

# 24 (season 5)

**Season 5** of the series [24](#) is known as Day 5. The season has 24 episodes with each lasting one hours in the story. It begins and ends at 7 a.m. The Season was on Television from January to May of 2006 and is considered the best season of the TV show. The season got 12 [Primetime Emmy Award](#) nominations and won five including Outstanding Drama Series. Critics praised Kiefer Sutherland, Gregory Itzin and Jean Smart for their acting.

## Season Overview

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Assasins frame Jack Bauer for the murder of President Palmer and attempt to kill those who helped Jack fake his death. Jack follows leads and ends up at Ontario airport. American President Logan and Russian President Suvarov are signing an anti-terrorist agreement. Terrorists take control of the same airport where Jack is and hold hostages. They threaten to kill the hostages if the treaty is signed. Jack helps officials to stop the terrorists. The terrorists, however, used the hostages as a diversion to acquire nerve gas. Jack learns that the White House Chief of Staff was involved. Nerve gas is used in a mall and unsuccessfully at a hospital. The terrorists release nerve gas in the CTU building, killing several workers. The last canister is used in a submarine, but also without success. The rest of the gas gets destroyed, but Jack learns President Logan was behind the attacks. The rest of the story involves Jack trying to get a recording to implicate Logan. With the first lady's help, Jack uses a listening piece to record the president confessing his crimes. Logan must relieve his presidency. In the very end, the Chinese kidnap Bauer.

## Characters

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## Starring

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- [Kiefer Sutherland](#) as [Jack Bauer](#) (24 episodes)
- [Kim Raver](#) as [Audrey Raines](#) (23 episodes)
- [Mary Lynn Rajskub](#) as [Chloe O'Brian](#) (24 episodes)
- [Carlos Bernard](#) as [Tony Almeida](#) (6 episodes)
- [Gregory Itzin](#) as [President Charles Logan](#) (23 episodes)
- [James Morrison](#) as [Bill Buchanan](#) (23 episodes)
- [Roger Cross](#) as [Curtis Manning](#) (19 episodes)
- [Louis Lombardi](#) as [Edgar Stiles](#) (13 episodes)
- [Jean Smart](#) as [First Lady Martha Logan](#) (23 episodes)

## Special guest stars

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- [Sean Astin](#) as [Lynn McGill](#) (10 episodes)
- [William Devane](#) as [Secretary of Defense James Heller](#) (3 episodes)
- [Elisha Cuthbert](#) as [Kim Bauer](#) (2 episodes)
- [Reiko Aylesworth](#) as [Michelle Dessler](#) (1 episode)

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- [Dennis Haysbert](#) as [David Palmer](#) (1 episode)

## Guest starring

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- [Jude Ciccolella](#) as [Mike Novick](#) (21 episodes)
- [Glenn Morshower](#) as [Aaron Pierce](#) (15 episodes)
- [Jayne Atkinson](#) as [Karen Hayes](#) (12 episodes)
- [Julian Sands](#) as [Vladimir Bierko](#) (11 episodes)
- [Peter Weller](#) as [Christopher Henderson](#) (11 episodes)
- [Sandrine Holt](#) as [Evelyn Martin](#) (10 episodes)
- [Stephen Spinella](#) as [Miles Papazian](#) (10 episodes)
- [John Allen Nelson](#) as [Walt Cummings](#) (7 episodes)
- [D. B. Woodside](#) as [Wayne Palmer](#) (7 episodes)
- [Connie Britton](#) as [Diane Huxley](#) (6 episodes)
- [Brady Corbet](#) as [Derek Huxley](#) (6 episodes)
- [Nick Jameson](#) as [Russian President Yuri Suvarov](#) (6 episodes)
- [Jonah Lotan](#) as [Spenser Wolff](#) (6 episodes)
- [Mark Sheppard](#) as [Ivan Erwich](#) (6 episodes)
- [Ray Wise](#) as [Vice President Hal Gardner](#) (6 episodes)
- [Geraint Wyn Davies](#) as [James Nathanson](#) (6 episodes)
- [Kathleen Gati](#) as [Russian First Lady Anya Suvarov](#) (5 episodes)
- [Kate Mara](#) as [Shari Rothenberg](#) (5 episodes)
- [Paul McCrane](#) as [Graem Bauer](#) (5 episodes)
- [Stana Katic](#) as [Collette Stenger](#) (3 episodes)
- [Henry Ian Cusick](#) as [Theo Stoller](#) (2 episodes)
- [C. Thomas Howell](#) as [Barry Landes](#) (2 episodes)
- [Carlo Rota](#) as [Morris O'Brian](#) (2 episodes)
- [Tzi Ma](#) as [Cheng Zhi](#) (1 episode)

## Reception

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The season received very positive reviews from critics. It has 100% on Rotten Tomatoes. According to the website: "24 defies the law of diminishing returns with a spectacular fifth season that features White House intrigue,

some of the most harrowing set-pieces in the series yet, and a heroically committed performance by Kiefer Sutherland."

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