

10th ANNIVERSARY

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Radio Ink is proud and pleased to present our 10th annual list of the Most Influential Women in Radio. Over the years, this has become one of our most anticipated lists, as we spotlight some of the women whose energy, intelligence, and dedication help drive the radio industry. And this year we've expanded the list to feature women in both the programming and on-air fields, as well as executives.

Your nominations helped us choose these women, and they're on our list not just because of the titles they currently hold, but for their careers and the positive influence they have had on the industry as a whole. Here are the 2009 Most Influential Women in Radio.

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Most Influential Women In Radio

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DR. JOY BROWNE
WOR Radio Network

A recent study revealed that people tend to believe the negative more than the positive, even when the facts are identical. Sometimes it seems that truth, justice, and the American way is served by negativity and blame and fear. I often feel like a voice in the wilderness, encouraging listeners to question opinions, especially when presented as “truth” — whether it’s giving them facts about flu or information about focusing on their own budget rather than watching the Dow, which makes them crazy; predicting the real chance of a child being kidnapped; encouraging problem-solving rather than panic, thought rather than emotion, logic rather than rhetoric.

Lest you think I live in an ivory tower or suburban gated community, I was on site at Ground Zero to witness daily the best and the worst of human behavior. I am neither naive nor untouched by real life, but it does seem to me that, as respected voices in troubling times, we could invest in the notion of helping people solve problems rather than laying blame, to be constructive rather than destructive and mean-spirited, to look harder to find ways of coping, rather than succumbing to anger, hatred, and divisiveness — not only for our industry, but for our country and for our world. On the other hand, what are you going to do if your first name is Joy?



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