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Television producer Ralph Edwards is best known for creating the game show *Truth or Consequences*. Edwards began his career in the entertainment industry as a radio announcer while attending the University of California, Berkeley. After graduating, Edwards moved to New York and became a nationally syndicated radio personality. In 1940 Edwards produced, wrote, and emceed the radio version of *Truth or Consequences,* which aired for 38 consecutive years on radio and television. Edwards introduced the "live on film" technique by having *Truth or Consequences* filmed before a live studio audience when it debuted on television in 1950; the show was hosted for 18 years by Bob Barker, who went on to become television's most durable game show host with *The Price Is Right.* Edwards produced dozens of television game shows, including *This Is Your Life, Knockout, Place the Face,* and *It Could Be You.* In 1981 Edwards teamed up with producer Stu Billett to create a show that introduced a new form of the reality genre to television; they called their show *The People's Court*.

Ralph Edwards

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