

= And I 'm Joyce Kinney =

" And I 'm Joyce Kinney " is the ninth episode of the ninth season of the animated comedy series Family Guy . It originally aired on Fox in the United States on January 16 , 2011 . The episode follows housewife Lois as she becomes close friends with the local news anchor Joyce Kinney . In an attempt to become closer , the two decide to get drinks together , and reveal their darkest secrets . Wanting to fit in , Lois reveals her participation in a pornographic film when she was in college , with Joyce promising to keep her revelation a secret . The next day , Kinney unveils the story on the local news , much to the anger of Lois , who quickly becomes shunned by the entire town . The next day at church , she was banned from church forever .

The episode was written by Alec Sulkin and directed by Dominic Bianchi . It received mixed reviews from critics for its storyline and many cultural references . According to Nielsen ratings , it was viewed in 7 @. @ 08 million homes in its original airing . The episode featured guest performances by Kirker Butler , Colin Ford , Christine Lakin , Rachael MacFarlane , Helen Reddy and Jennifer Tilly , along with several recurring guest voice actors for the series . " And I 'm Joyce Kinney " was one of five episodes submitted for consideration for an Emmy Award in the " Outstanding Comedy Series " category in 2011 .

= = Plot = =

As the family gathers around the television to watch the local news , Lois admits her fondness of the new co @-@ anchor , Joyce Kinney . Later that day , the family attends church , and while there , Lois learns of a local bake sale , and decides to bring her own baked goods . Going to the store to buy ingredients , Lois notices Kinney shopping there as well , and approaches her . The two quickly become close friends , and they decide to spend the day together at the news studio . That night , Lois and Joyce decide to get a drink together , and share stories . Reluctant at first to tell Joyce her darkest secret , she soon reveals that she was in a porn film when she was in college in the early 1980s , before she met Peter . Expecting Joyce will keep it a secret , as she promised , she is shocked when the local news reveals her participation in the making of the pornography , and Lois is made a social outcast .

Confronting Joyce about the story , Lois questions her intentions , with Joyce revealing that the two attended high school together , where she was known as Joyce Chevapravatdumrong . She also reveals that Lois humiliated her in front of the entire school , by placing a hotdog in her mouth and pulling down her pants while blindfolded (revealing her pink underwear) , and has sought revenge ever since . At church the next day , Lois and her family enter , and are immediately demanded to leave by the preacher . Becoming extremely depressed Brian walks to the Master 's Bedroom asking Lois to talk to her as she tells him that there is no link in the house online , and Lois is persuaded , after some coaxing by Brian , to confront her church by showing the film . The porno causes the church to reaccept her and admit the Griffin family back into their congregation due to a positive opinion of the film , much to Joyce 's anger . Stewie in the meantime develops suspicions of having been conceived through the creation of the porno , heightened when he sees that one of the actors has a football @-@ shaped head like his .

= = Production and development = =

" And I 'm Joyce Kinney " was written by series regular Alec Sulkin , in his first episode for the season . The episode was directed by series regular Dominic Bianchi , shortly after the conclusion of the eighth production season , also in his first episode for the season . Series veterans Peter Shin and James Purdum , both of whom having previously served as animation directors , served as supervising directors for the episode . Alex Carter , Andrew Goldberg , Elaine Ko , Spencer Porter and Aaron Blitzstein served as staff writers for the episode . Composer Walter Murphy , who has worked on the series since its inception , returned to compose the music for " And I 'm Joyce Kinney " .

The episode served as a continuation of the season premiere , in which local news anchor Diane Simmons was killed after being shot with a sniper rifle by Stewie , after she had killed several other secondary characters . News anchor Joyce Kinney was brought in as a replacement for Simmons on the local news , alongside Tom Tucker . The character is voiced by actress Christine Lakin , who has guest starred in various roles throughout the course of the series .

In addition to the regular cast , former series writer and current The Cleveland Show writer Kirker Butler , actor Colin Ford , actress Christine Lakin , voice actress Rachael MacFarlane , sister of series creator and executive producer Seth MacFarlane , singer Helen Reddy , and actress Jennifer Tilly guest starred in the episode . Recurring guest voice actors Ralph Garman , writer Chris Sheridan , writer Danny Smith , episode writer Alec Sulkin and writer John Viener made minor appearances throughout the episode .

= = Cultural references = =

In the opening scene of the episode , instead of the usual theme song , a sequence similar to that of the 1977 CBS series The Incredible Hulk is played , with Stewie portraying Bruce Banner , Tom Tucker portraying Mr. McGee , and Peter portraying Hulk . After Lois meets Joyce Kinney at the local supermarket , the two decide to meet up at the news studio later that evening . Admitting her enjoyment of their friendship , Lois continually praises Joyce for her celebrity status , calling her as much of a bigshot as The Muppets character Miss Piggy . The scene then cuts to Kermit the Frog , who has been badly beaten , with Fozzie Bear approaching him about a proposed " Bears in Space " number . Kermit then reveals that the skit has been changed to " Pigs in Space " instead .

Returning home , the Griffin family are shown to be watching the syndicated talk show The Ellen DeGeneres Show with actress and comedian Ellen DeGeneres appearing as host of the show . Lois then interrupts the family , and announces that she is going out to drink with Joyce . The two then share their darkest secrets , with Lois revealing that she had participated in the making of a pornographic film . Asked if the film still exists , Lois states that it is " long gone , " just like the original ending to the 1978 musical film Grease . After Joyce shows the film on the local news , Lois becomes angered , and decides to confront Joyce , who reveals that Lois had tormented her during high school , under the name Joyce Chevapravatdumrong , a reference to the Family Guy writer and series producer Cherry Chevapravatdumrong . The scene then transitions into a Facebook cutaway gag , showing Lois 's Facebook profile . Becoming depressed once she is kicked out of her church , Lois is confronted by Brian , who suggest that she take the criticism head on , giving the example of television host Ryan Seacrest taking on jokes about his alleged homosexuality .

= = Reception = =

" And I 'm Joyce Kinney " was broadcast on January 16 , 2011 , as a part of an animated television night on Fox , and was preceded by American Dad ! , The Simpsons and the second episode of the animated series Bob 's Burgers . It was followed by Family Guy creator and executive producer Seth MacFarlane 's spin @-@ off , The Cleveland Show . Family Guy was watched by 7 @.@ 08 million viewers , according to Nielsen ratings , despite airing simultaneously with Desperate Housewives on ABC , Undercover Boss on CBS and the Golden Globe Awards on NBC . The episode also acquired a 3 @.@ 7 rating in the 18 ? 49 demographic , beating American Dad ! , The Simpsons , Bob 's Burgers and The Cleveland Show , in addition to significantly edging out all four shows in total viewership . The episode 's ratings decreased significantly from the previous week 's episode , largely due to the lead @-@ in that had been provided by the NFL Wild Card game that preceded the " Animation Domination " line @-@ up .

Television critics reacted with mixed reaction toward the episode , with one critic calling the storyline " pretty dull . " In a simultaneous review of the episodes of American Dad ! , The Simpsons and Bob 's Burgers that preceded the show , and the episode of The Cleveland Show that followed it , The A.V. Club 's Rowan Kaiser wrote , " I don 't have much to say about tonight 's Family Guy . Last week , we had some comments about how Family Guy seems to be willing to play with its

format this season . That didn 't happen this week at all . " Kaiser went on to criticize the flashback involving Lois and Joyce in high school , stating , " Having a previously unknown flashback as the big reveal feels like cheating , if you 're inclined to view Family Guy as consistent . " He concluded his review by praising " the burning bush " joke , and ultimately gave the episode a C- rating , the worst rating of the night . It was beaten by the American Dad ! episode " Fart @-@ Break Hotel " , The Cleveland Show episode " How Do You Solve a Problem Like Roberta ? " , The Simpsons episode " Flaming Moe " , and the Bob 's Burgers episode " Crawl Space " . In a slightly more positive review of the episode , Jason Hughes of TV Squad praised the episode for some of its " silly side jokes , " but felt disappointed by the ending to the show , commenting , " it didn 't follow any real logic [...] It was an easy way out , as if they 'd written themselves into a corner . " Hughes also criticized the episode for its dependence on cutaway gags , writing , " at least there were some funnier moments in this one . Unfortunately , a lot of those came in the cutaways . And I thought we were starting to move away from a dependence on them . " Hughes went on to comment that he felt confused by Stewie possibly being fathered by a porn star , adding that " it would be far more likely that Chris or Meg was fathered by the porn star . "

The episode was among four other episodes submitted by the Family Guy production team for consideration of an Emmy Award nomination , in the Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Comedy Series category . " And I 'm Joyce Kinney " was submitted , along with " Halloween on Spooner Street " , " Road to the North Pole " , " New Kidney in Town " and " Trading Places " . The series was successfully nominated in 2009 , but failed to merit an award . Mark Hentemann , executive producer and showrunner of Family Guy said of the nominating process , " We had internal discussions in the writers ' room , and it seemed like we were much more akin to the other primetime comedies than we were to children 's shows in animation . We assumed we would not get anywhere , and so it was a great surprise when we got the nomination . "