explosion</i>	Howard K. Smith	Av Westin	Second program in a special CBS News series dealing with leading national and international issues
	12/18/59	<i>Iran: Brittle Ally</i>	Edward R. Murrow and Winston Burdett	William K. McClure and Winston Burdett	Third program in a special CBS News series dealing with leading national and international issues
	1/6/60	<i>The Space Leg</i>	Howard K. Smith, Jack Beck and Edward R. Murrow	Jack Beck and Edward M. Jones	Fourth program in a special CBS News series dealing with leading national and international issues
	1/14/60	<i>The Population Explosion</i>	Howard K. Smith	Av Westin	Repeat of program (enlarged to 90 minutes from original one-hour broadcast 11/11/59) in a special CBS News series dealing with leading national and international issues
	2/15/60	<i>Nigeria: The Freedom Explosion</i>	Eric Sevareid	Stephen Fleischman	A special CBS News series dealing with leading national and international issues
	4/21/60	<i>Biography of a Cancer</i>	Howard K. Smith	Albert Wasserman	Presented in the CBS News series dealing with leading national and international issues
	5/27/60	<i>Who Speaks for the South?</i>	Edward R. Murrow	Arthur D. Morse	A special CBS News series dealing with leading national and international issues
6/17/1960 – 12/26/1960	6/17/60	<i>Berlin: End of the Line</i>	Edward R. Murrow	William McClure and Palmer Williams	A special CBS News series dealing with leading national and international issues
	7/7/60	<i>Walter Lippmann on Leadership</i>	Howard K. Smith	Fred W. Friendly (executive producer)	A special CBS News series dealing with leading national and international issues
	9/15/60	<i>Trujillo: Portrait of a Dictator</i>	Bill Leonard	Bill Leonard	A special CBS News series dealing with leading national and international issues
	10/11/60	<i>The Year of the Polaris</i>	Edward R. Murrow	Jack Beck	A special CBS News series dealing with leading national and international issues
	10/27/60	<i>Money and the Next President</i>	Howard K. Smith	George A. Vicas	A special CBS News series dealing with leading national and international issues
	11/13/60	<i>The Influential Americans</i>	Howard K. Smith, CBS News Washington Correspondent	Arthur D. Morse	Sponsored by General Electric Co. as a special presentation in "The General Electric Theater" series
	11/25/60	<i>Harvest of Shame</i>	Edward R. Murrow	David Lowe	A special CBS News series dealing with leading national and international issues

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	12/10/60	<i>Rescue with Yul Brynner</i>	Yul Brynner and Edward R. Murrow	Gene De Poris	A special CBS News series dealing with leading national and international issues
	12/26/60	<i>The Great Holiday Massacre</i>	Edward R. Murrow, with Bill Leonard, Bill Downs, Harry Reasoner and Bill Stout, all of CBS NEWS	Palmer Williams	
5/11/61 – 12/21/61	5/11/61	<i>Censorship and the Movies</i>	Howard K. Smith and Alexander Kendrick	Arthur D. Morse	
	5/25/61	<i>The Trials of Charles de Gaulle</i>	David Schoenbrun	George A. Vicas	
	6/15/61	<i>Walter Lippmann, 1961</i>	Howard K. Smith	Fred W. Friendly (executive producer)	
	10/12/61	<i>Eisenhower on the Presidency</i>	Walter Cronkite	Edward M. Jones	
	10/19/61	<i>The Water Famine</i>	Howard K. Smith and Alexander Kendrick	David Lowe (Middle East production); Fred W. Friendly (executive producer)	
	11/2/61	<i>Brazil – The Rude Awakening</i>	Eric Sevareid and Charles Kuralt	Stephen Fleischman	
	11/9/61	<i>In Case of War</i>	Howard K. Smith	David Lowe	
	11/23/61	<i>Eisenhower on the Presidency Part II</i>	Walter Cronkite	Edward M. Jones	
	11/30/61	<i>Biography of a Bookie Joint</i>		Jay L. McMullen (producer-writer)	Walter Cronkite listed as narrator, rather than reporter.
	12/14/61	<i>Can We Disarm?</i>	Howard K. Smith	Arthur D. Morse (producer-writer)	
	12/21/61	<i>Walter Lippmann, Year End</i>	Walter Cronkite	Gene De Poris	
1/4/62 – 4/26/62	1/4/62	<i>East Germany – The Land Beyond the Wall</i>	Daniel Schorr	Edward M. Jones	
	1/18/62	<i>The Fat American</i>	Harry Reasoner	Gene De Poris	
	1/25/62	<i>Death in the City Room</i>	Charles Collingwood	Jack Beck	Narration written by: Charles Collingwood and Jack Beck

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	2/8/62	<i>Carl Sandburg – Lincoln's Prairie Years</i>	Howard K. Smith	Herbert Mitgang and David Buksbaum	
	2/15/62	<i>Eisenhower on the Presidency Part III</i>	Walter Cronkite	Edward M. Jones	
	2/22/62	<i>Thunder on the Right</i>		Jack Beck	Narration written by: Eric Sevareid, Bill Leonard and Jack Beck
	3/8/62	<i>Barry Goldwater – The View from the Right</i>	Eric Sevareid	Jack Beck	
	3/15/62	<i>Can We Disarm – Decisions at Geneva</i>	Winston Burdett, Marvin Kalb, Daniel Schorr and Howard K. Smith	Arthur D. Morse (producer-writer)	
	3/22/62	<i>Mr. Europe and the Common Market</i>		William K. McClure	Written by: David Schoenbrun
	3/29/62	<i>The Beat Majority and the Supreme Court</i>		Bill Leonard	
	4/12/62	<i>The Taxed American: Prelude to April 15</i>	Harry Reasoner	Arthur D. Morse (producer-writer)	
	4/19/62	<i>The Taxed American: Loopholes of '62</i>	Harry Reasoner	Arthur D. Morse (producer-writer)	
	4/26/62	<i>The Hot and Cold Wars of Allen Dulles</i>	Eric Sevareid	Edward M. Jones	
5/10/62 – 12/19/62	5/10/62	<i>Birth Control and the Law</i>	Eric Sevareid	Stephen Fleischman (producer-writer)	
	5/24/62	<i>Breaking the Trade Barrier</i>		Gene De Poris	Written by: David Schoenbrun and Gene De Poris
	6/7/62	<i>Walter Lippmann 1962</i>	David Schoenbrun	Fred W. Friendly (executive producer)	
	9/19/62	<i>The Teen-Age Smoker</i>	Harry Reasoner	Stephen Fleischman	
	9/26/62	<i>Mississippi and the 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment</i>	David Schoenbrun	William Peters	
	10/3/62	<i>Showdown in the Congo</i>	Richard C. Hottelet	Edward M. Jones	
	10/24/62	<i>The Other Face of Dixie</i>	Harry Reasoner	Arthur D. Morse	Narration written by: Harry Reasoner and Arthur D. Morse
	10/31/62	<i>The California Battleground: Nixon vs. Brown</i>	Eric Sevareid	Jack Beck and Gene De Poris	

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	11/28/62	<i>An Hour with the Secretary of State</i>	David Schoenbrun	Arthur D. Morse	
	12/12/62	<i>109 Days to Venus</i>	Walter Cronkite	Jack Beck (producer-writer)	
	12/19/62	<i>Sabotage in South Africa</i>	Walter Cronkite	David Lowe (producer-writer)	
1/9/63 – 5/29/63	1/9/63	<i>The War at the Top of the World</i>	Bernard Kalb	David Lowe	
	1/23/63	<i>Eisenhower, 1963</i>	Walter Cronkite	Fred W. Friendly (executive producer)	
	2/6/63	<i>Germany Since Hitler: Adenauer Sums Up</i>	Daniel Schorr	William McClure	
	2/20/63	<i>Storm Over the Supreme Court Part I</i>	Eric Sevareid	Gene De Poris	
	3/13/63	<i>Storm Over the Supreme Court Part II</i>	Eric Sevareid	William Peters	
	3/20/63	<i>Biography of a Bookie Joint</i>	Walter Cronkite	Jay L. McMullen (producer-writer)	“The original broadcast of this program on November 30 <sup>th</sup> , 1961, was not shown in Massachusetts, because the program contains material relating to criminal trials then pending in that state. Last month, those trials ended – and tonight, this program will be broadcast in Massachusetts for the first time.”
	4/3/63	<i>The Silent Spring of Rachel Carson</i>	Eric Sevareid and Jay L. McMullen	Jay L. McMullen (producer-writer)	
	4/17/63	<i>The Man Who Built New York</i>		Bill Leonard	Robert Moses is subject of News Report
	5/1/63	<i>Walter Lippmann, 1963</i>	Charles Collingwood	Gene De Poris	
	5/15/63	<i>The Great Farm Vote of '63 and The Verdict on the Silent Spring of Rachel Carson</i>	Harry Reasoner, reporter for <i>The Great Farm Vote of '63</i> and Eric Sevareid, reporter for <i>The Verdict on the Silent Spring of Rachel Carson</i>	Jay L. McMullen	

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	5/22/63	<i>Reflections of a Soviet Scientist</i>	Marvin Kalb	Arthur D. Morse	
	5/29/63	<i>Birth Control and the Law</i>	Eric Sevareid	Stephen Fleischman (producer-writer)	" <i>Birth Control and the Law</i> , originally broadcast on CBS reports a year ago this May, is repeated and updated tonight to reflect the dramatic changes in the Chicago controversy and throughout the world."
6/12/63 – 12/18/63	6/12/63	<i>Deadlock: The Railroad Dispute</i>	Eric Sevareid	Palmer Williams	
	6/19/63	<i>Storm Over the Supreme Court Part III</i>	Eric Sevareid	William Peters	
	9/18/63	<i>The Priest and the Politician</i>	Dan Rather	William Peters and David Buksbaum	
	9/25/63	<i>McNamara and the Pentagon</i>	Harry Reasoner	Gene De Poris	
	10/23/63	<i>The Great American Funeral</i>	Robert Trout	David Lowe (producer-writer)	
	11/13/63	<i>Case History of a Rumor</i>	Roger Mudd	Gene De Poris (producer-writer)	
	11/27/63	<i>Three Presidents on the Presidency – Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy</i>		By the Staff of CBS Reports	
	12/11/63	<i>The Harlem Temper</i>	Harry Reasoner	Stephen Fleischman (producer-writer)	
	12/18/63	<i>John F. Kennedy: The View from the Cabinet</i>	Marvin Kalb and Eric Sevareid	Arthur D. Morse	
1964	1/8/64	<i>The Crisis of Presidential Succession</i>	Eric Sevareid, Harry Reasoner and Roger Mudd	Gene De Poris	
	1/22/64	<i>The Business of Heroin</i>	Jay McMullen	Jay McMullen	
	2/5/64	<i>The Catholics and the Schools</i>	Harry Reasoner	Arthur D. Morse (producer-writer)	
	2/19/64	<i>The Flight from Hollywood</i>	Harry Reasoner	Jack Beck (producer-writer)	
	3/4/64	<i>The Legacy of the Thresher</i>	Dan Rather	David Buksbaum	



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	3/18/64	<i>Filibuster – Birth Struggle of Law</i>	Eric Sevareid	William Peters	
	4/8/64	<i>Walter Lippmann, 1964</i>	Eric Sevareid	Gene De Poris	
	4/15/64	<i>Cigarettes: A Collision of Interests</i>	Harry Reasoner and George Herman	Arthur D. Morse (producer-writer)	
	4/29/64	<i>De Gaulle: Roots of Power</i>	Charles Collingwood	William K. McClure	
	5/6/64	<i>De Gaulle: The Challenge</i>	Charles Collingwood	William K. McClure	
	6/5/64	<i>D-Day Plus 20 Years: Eisenhower Returns to Normandy</i>	Walter Cronkite	Palmer Williams	
	6/10/64	<i>Murder and the Right to Bear Arms</i>	Robert Trout	David Lowe	
	6/24/64	<i>The Education of George Waruhiu</i>		Joseph Wershba and Bill Leonard (producers-writers)	
	10/7/64	<i>Gideon's Trumpet: The Poor Man and the Law</i>	Martin Agronsky	Joseph Wershba	
	10/21/64	<i>New York Battleground: The Race for the Senate</i>	Eric Sevareid	Gene De Poris	
	11/11/64	<i>The U.S. and the Two Chinas</i>	Marvin Kalb	David Lowe	
	12/9/64	<i>Segregation: Northern-Style</i>	Mike Wallace	William Peters	
1/1965 – 10/1965	1/4/65	<i>The Hidden Face of Poverty and Death of a Navy Yard</i>	Harry Reasoner, for both segments	David Lowe for <i>The Hidden Face of Poverty</i> and Joseph Wershba for <i>Death of a Navy Yard</i>	
	1/18/65	<i>The Press and the Law</i>	Harry Reasoner	Joseph Wershba (producer-writer)	
	2/8/65	<i>East Europe: Satellites Out of Orbit</i>	Daniel Schorr	William McClure	
	2/22/65	<i>Walter Lippmann, 1965</i>	Eric Sevareid	Gene De Poris	
	4/5/65	<i>Abortion and the Law</i>	Walter Cronkite	David Lowe (producer-writer)	
	4/19/65	<i>U.N.: Beleaguered Fortress</i>	Richard C. Hottelet	Gene De Poris	

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	6/6/65	<i>Everett Dirksen: A Self-Portrait</i>	Roger Mudd	Philip Scheffler	
	7/12/65	<i>The Rating Game</i>	Robert Trout	Joseph Wershba (producer-writer)	
	9/14/65	<i>Bulldozed America</i>	Charles Kuralt	Robert Richter	
	10/26/65	<i>Town Meeting of the World</i>	Charles Collingwood (moderator)	Don Hewitt (executive producer)	Participants: Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, U.N. Ambassador Arthur J. Gold and U. S. Solicitor General Thurgood Marshall
1/1966 – 5/1966	1/4/66	<i>The Volga</i>	Marvin Kalb	Gene De Paris	
	2/15/66	<i>The Divorce Dilemma</i>	Walter Cronkite and Warren Wallace	Burton Benjamin and Isaac Kleinerman	Written by: Warren Wallace
	3/15/66	<i>I.O.U. \$315,000,000,000.00</i>	Alexander Kendrick	Philip Scheffler	
	3/29/66	<i>The Policeman's Lot</i>	Mike Wallace	Joseph Wershba (producer-writer)	
	4/12/66	<i>Vietnam: The Other War</i>	Charles Collingwood	Bernard Birnbaum	
	4/26/66	<i>Mexico: A Lesson in Latin</i>	Charles Kuralt	Jack Beck (producer-writer)	
	5/17/66	<i>LSD: The Spring Grove Experiment</i>	Charles Kuralt	Harry Morgan and John Sharnik	Written by: John Sharnik
8/1966 – 12/1967	8/7/66	<i>Murder and the Right to Bear Arms</i>			Repeat broadcast
	9/20/66	<i>The Poisoned Air</i>	Daniel Schorr	Jack Beck (producer-writer)	
	10/18/66	<i>Men in Cages</i>	Roger Mudd and Warren Wallace	Palmer Williams (executive producer)	
	11/15/66	<i>The State of the Unions</i>	Charles Kuralt	Joseph Wershba (producer-writer)	
	12/20/66	<i>Harvest of Mercy</i>	Winston Burdett and Charles Kuralt	Isaac Kleinerman	
	1/31/67	<i>The Farthest Frontier</i>	Charles Kuralt	John Sharnik and Harry Morgan	Written by: John Sharnik

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	3/7/67	<i>The Homosexuals</i>	Mike Wallace	Harry Morgan	Written by: Mike Wallace and Harry Morgan
	6/20/67	<i>Robert F. Kennedy</i>	Roger Mudd	Philip Scheffler	
	9/12/67	<i>The New Left</i>	Bill Stout	Jack Beck (producer-writer)	
	9/26/67	<i>The Germans</i>	Hughes Rudd	John Sharnik	Written by: John Sharnik and Hughes Rudd
	12/12/67	<i>What About Ronald Reagan?</i>	Harry Reasoner and Bill Stout	Gene De Poris	