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The show has had numerous format and gameplay changes over its runtime and, since its debut, twelve contestants and two separate teams of two contestants (sixteen people combined, five of which were celebrities) have answered all the questions correctly and won the top prize (two other contestants also won one million dollars in special editions of the show). As the first US network game show to offer a million-dollar top prize, the show made television history by becoming one of the highest-rated game shows in the history of US television. The US Millionaire won seven Daytime Emmy Awards, and TV Guide ranked it No. 6 in its 2013 list of the 60 greatest game shows of all time.

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The original British version debuted on 4 September 1998 on the ITV network, hosted by Chris Tarrant, and ran until 11 February 2014. A revived series of seven episodes to commemorate its 20th anniversary aired in May 2018, hosted by Jeremy Clarkson, and ITV renewed the show for several more series.

Since its debut, international variants of the show have been aired in around 100 countries, making it the best-selling TV format in television history, and is credited by some as paving the way for the boom in the popularity of reality television.

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Whitehill for the ITV network. The programme's format has contestants answering multiple-choice questions based on general knowledge, winning a cash prize for each question they answer correctly, with the amount offered increasing as they take on more difficult questions. If an incorrect answer is given, the contestant will leave with whatever cash prize is guaranteed by the last safety net they have passed, unless they opt to walk away before answering the next question with the money they had managed to reach. To assist in the quiz, contestants are given a series of "lifelines" to help answer questions.

The series originally aired from 4 September 1998 to 11 February 2014 and was presented by Chris Tarrant, airing a total of 592 episodes across 30 series. The original format was tweaked in later years, which included changing the number of questions asked, altering the payout structure, incorporating a time limit, and increasing the number of lifelines offered. After the original series ended, ITV decided to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the programme with a special series of episodes in 2018, produced by Stellify Media and hosted by Jeremy Clarkson. This proved a success with viewers and led to a revival of the programme, with new series being commissioned by the broadcaster and a spin-off airing in 2022 called *Fastest Finger First*.

Over its history, the programme has seen a number of contestants manage to achieve the jackpot prize, but has also been involved in several controversies, including an attempt by a contestant to defraud the show of its top prize. Despite this, *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?* became one of the most significant shows in British popular culture, ranking 23rd in a list of the 100 Greatest British Television Programmes compiled in 2000 by the British Film Institute. Its success led to the formation of an international franchise, with several countries featuring the same general format but with some variations in gameplay and lifelines provided.

Joe Millionaire

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Joe Millionaire is an American reality television series broadcast by the Fox Broadcasting Company (Fox). The series premiered on January 6, 2003, and concluded with the finale of its second season on November 24, 2003. Both seasons followed a group of single women in competition for the affection of a bachelor. The women were under the belief that the bachelor was a millionaire; however, he was actually a working class average Joe. If the final remaining woman still accepted the bachelor after learning about the ruse, the two split a \$1,000,000 reward. The series was hosted by American television presenter Alex McLeod.

The first season of Joe Millionaire experienced high success in ratings, with its season finale being the highest-rated entertainment program (excluding Super Bowl lead-out programs) aired on network television since 2000. The second season, titled *The Next Joe Millionaire*, experienced disappointing ratings throughout its run. In 2005, Joe Millionaire and *The Next Joe Millionaire* were among several television programs cited in a class-action lawsuit filed by the Writers Guild of America concerning labor law violations.

In November 2021, Fox announced a revival entitled *Joe Millionaire: For Richer or Poorer*, which aired from January 6 to March 10, 2022. The revival featured two bachelors, one a working-class man and the other a secret millionaire.

Kaun Banega Crorepati

Become a Millionaire) is an Indian Hindi-language television game show. It is the official Hindi adaptation of the Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? franchise

Kaun Banega Crorepati (simply KBC; English: Who Will Become a Millionaire) is an Indian Hindi-language television game show. It is the official Hindi adaptation of the *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?* franchise. It is presented by actor Amitabh Bachchan, who has hosted the show for its entire run except for its third season, during which Shah Rukh Khan, another actor, replaced Bachchan. The programme aired on Star Plus for its first three seasons from 2000 to 2007, and was commissioned by the programming team of Sameer

Nair. In 2010, it started airing on Sony Entertainment Television and was produced by BIG Synergy (under various names over periods of time) from season 1 till season 10. Afterwards, the credited production companies co-producing are Studio NEXT since season 10 and Tree of Knowledge (Digi TOK) since season 11 respectively.

The format is similar to other shows in the Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? franchise: contestants are asked multiple choice questions and must select the correct answer from four possible choices, and are provided with lifelines that may be used if they are uncertain. Starting in season 7 in 2013, the top prize was ₹7 crore and was increased to ₹7.5 crore in Season 14 in 2022 to celebrate 75 years of India's Independence.

Megan Wants a Millionaire

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Megan Wants a Millionaire is an American reality television series on VH1 in which former Rock of Love contestant Megan Hauserman has seventeen wealthy single men compete for her love. The show originated from a comment made by Hauserman during an episode of Rock of Love: Charm School, in which she stated that she ideally would like to become a "trophy wife". During the casting process for the series, VH1 asked for single men with a net worth of over \$1,000,000.

In February 2009, Hauserman stated in an interview that taping of Megan Wants a Millionaire had begun. Hauserman also stated that she was looking for "a mature guy that can handle me and doesn't cry" and stated "He doesn't have to be rich; he has to be stable." Hauserman said she would take the show seriously, it would be "very real". Megan's best friends, Brandi Cunningham from VH1 shows and Cecille Gahr (from Beauty and the Geek) were to appear on the show and try to help Megan with her decisions. The show premiered on Sunday, August 2, 2009.

Broadcast of the program was suspended by VH1 on August 19, 2009, after it was announced that contestant Ryan Jenkins was being sought by police for questioning in connection to the murder of Jasmine Fiore (whom he married after the show had concluded). On August 23, 2009, Jenkins was found dead, of an apparent suicide, at a motel in Hope, British Columbia. On August 24, 2009, Megan Wants a Millionaire was officially cancelled by VH1. Early reports after the incident occurred indicated that Jenkins was a finalist in the series. It was later confirmed from a contestant's Twitter account that Jenkins had placed third in the competition.

Howard Stern

around Stern and the controversial nature of his show. The piece caused NBC executives to discuss the potential withdrawal of Stern's contract, but rather

Howard Allan Stern (born January 12, 1954) is an American broadcaster and media personality. He is best known for his radio show, The Howard Stern Show, which gained popularity when it was nationally syndicated on terrestrial radio from 1986 to 2005. He has broadcast on SiriusXM since 2006.

Stern landed his first radio jobs while at Boston University. From 1976 to 1982, he developed his on-air personality through morning positions at WRNW in Briarcliff Manor, New York; WCCC in Hartford, Connecticut; WWWW in Detroit, Michigan; and WWDC in Washington, D.C. He worked afternoons at WNBC in New York City from 1982 until his firing in 1985. In 1985, he began a 20-year run at WXRK in New York City; his morning show entered syndication in 1986 and aired in 60 markets and attracted 20 million listeners at its peak. In recent years, Stern's photography has been featured in Hamptons and WHIRL magazines. From 2012 to 2015, he served as a judge on America's Got Talent.

Stern has won numerous industry awards, including Billboard's Nationally Syndicated Air Personality of the Year eight consecutive times, and he is the first to have the number one morning show in New York City and Los Angeles simultaneously. He became the most fined radio host when the Federal Communications Commission issued fines totaling \$2.5 million to station owners for content it deemed indecent. Stern became one of the highest-paid radio figures after signing a five-year deal with Sirius in 2004 worth \$500 million.

Stern has described himself as the "King of All Media" since 1992 for his successes outside radio. He hosted and produced numerous late-night television shows, pay-per-view events, and home videos. Two of his books, *Private Parts* (1993) and *Miss America* (1995), entered *The New York Times* Best Seller list at number one and sold over one million copies. The former was made into a biographical comedy film in 1997 that had Stern and his radio show staff star as themselves. It topped the American box office in its opening week and grossed \$41.2 million domestically. Stern performs on its soundtrack, which charted the *Billboard* 200 at number one and was certified platinum for one million copies sold. Stern's third book, *Howard Stern Comes Again*, was released in 2019.

Regis Philbin

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Regis Francis Xavier Philbin (REE-jis; August 25, 1931 – July 25, 2020) was an American television presenter, comedian, actor, and singer. Once called "the hardest-working man in show business", he held the Guinness World Record for the most hours spent on US television.

After graduating from the University of Notre Dame, Philbin served in the US Navy and got his television start serving as a page for *The Tonight Show* in the 1950s. He got his first network television exposure in 1967 as Joey Bishop's sidekick on *The Joey Bishop Show*. He is most widely known as the co-host of the New York City–based nationally syndicated talk show *Live! with Regis and Kathie Lee*, starting in 1988, which became *Live! with Regis and Kelly* in 2001, and continued as *Live! with Kelly* after Philbin's departure in 2011. He is also well known as the original host of the American version of *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire*, the most-watched prime-time series of the 1999–2000 US television season.

Philbin also hosted *Million Dollar Password* and the first season of *America's Got Talent*.

Make Me a Millionaire

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Make Me a Millionaire is the second television game show of the California Lottery, having replaced *The Big Spin* on January 17, 2009. Originally contracted for a four-year run, the show was cancelled after eighteen months, with its final episode telecast on August 7, 2010. On July 9, five unaired episodes were uploaded to the California Lottery's official YouTube page.

Contestants received a guaranteed minimum prize of \$2,000, while the grand prize was a progressive jackpot of at least \$1,000,000.

Meredith Vieira

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Meredith Louise Vieira (born December 30, 1953) is an American broadcast journalist and television personality. She is best known as the original moderator of the daytime talk show *The View* (1997–2006),

the original host of the syndicated daytime version of the game show Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (2002–2013), and as co-host of the NBC morning news program Today (2006–2011). As of 2019, she hosts the syndicated weekday game show 25 Words or Less.

Vieira has also been a contributor to Dateline NBC, Rock Center with Brian Williams, and NBC Nightly News, and hosted the Lifetime television series Intimate Portrait (1994–2005). From 2014 to 2016, she hosted her own syndicated daytime talk show, The Meredith Vieira Show.

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