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|  | **TV Shows**  **10 Sep 2015** | **209-2015-16** |

**Well, a new TV season is about to start so I have decided to help you decide what to watch during the next 4 or 5 months. Finally, I have some good news – the number of reality shows is decreasing! I wouldn’t watch one of these so-called reality shows even if they wanted to pay me. Where do they find all of those weirdos anyway! There are actually some good new shows coming this fall that I will give you a brief summary of what to expect. I may even watch a few of these shows providing there are no good sports on that night. My two favorite (non-sport) shows return for another season – NCIS returns for its 13th season and Criminal Minds returns for its 11th season. Just in case you have never watched these shows, here is a short recap:**

**NCIS:**

**Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) Special Agent Leroy Jethro Gibbs leads a group of colorful personalities in investigating crimes -- ranging from murder and espionage to terrorism -- that have evidence connected to Navy and Marine Corps personnel. The team includes witty ex-homicide detective Anthony DiNozzo, quirky forensics specialist Abby Sciuto, and the brilliant -- if insecure -- Timothy McGee. Dr. Donald "Ducky" Mallard brings his vast experience in forensics into play to help solve cases.**

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| **NCIS Current Cast** | | **Cote de Pablo** |

**Main cast members:**

* **Leroy Jethro Gibbs (Mark Harmon), Supervisory Special Agent (Seasons 1 thru present)**
* **Anthony "Tony" DiNozzo (Michael Weatherly), Senior Special Agent (Seasons 1 thru present)**
* **Abigail "Abby" Sciuto (Pauley Perrette), Forensics Specialist (Seasons 1 thru present)**
* **Dr. Donald "Ducky" Mallard (David McCallum), Chief Medical Examiner (Seasons 1 thru present)**
* **Timothy McGee (Sean Murray), Special Agent (Seasons 2 thru present)**
* **Leon Vance (Rocky Carroll), Director of NCIS (Seasons 6 thru present)**
* **Ziva David (Cote de Pablo), Junior Special Agent (Seasons 3 thru 11)**
* **Caitlin "Kate" Todd (Sasha Alexander), Special Agent (Seasons 1 and 2)**
* **Jimmy Palmer (Brian Dietzen), Assistant to Dr. Mallard (Seasons 10 thru present)**
* **Eleanor Bishop (Emily Wickersham), NSA Analyst (Seasons 11 thru present)**
* **Jenny Shepard (Lauren Holly), Director of NCIS (Seasons 3 thru 5)**

**Some statistics:**

* **Network: CBS**
* **First episode: Sep 23, 2003**
* **Number of episodes: 282**
* **Ratings: 3rd best TV show with a rating of 18.25 (Last season)**
* **In 2011, NCIS was voted America's favorite television show**
* **Spin-offs: NCIS: Los Angeles (2009 thru present) and NCIS: New Orleans (2014 thru present)**
* **NCIS, itself is a spin-off of another CBS series called JAG**

**CRIMINAL MINDS:**

**In this crime series, a crack team of FBI profilers fly from Quantico to the focal point of the criminal activity of various serial killers. There they investigate the evidence from the crime scenes, compose a profile and try to prevent the next fatal strike. Top brain was academic Jason Gideon who left the bureau after some difficult decisions. His more by-the-book operational right hand man Aaron "Hotch" Hotchner then took over the team. After Gideon leaves, David Rossi, previously retired, rejoins the bureau in an effort to make a difference in people's lives again and follow up on a case he worked years ago. The still juvenile Dr. Spencer Reid is an erudite on everything except real life, Penelope Garcia a brilliant computer whiz who gets access to any database etc. As they are mobile, cooperation with local police and FBI agents is important but often poses jurisdictional and other problems, as do some witnesses and suspects.**

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| **Criminal Minds – Primary Cast** | **Aisha Tyler – New Regular** |

**Main cast members:**

* **Jason Gideon (Mandy Patinkin), Senior Supervisory Special Agent (Seasons 1 thru 3)**
* **Aaron Hotchner (Thomas Gibson), Unit Chief and Communications Liaison of the BAU team (Seasons 1 thru present)**
* **Derek Morgan (Shemar Moore), Supervisory Special Agent (Seasons 1 thru present)**
* **Dr. Spencer Reid, Ph.D., (Matthew Gray Gubler), Supervisory Special Agent (Seasons 1 thru present)**
* **Penelope Garcia (Kirsten Vangsness), BAU Technical Analyst and Communications Liaison (Seasons 2 thru present)**
* **Jennifer "JJ" Jareau (A. J. Cook), Supervisory Special Agent (Seasons 1 thru 5 and 7 thru present)**
* **Emily Prentiss (Paget Brewster), Supervisory Special Agent (Seasons 2 thru 7)**
* **Elle Greenaway (Lola Glaudini), Supervisory Special Agent (Season 1 and 2)**
* **Ashley Seaver (Rachel Nichols), FBI Cadet training at the FBI Academy in Quantico (Season 6)**
* **Dr. Alex Blake, Ph.D., (Jeanne Tripplehorn), FBI linguistics expert and professor at Georgetown University (Seasons 8 and 9)**
* **Kate Callahan (Jennifer Love Hewitt), FBI Undercover Agent (Season 10)**
* **Dr. Tara Lewis (Aisha Tyler), Psychologist with an eye on forensic psychology – Regular cast member starting in season 11**

**Some statistics:**

* **Network: CBS**
* **First episode: Sep 22, 2005**
* **Number of episodes: 233**
* **Ratings: 11th best TV show with a rating of 10.31 (Last season)**
* **Spin-offs: Criminal Minds: Suspect Behavior (2011) and Criminal Minds: Beyond Borders (2015 proposed new series)**
* **Shemar Moore and Matthew Gray Gubler are the only cast members to appear in every single episode of the show so far.**

**NEW TV SHOWS FOR THE 2015-2016 SEASON THAT I MIGHT WATCH**

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|  | | **“BLINDSPOT” (NBC) - Stars Jaimie Alexander and Sullivan Stapleton. The series focuses on a mysterious tattooed woman who has lost her memory and does not know her own identity. The FBI discovers that each tattoo contains a clue to a crime they will have to solve.** | |
| **“SUPERGIRL” (CBS) - It is based on the DC Comics character Supergirl (Kara Zor-El), created by Otto Binder and Al Plastino, and stars Melissa Benoist as the title character. Supergirl is a costumed superhero who is the biological cousin to Superman and one of the last surviving Kryptonians.** | | |  |
|  | **“THE GRINDER” (Fox) stars Rob Lowe and Fred Savage (“The Wonder Years”). This is a new comedy about two brothers: one a spotlight-grabbing actor who plays TV’s most popular lawyer and the other, a real-life, small-town attorney who has yet to find his spotlight.** | | |

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| **“QUANTICO” (ABC) stars Priyanka Chopra as Alex Parrish, one of a diverse group of recruits who have arrived at the FBI Quantico base for training. They are the best, the brightest and the most vetted, so it’s especially shocking that in the future, one of the recruits will turn out to be a sleeper terrorist responsible for the most devastating terrorist attack on U.S. soil since 9/11.** | |  |
|  | **In a nutshell, “Limitless” (CBS) is about a drug called NZT, which enhances users’ brain power by giving them access to 100 percent of their brains. In the movie, this miracle pill enables a no-body played by Bradley Cooper to go from being a struggling writer to an actual candidate for the U.S. Senate.** | |

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| **“Rosewood” (Fox) is an upcoming American television series that is set to air on Fox, about a private pathologist named Dr. Beaumont Rosewood Jr., who works in Miami, Florida, where he is highly in demand with law enforcement.** |  |

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|  | **“CODE BLACK” (CBS) follows the doctors who work tirelessly to save lives in the busiest and most notorious ER in the nation, L.A. County Hospital. If you were to take the Emmy-winning series ER, and pump it up with heart-pounding steroids, then you’d have Code Black. But what exactly does "code black" mean? "That's the moment in the emergency room when there are more patients than there are doctors and beds to take care of them," series star Marcia Gay Harden revealed.** |

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| **“THE PLAYER” (NBC) follows Alex Kane, a former intelligence officer who after losing his wife, becomes the muscle to Mr. Johnson, a mysterious billionaire (Wesley Snipes) who runs the Las Vegas game. Part of the suspense every week is that Kane, Johnson and femme fatale Cassandra don’t exactly trust each other as fellow team members.** |  |

**TV SHOWS THAT I MIGHT WATCH DURING THE 2015-2016 SEASON**

**A complete list of the TV shows I will probably watch during the upcoming season starts on the next page. One thing for sure – I plan to watch a lot of college and pro football games in the coming months. Basketball is not too far off and University of Hawaii women’s volleyball has started again. This is a great time of the year for sports.**

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| **University of Hawaii Football** | **Payton Manning and the Denver Broncos** |
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| **Marcus Mariota and the Tennessee Titans** | **University of Utah Football** |
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| **University of Hawaii Lady’s Volleyball** | **University of Utah Basketball** |

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| **TV SHOWS THAT I MIGHT WATCH DURING THE 2015-2016 SEASON** | |
| **DAY / TV SHOW** | **COMMENTS** |

**MONDAY**

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| **“Gotham” (Fox)**  **“SUPERGIRL” (CBS)**  **“Scorpion” (CBS)**  **“BLINDSPOT” (NBC)**  **“NCIS: Los Angeles” (CBS)**  **“Monday Night Football (ESPN)** | **Lots of violence but entertaining**  **NEW – I may tune in to check it out**  **A bunch of super smart people solving crimes**  **NEW – Might be a good show**  **Good show – Second best NCIS**  **Yes, I will be watching this – hopefully in a bar** |

**TUESDAY**

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| **“NCIS” (CBS)**  **“THE GRINDER” (Fox)**  **“QUANTICO” (ABC)**  **“Chicago Fire” (NBC)**  **“LIMITLESS” (CBS)** | **Currently my favorite TV show**  **NEW – I need to see what this show is about**  **NEW – Could be very interesting**  **Good show**  **NEW – I will definitely watch this show** |

**WEDNESDAY**

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| **“ROSEWOOD” (Fox)**  **“The Mysteries of Laura” (NBC)**  **“Law & Order: SVU” (NBC)**  **“Criminal Minds” (CBS)**  **“Nashville” (ABC)**  **“Chicago P.D.” (NBC)**  **“CODE BLACK” (CBS)** | **NEW – Not sure what kind of show this is?**  **I like a good mystery now and then**  **This series has been on TV a long time**  **My second most popular current show**  **Have not watched this show yet but plan to soon**  **Good police action show**  **NEW – Might be a very good show** |

**THURSDAY**

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| **“Grey’s Anatomy” (ABC)**  **“Bones” (Fox)**  **“Thursday Night Football” (CBS)**  **“Scandal” (ABC)**  **“The Blacklist” (NBC)**  **“THE PLAYER” (NBC)**  **“Elementary” (CBS)** | **Another show that has been on TV a long time**  **I find this show very interesting**  **Hope to find a good bar for these games**  **Not sure what this show is about**  **Good show to watch when football is not on**  **NEW – Need to checkout this one**  **Can be interesting – some good mysteries** |

**FRIDAY**

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| **“Grimm” (NBC)**  **“Hawaii Five-0” (CBS)**  **“Blue Bloods” (CBS)** | **Not a bad show**  **Everybody in Hawaii watch this show – Right?**  **Tom Selleck shows are always good** |

**SATURDAY**

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| **“College Football” (Many Channels)**  **“CSI: Cyber” (CBS)** | **I like to watch college football**  **All of the CSI series were good** |

**SUNDAY**

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| **“NFL Football” (Many Channels)**  **“60 Minutes” (CBS)**  **“Madam Secretary” (CBS)**  **“Brooklyn Nine-Nine” (Fox)** | **Pro football is almost as good as college football**  **The best News Show**  **Good political action show**  **Good police show** |

**WHAT MAJOR NETWORK HAS THE BEST TV SHOWS?**

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| **NETWORK** | **Number of Good Shows** |
| **CBS**  **NBC**  **FOX**  **ABC** | **14**  **8**  **5**  **4** |

**CBS wins by a mile.**

**SOME MORE TV FACTS AND STATISTICS**

**Percentage of households that possess at least one television: 99%**

**Number of TV sets in the average U.S. household: 2.24**

**Percentage of U.S. homes with three or more TV sets: 66%**

**Number of hours per day that TV is on in an average U.S. home: 6.75 hours**

**Number of hours of TV watched annually by Americans: 250 billion**

**Percentage of Americans who pay for cable TV: 56%**

**Percentage of Americans who say they watch too much TV: 49%**

**I was going to jump up on my soapbox and rant about how bad it is for kids now days to be spending all those hours watching television, playing games on the computer, and / or staring at their iPhones and iPads. They should be outside playing and getting some exercise. But, I will save that subject for a future article.**

**WHAT TV SHOWS HAVE BEEN ON TELEVISION THE LONGEST?**

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| **Longest Running TV Shows** | | | | |
| **Years** | **Show Name** | **Network** | **Episodes** | **Comments** |
| **68 years**  **(1947 – Pres)** | **Meet the Press** | **NBC** | **5,050+** | **Longest running show** |
| **67 years**  **(1948 – Pres)** | **CBS Evening News** | **CBS** | **16,400+** | **Longest-running network newscast** |
| **61 years**  **(1954 – Pres)** | **Face the Nation** | **CBS** | **5,000+** |  |
| **57 years**  **(1952 – 2009)** | **Guiding Light** | **CBS** | **15,762** | **Longest running Soap Opera** |
| **52 years**  **(1962 – Pres)** | **Professional Bowlers Tour** | **ABC–CBS -ESPN** | **2,000+** | **Longest running sports show** |
| **49 years**  **(1966 – 2014)** | **Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon** | **Multiple** | **49** | **Annual broadcast** |
| **47 years**  **(1968 – Pres)** | **60 Minutes** | **CBS** |  |  |
| **45 years**  **(1961 – 2006)** | **Wide World of Sports** | **ABC** |  |  |
| **46 years**  **(1969 – Pres)** | **Sesame Street** | **PBS** | **4,400+** | **Longest running children’s show** |
| **45 years**  **(1970 – Pres)** | **Monday Night Football** | **ABC - ESPN** | **650+** |  |
| **43 years**  **(1972 – Pres)** | **The Price Is Right** | **CBS** | **8,000+** | **Longest running game show** |
| **40 years**  **(1975 – Pres)** | **Good Morning America** | **ABC** | **9,920+** |  |
| **40 years**  **(1975 - Pres** | **Saturday Night Live** | **NBC** | **800+** | **Longest running variety show** |
| **35 years**  **(1979 – Pres)** | **SportsCenter** | **ESPN** | **90,000+** | **Most episodes ever in TV history** |
| **32 years**  **(1957 -1989)** | **American Bandstand** | **ABC** | **4,134** |  |
| **32 years**  **(1983 – Pres)** | **Wheel of Fortune** | **Syndicated** | **6,000+** |  |
| **31 years**  **(1984 – Pres)** | **Jeopardy!** | **Syndicated** | **6,600+** |  |
| **29 years**  **(1986-Pres)** | **Late Night** | **NBC** | **5,000+** |  |
| **27 years**  **(1955 – 1971)** | **The Lawrence Welk Show** | **ABC** | **1,065** |  |
| **27 years**  **(1988 – Pres)** | **Live! with Kelly and Michael** | **Syndicated** | **7,700+** | **Show has had several names** |
| **27 years**  **(1988 – Pres)** | **48 Hours** | **CBS** |  |  |
| **26 years**  **(1988 – Pres)** | **NBA on TNT** | **TNT** |  |  |
| **26 years**  **(1989 – Pres)** | **The Simpsons** | **Fox** | **574** | **Longest running animated series** |
| **26 years**  **(1989 – Pres)** | **America's Funniest Home Videos** | **ABC** | **500+** |  |
| **25 years**  **(1985 – 2010)** | **Larry King Live** | **CNN** |  |  |
| **25 years**  **(1986 – 2011)** | **The Oprah Winfrey Show** | **Syndicated** | **4,561** |  |
| **23 years**  **(1952 – 1975)** | **Death Valley Days** | **Syndicated** | **558** |  |
| **23 years**  **(1948 – 1971)** | **The Ed Sullivan Show** | **CBS** | **1,087** |  |
| **22 years**  **(1993 – Pres)** | **WWE Raw** | **USA** | **1,110+** |  |
| **20 years**  **(1951 – 1970)** | **The Red Skelton Show** | **NBC** |  |  |
| **20 years**  **(1955 – 1975)** | **Gunsmoke** | **CBS** | **635** | **Longest-running prime-time drama (tie)** |
| **20 years**  **(1990 – 2010)** | **Law & Order** | **NBC** | **456** | **Longest-running prime-time drama (tie)** |

**A LITTLE TELEVISION HISTORY**

**In the late 1940s, the three networks – NBC, CBS and ABC – were "networks" in name only. All of the programming originated, live, in New York. The only way the networks had to distribute the shows to the rest of the nation was to point a film camera at a television screen and convert video to film. These 16mm films, known as kinescopes, were then duplicated and shipped to the few affiliated stations for broadcast later. By necessity, most programming was local, and cooking shows, wrestling and cartoons took up most of the broadcast day.**

**The networks became true networks in 1952 when AT&T finished laying a system of coaxial cables from coast to coast. For the first time, television was able to broadcast the Republican and Democratic conventions live from Philadelphia to the rest of the nation.**

**Only 3% of US households owned a TV in 1950. You know the rest of the story – How things have changed.**

**On the next page I list the different categories of TV programming along with some of my all-time favorite shows in each category.**

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| **SOME OF MY ALL-TIME FAVORITE TV SHOWS** |

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| ***Type of TV Show*** | ***My Favorite Shows*** |
| ***Action/Adventure***  ***Animated***  ***Award Shows***  ***Comedy Sitcom***  ***Cooking***  ***Crime Drama***  ***Educational***  ***Game Shows***  ***History***  ***Horror***  ***Legal/Court Drama***  ***Medical Drama***  ***Movies***  ***Mystery***  ***News Programs***  ***Political Drama***  ***Reality***  ***Religious***  ***Science***  ***Science Fiction***  ***Soap Operas***  ***Sports***  ***Talent Shows***  ***Talk Shows***  ***Travel***  ***Western***  ***Variety/Musical*** | **None**  **None**  **None**  **Seinfeld – All in the Family – Cheers – M\*A\*S\*H**  **None**  **NICS – Criminal Minds – CSI – Hawaii 5-0 – 24 - Dragnet**  **None**  **Jeopardy – Wheel of Fortune**  **None**  **None**  **Perry Mason – Law & Order**  **ER – Marcus Welby, M.D.**  **(Variety of Movies – Lots of Western and Crime shows)**  **Columbo – Murder She Wrote**  **60 Minutes**  **None**  **None**  **Touched by an Angel**  **National Geographic Specials**  **The X-Files**  **None**  **(Most all sports - especially basketball and football)**  **None**  **Jay Leno**  **None**  **Gunsmoke – Rawhide – Bonanza**  **Carol Burnett – Jack Benny – Jackie Gleason Show** |

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