



**Lara Logan**

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**After reading about the life of Lara Logan, I have decided that she is one of the most interesting people currently living in the world. I tried to pick one word to describe her but decided to give you seven adjectives that I think best portray her life:**

**Adventurous – Brave – Gutsy – Fearless – Daring – Courageous - Attractive**



**Lara Logan covering the War in Iraq**

## Lara Logan Personal Bio



<b>Born</b>	<b>29 March 1971 (age 45)</b>
<b>Nationality</b>	<b>South African</b>
<b>Birth Place</b>	<b>Durban, South Africa</b>
<b>High School</b>	<b>Durban Girls' College</b>
<b>College</b>	<b>University of Natal, Durban</b>
<b>Degree in</b>	<b>Commerce</b>
<b>Diploma in</b>	<b>French language, culture, and history from the University de L'Alliance Francaise in Paris</b>
<b>Languages spoken</b>	<b>English, French, Afrikaans and Portuguese</b>
<b>Height</b>	<b>5 feet 6 inches</b>
<b>Weight</b>	<b>134 pounds</b>
<b>Body Measurements</b>	<b>34-26-36 inches</b>
<b>Husbands</b>	<b>Jason Siemon (1998-2008) Joseph Burkett (2008-present)</b>
<b>Children</b>	<b>Joe, 7, and Lola, 6 - (Burkett also has daughter Ashley, 11, from previous marriage)</b>
<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Journalism</b>
<b>Places lived</b>	<b>Durban, Paris, London, Washington DC, and Texas</b>
<b>Career</b>	<b>Sunday Tribune and Daily News in Durban (1988-1992) - Television Reuters and CNN Reporter in Africa (1992-2000) – GMTV correspondent in Great Britain (2000-2006) – CBS News in Washington DC (2006-present)</b>

## Award Winning Reporting



**Lara Logan has reported from the most dangerous places on Earth**

**Lara Logan's bold, award-winning reporting from war zones has earned her a prominent spot among the world's best foreign correspondents. Named a full-time 60 Minutes correspondent in May 2012, the 2015-16 season was her 11th contributing to the newsmagazine. Logan recently signed a new two-year contract with CBS News following a tough battle with her health. She has had a difficult time after being repeatedly hospitalized with complications from her injuries stemming from a brutal sexual assault in Egypt in 2011. (More on this later in the article)**

**Lara Logan was named CBS News chief foreign correspondent in February 2006 and chief foreign affairs correspondent in 2008, all while contributing to 60 Minutes beginning in 2005. Recent reports for 60 Minutes include a rare interview with Jack Ma, founder of the giant Chinese Internet company Alibaba, a report from the front lines of the Ebola crisis in Liberia and the inspiring story of severely wounded American veterans climbing some of world's tallest peaks.**

**Logan's September 2010 60 Minutes report "A Relentless Enemy" from the battlefield in Afghanistan earned her electronic journalism's highest award, a duPont - Columbia University Silver Baton. Another report from that war zone, a two-segment series for the CBS Evening News about U.S. Marines on patrol, won her an Emmy and an Edward R. Murrow Award.**

**Her other notable reports for 60 Minutes include the Emmy-winning profile of Medal of Honor winner Salvatore Giunta; an interview with International Monetary Fund Managing Director Christine Lagarde; a report on the controversial practice of raising exotic game on U.S. ranches; a penetrating interview with Pakistani President**

**Pervez Musharraf after the assassination of Benazir Bhutto; and an interview with GEN John Abizaid when he was the Commander of United States Central Command.**



**Logan's reports were an integral part of CBS News' coverage of the war in Iraq, where she lived for almost five years. She was the only journalist from an American network in Baghdad when the U.S. military invaded the city, reporting live from Firdos Square as the statue of Saddam fell. Logan broke the story of the abuse of special needs Iraqi orphans on the CBS Evening News in June 2007, a report that made headlines around the world. Also that year, she reported from Pakistan on the death of Benazir Bhutto and its aftermath.**

**Logan's reporting from the frontlines of Afghanistan and with the Green Berets searching for al Qaeda and Osama bin Laden appeared on 60 Minutes II and on the CBS Evening News, The Early Show and CBS News Radio, for which she served as a general assignment reporter. While reporting a 60 Minutes II story about the war near the Afghanistan-Pakistan border in 2005, the military vehicle Logan was riding in hit a double-tank mine. The explosion seriously wounded two soldiers; she escaped with minor injuries.**

**Logan received an Emmy Award, an Overseas Press Club Award and a Murrow Award for "Ramadi: On the Front Line," a powerful 2006 report on American troops under fire in Ramadi, Iraq, a piece Logan and her producer shot themselves while embedded with a U.S. military unit. She has also received five American Women in Radio and Television Gracie Awards: in 2008 for Outstanding Feature-Hard News for the Iraqi orphans story; in 2004 for Individual Achievement for Best Reporter/Correspondent; in 2003 for Best News Story for her CBS Evening News report on the attempted assassination of Afghan President Hamid Kharzi; in 2002 for**



**Best News Story for her CBS News Radio coverage of the war in Afghanistan; and in 2000 for Best News Story for her CBS News Radio coverage of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. She received the David Bloom Award in 2008 from the Radio & Television Correspondents Association for excellence in enterprise reporting and the 2007 Association of International Broadcasters' Best International News Story Award for her report on the Taliban.**



**Logan walking with a U.S. Marine in Afghanistan**

**Before formally joining CBS News in 2002 as "60 Minutes II" correspondent, Logan already had 14 years of journalism experience, including 10 years in the international broadcast news arena. She served as a correspondent for GMTV, the weekday morning news program of Great Britain's ITV (2000-2002), and as a freelance correspondent for CBS News Radio, a role that included occasional appearances on the CBS Evening News. Logan reported on the war in Afghanistan, Middle East violence, the Mozambique floods, the land invasions in Zimbabwe and the India earthquake. Previously, she served in a variety of freelance assignments, including as a correspondent for ITN and Fox/SKY, an assignment editor for CBS News and ABC News in London, and an editor/producer for NBC, CBS and the European Broadcast Union (1996-99). Logan also served as a freelance correspondent for CNN (1998-99), covering the U.S. embassy bombings in Nairobi and Tanzania, the conflict in Northern Ireland and the war in Kosovo, among other stories.**

**She got her start in broadcast journalism in Africa as a senior producer for Reuters Television (1992-96). Logan began her career as a general news reporter for the Daily News (1990-92) and the Sunday Tribune (1988-89), both located in Durban, South Africa.**

**Lara Logan was almost killed by a crazed mob at Tahrir Square in Cairo, Egypt**



**Logan on February 11, 2011, shortly before she was assaulted by the mob**

**CBS war correspondent Lara Logan, stripped naked by a mob of crazed Muslim men in Egypt's Tahrir Square, was rescued by a woman dressed head to toe in black religious robes.**

**"Just her eyes, I remember (I could see) just her eyes," Logan told "60 Minutes" in a dramatic and painful interview on Sunday.**

**"She put her arms around me. And oh my God, I can't tell you what that moment was like for me. I wasn't safe yet, because the mob was still trying to get at me. But now it wasn't just about me anymore.**

**"It was about their women and that was what saved me, I think. The women kind of closed ranks around me."**

**Sometimes tearfully, Logan revealed horrifying new details of her gang rape on Feb. 11, 2011, when she was covering the surging crowd celebrating the toppling of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.**

**The South African mother of two - a former model turned death-defying combat reporter - said she was nearly scalped as well as stripped, beaten and assaulted by dozens of men.**

**She said she tried to hold on to her bodyguard, but he was swept away after someone yelled that Logan was an Israeli spy.**

**"The more I screamed, it turned them into a frenzy," she said.**

**As her clothes were torn off, she saw the repeated flashing of cell phone cameras.**

**"I didn't even know that they were beating me with flagpoles and sticks and things," she said. "Because the sexual assault was all I could feel, their hands raping me over and over and over again.**

**"They were trying to tear off chunks of my scalp . . . not trying to pull out my hair, holding big wads of it literally trying to tear my scalp off my skull."**

**Logan said she didn't think she would live.**

**"I was in no doubt in my mind that I was in the process of dying," she said.**

**But she thought of her two toddlers, at home in Washington, D.C., and decided to stop fighting the sexual assault and concentrate instead on staying alive.**

**"The only thing to fight for, left to fight for, was my life," she said. "I have to just surrender to the sexual assault. What more can they do now? They're inside you everywhere."**

**Logan said after about 25 minutes she was dragged to an area where female protesters had been camping during the weeks of demonstrations against Mubarak.**

**That's when the women saved her, she said. Then Egyptian soldiers fought their way to her with batons.**

**"I grabbed the first soldier and I did not let him go," she said. "I'm like a wild thing at this point." She was as limp as a rag doll and he thought her legs had been broken. "It was like she had been through some sort of grinder," he said.**

**Logan flew back to Washington where she spent four days in a hospital being treated for cuts, bruises and internal tearing. CBS said it remained unclear who the attackers were, and unlikely that any will be prosecuted.**

**Logan told "60 Minutes" that she was speaking out to help end the code of silence surrounding sex assaults on female journalists.**



#### **Criticism of Michael Hastings**

**Logan was criticized in June 2010 for her remarks about another journalist, Michael Hastings, and her view that reporters who embed with the military ought not to write about the general banter they hear. An article by Hastings in Rolling Stone that month quoted GEN Stanley A. McChrystal and his staff's comments Hastings overheard while traveling with McChrystal**

**— criticizing U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden and other officials, after which President Obama fired McChrystal as his commander in Afghanistan. Logan told CNN that Hastings' reporting had violated an unspoken agreement between reporters who travel with military personnel not to report casual comments that pass between them.**

**Quoting her statement, "I mean, the question is, really, is what General McChrystal and his aides are doing so egregious, that they deserved to end a career like McChrystal's? I mean, Michael Hastings has never served his country the way McChrystal has."**

**I agree with Lara!!**





### **Comments about Afghanistan and Libya**

**In October 2012, Logan delivered a speech before the annual luncheon of the Better Government Association in which she sharply criticized the Obama Administration's statements about the War in Afghanistan and other conflicts in the Arab world. In particular, Logan criticized the Obama Administration's claims that the Taliban was weakening in Afghanistan, calling such claims "a major lie" made in preparation for ending the U.S. military role in that country. She also stated that she hoped that the United States**

**would "exact revenge" for the 2012 Benghazi attack, in which U.S. diplomatic personnel were attacked and killed in Libya. Needless to say, President Obama is not a big Lara Logan fan.**

**I agree with Lara!!**

### **Benghazi report apology**

**On 8 November 2013, Logan went on CBS This Morning to apologize for an inaccurate 60 Minutes report about the Benghazi attack, which had aired on 27 October. She indicated that an investigation uncovered that the source of much of her reporting was inaccurate and blamed it on Dylan Davies, manager of the local guard force at the U.S. Embassy in Benghazi. Logan said he lied about information but insisted they looked into his credibility and relied on such things as photographs and documents he supplied. In hindsight, Logan said they learned that the story told by Davies didn't match what he told federal investigators. "You know the most important thing to every person at 60 Minutes is the truth," she said in the on-air apology on the morning show. "And today the truth is we made a mistake. And that's a ... that's very disappointing for any journalist. That's very disappointing for me." Logan went on to add, "Nobody likes to admit they made a mistake. But if you do, you have to stand up and take responsibility – and you have to say you were wrong. And in this case we were wrong."**

**On 26 November 2013, Logan was forced to take a leave of absence due to the errors in the Benghazi report. Al Ortiz, Executive Director of Standards and Practices CBS News, wrote in a memo, "Logan made a speech in which she took a strong public position arguing that the US Government was misrepresenting the threat from Al Qaeda, and urging actions that the US should take in response to the Benghazi attack. From a CBS News Standards perspective, there is a conflict in taking a public position**

**on the government's handling of Benghazi and Al Qaeda, while continuing to report on the story.**

**I still agree with Lara!! These government officials and CBS News bosses don't have the guts to go into these war zones but they are quick to punish someone like Lara Logan who does put her life on the line to report the facts.**

**It looks like Logan has returned back to work and will be reporting again from places I never want to visit. Here are two current pictures (published in People Magazine) of Lara and her family who are now living in a small town somewhere in Texas.**



**I hope she is a little more careful in the future. Maybe President Donald Trump can hire her as a foreign policy advisor.**

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