

## "Vincent D'Onofrio On Dealing With The Media"

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Vincent D'Onofrio is an actor and producer whose credits include the movies *Full Metal Jacket*, *Steal This Movie*, and *Men In Black*. He currently plays detective Robert Goren on the TV program *Law & Order: Criminal Intent*.

Being a public figure is terrible. It changes everything. It makes all the uninteresting stuff more important than what was really interesting in the beginning: storytelling and how to do it properly. So much other crap comes in. There's so much other stuff going on, because of the media, and the Internet, that it's ruined a lot of the fun. If I had to do it over, I probably would have done something where I have to talk to people a lot less.

But I'll support a film if I like it. I'll do morning shows, print work and things like this. But I won't do talk shows. The talk show thing, I tried when I was a kid and I just failed miserably. On a talk show, you have to entertain. In other settings, it's up to the journalist, or the person who's interviewing you, to make it a lively interview. But on those late night shows, if you're not an entertainer in that way, you're just going to fail miserably. They expect you to come in and have a little routine. I have friends that are good actors and they do that stuff really well. It's just that some people can't do it. I can't.

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