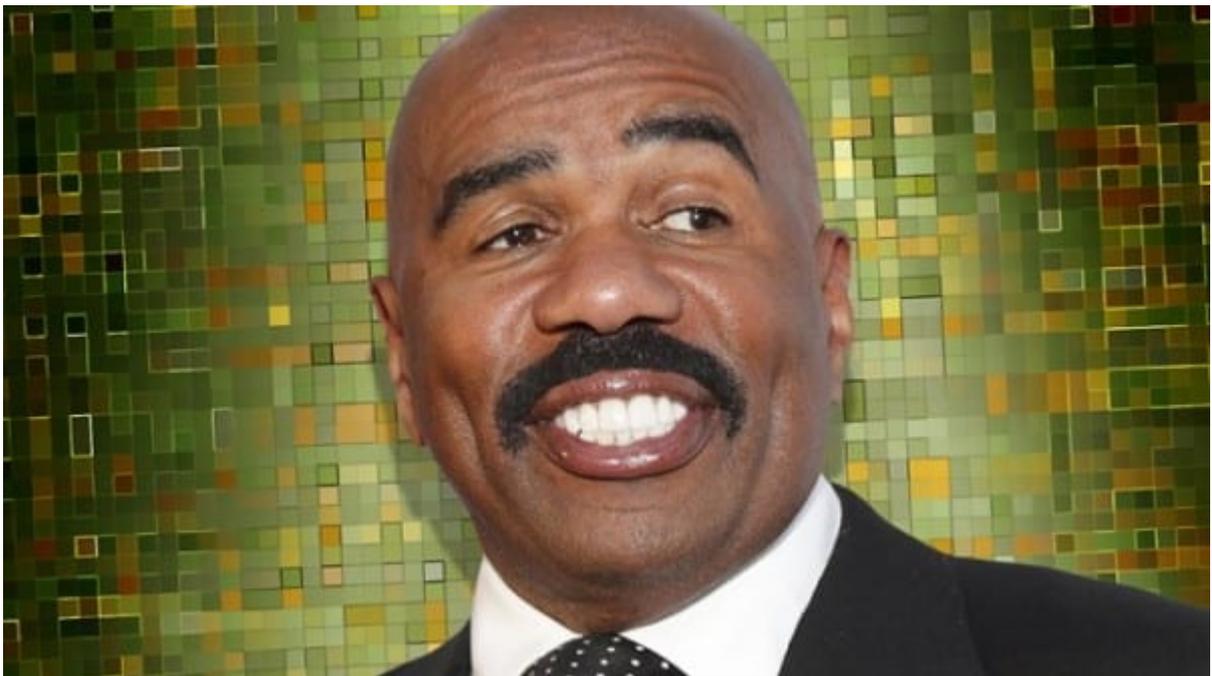


# Where does Steve Harvey get off calling Tavis Smiley and Cornel West “Uncle Toms”?

ARCHIVES: Obama’s presidency has had a profoundly divisive effect among many Americans, including the Black community, which insists on supporting Obama mostly as a matter of racial pride.



Editor’s Note: First thing you **MUST** know about Steve Harvey is that he belongs to a particular species of public personage with a long and noxious history in American culture: the conservative *self-made man*. Harvey, born in West Virginia, made it big in America. He’s now worth about \$100 million and counting. Money and success easily corrode mediocre minds. Since most people see the world according to their position in the pecking order, he, too, sees the world from the standpoint of the winners, the elites, the people at the top of the social heap. Apparently he’s too dumb to realize he’s helping people immensely richer than himself to set home and global agendas that spell disaster for humanity and the planet.

This is the curse of such people. In general, self-made men—or

people—are the sort that wrongly extrapolate their genetic good fortune or sheer good luck with the American lottery (aka “The American Dream”), and go on shooting their mouths off denigrating all those who “don’t make it in the land of freedom and opportunity,” as some form of character flaw. Laziness, perhaps? For all of their success what these people sorely lack, besides real intelligence, is an empathetic imagination. As such, they’re natural patsies for the political right, for the establishment which is always seeking influential people to deliver misleading messages about reality. But don’t confront Harvey with any of this: he’s too brainwashed to concede any of these points. The fact he is a devout religious nut already tells us all we need to know about his mindset. We only wish these celebs kept their foolish views to themselves, but that is seldom the case. In Harvey’s case, he’s way better hosting Family Feud than spiting political and social analysis for the consumption of his gullible followers.—P. Greanville

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Who is Steve Harvey?

### **Religion**

Harvey is a devout Christian who hates atheists.

# Political Views

Harvey is an Obama-loving Democrat.

Steve Harvey, whose full name is Broderick Steven Harvey, was born in Welch, West Virginia and grew up in Cleveland, Ohio.

Harvey is a devout Christian. I'm assuming he would call himself a Baptist, because in 2012, he tweeted:

#2012Hoodie Awards: Best Church : First Baptist Church of Glenarden – Washington, DC<sup>1</sup>

Regardless, Harvey is way into Jesus. Check out this [video](#) of him, where he gets into what he would say if he had the opportunity to “introduce” Jesus Christ to a room full of people. It shows an incredible devotion and an impressive knowledge of the Bible and Christian tradition.

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SIDEBAR:

Steve Harvey: True Uncle Tom

By Prince Solomon–(who makes sense)

Harvey has credited God for his success as an entertainer as well. He said at a stand-up show in Las Vegas:

God has given me a life far beyond anything I ever dreamed about. God is, man, God is something else man.<sup>2</sup>

His devotion to Christianity translates into an unapologetic, aggressive disrespect for atheists. He once said on the Tyra Banks show, giving dating advice to women:

You are sitting up there talking to a dude and he tells you he's an atheist, you need to pack it up and go home. You talking to a person who don't believe in God... what's his

moral barometer? Where's it at? It's nowhere.[3](#)

The comments were unsurprisingly controversial and Harvey was asked to expand on them during an interview with Joy Behar, who was filling in for Larry King on his popular interview show. Harvey didn't back down, calling atheists "idiots," expressing skepticism over the theory of evolution and the Big Bang theory and saying that if someone tells him they're an atheist, he simply walks away.[4](#)

## **Guns blazing for Obama**

Harvey is a Democrat, and most of his political activity involves endorsing, defending or hosting one Obama event or another. He interviewed Michelle Obama on his television show. He was incredibly moved to have had the experience:

Of all the shows, she came on mine. That was pretty important, kind of major for me. That kind of makes me feel very validated, because some other shows have put in requests for her, and she came here first.[5](#)

On his radio show, he talks about the "sickening" anti-Obama movement, defending the president's health care program and calling out the president's critics by name. Perhaps most controversially, Harvey called black activists/academics Cornel West and Travis Smiley "Uncle Toms" for criticizing Obama.[6](#) That's about the worst thing a black person can call another black person and Harvey, again, was asked to clarify/apologize for his comments. He sort of did, saying:

In retrospect, I probably should not have called these men 'Uncle Toms.' I wear so many hats that sometimes as a comedian, I cross the line, which I will continue to do. I apologize for referring to them that way. But everything else I said, good. I'm not retracting my statements, I'm just apologizing.[7](#)

Harvey's got a mouth on him, and it's probably what made him the celebrity he is today. Whatever works, right?