

## And The (Comedy Series) Emmy Will Go To...

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Prediction for the Outstanding Comedy Series Primetime Emmy Award.

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The 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Primetime Emmy Awards is just around the corner, taking place at the end of this month on August 29 in Los Angeles' Nokia Theater. With Jimmy Fallon lined up to serve as host, the ceremony should prove to be a fun celebration of great primetime television, provided it doesn't last over four hours due to boring technical categories. As such, I'm going to focus on the two categories that matter most: Outstanding Comedy Series and [Outstanding Drama Series](#). Each has six strong nominees and unlike the Oscars, in which there is often a clear favorite or two, the Emmy winner is pretty much anybody's guess.

**30 Rock** - NBC's incumbent best comedy winner is nominated once again. The fourth season of Tina Fey's comedic look at the making of the fictional sketch comedy show *TGS with Tracy Jordan* featured a number of guest stars including Bon Jovi, Matt Damon, and James Franco.

**Curb Your Enthusiasm** - The seventh season of HBO's original series reunited the cast of *Seinfeld*. Fans were delighted to see Jerry, George, Elaine, and Kramer back together with writer-producer Larry David for the first time since the *Seinfeld* finale in 1998.

**The Office** - Season six of NBC's fan favorite earned another nomination despite mixed reviews from critics and a general audience sentiment that the show has hit its peak. It's not likely that it will take home the prize this year, but Steve Carell's antics as Michael Scott rarely get old.

Additionally, three promising newcomers have made their way into the ballots:

**Glee** - FOX's smash hit musical dramedy has received tremendous praise from critics and fans ("Gleeks") alike, and has also generated millions of digital sales on iTunes with its cast's cover versions of popular songs. This year, *Glee* received the most nominations for a comedy at 19 in total.

**Modern Family** - ABC's hilarious family mockumentary took the moving camera/talking head style of *The Office* and combined it with *Arrested Development* style family humor to create one of the best new comedies on primetime. The instant hit features an ensemble cast with each character bringing something different (and hilarious) to the table.

**Nurse Jackie** - Showtime's new dark comedy stars Edie Falco as a drug abusing emergency room nurse. The pilot was the network's most-viewed premiere ever and the series was met with wide critical acclaim for its funny, dark, sexy, and smart portrayal of the life of a flawed yet good intentioned nurse.

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**My prediction:** *Modern Family*. The beloved comedy can arguably be credited for the restoration of the family sitcom. It's critically lauded for its smart, quick writing and cast of ten extended family members who each add something unique to the show and none of whom are boring. Additionally, it received three nominations in the supporting comedy actor category and two nominations in the supporting comedy actress category. *Glee* also has a very strong fanbase and is a likely contender as well, but I think *Modern Family* has the most universal appeal.  
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Which show do you think is going to take home the Outstanding Comedy Series Emmy? **Which of these nominees is your favorite?**

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