



## *Hip hop, the Obamas and quite a bit of the 'F' word: what drives Labor's Anne Aly*

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Welcome to **Quick Q** - Monday Media's weekly Q&A series dedicated to finding out more about the personalities that matter most in the Australian media landscape.

Every week The Sydney Morning Herald and The Age asks key figures across corporate media, business, sport, federal politics, radio, television and culture to answer a series of questions about their lives, careers, hobbies and news habits.

This week's conversation is with **Anne Aly**, the federal member for Cowan in WA.

**How did you get your big break?**When I was invited to attend and speak at President Barack Obama's countering violent extremism conference at the White House. It was real validation of my research and practice in preventing and countering violent extremism.

**What are daily news media habits?**If I have time, I'll scan through the headlines and then read anything that captures my interest.

**Which living person do you most admire?**Michelle Obama - a strong and formidable role model for women of colour everywhere.

**Your guilty streaming pleasure?**The new season of Ozark - I have a love/hate relationship with all the characters!

**Which phrase do you overuse?**I tend to overuse the "F" word a lot. Is that bad?

**What did you want to do when you grew up?**Be adopted by the Brady Bunch.

**What was your first job?**Teaching English as a second language in Egypt when I was 17.

**Facebook or Instagram?**Facebook for work, Instagram for fun

**Recommend a podcast...**I have to say Brink of Reality because it's my son Adam's podcast. But it's also good.

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**What's one vice you wish you could give up?** Staying up too late and then not getting enough sleep and then drinking too much coffee to make up for it.

**The song that's always on high rotation?** Right now it's Mafia by Mohamed Ramadan. It's Arabic hip hop. But usually, it's Nosebleed Section by Hilltop Hoods. There's definitely a theme in my playlist.

**What are you reading?** Surrounded by Psychopaths by Thomas Erickson. It's proving very handy.

**Favourite movie of the past decade?** A Star is Born. Basically, just anything with Bradley Cooper.

**Top of your sporting bucket list?** To see the Ice Hockey Hall of Fame in Oshawa Canada which features my hubby Dave. And to learn how to throw a ball.

**What's the best piece of advice you've ever received?** When I left school, my art teacher Mrs Fitzgerald said, "Don't be disappointed if your life doesn't turn out the way you imagined it would in the heady days of being 17". I've never forgotten her words, and they have served me well.

**What are the three things you couldn't live without?** Fire in my belly, my mini schnauzer Gucci and the love of family and friends.

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