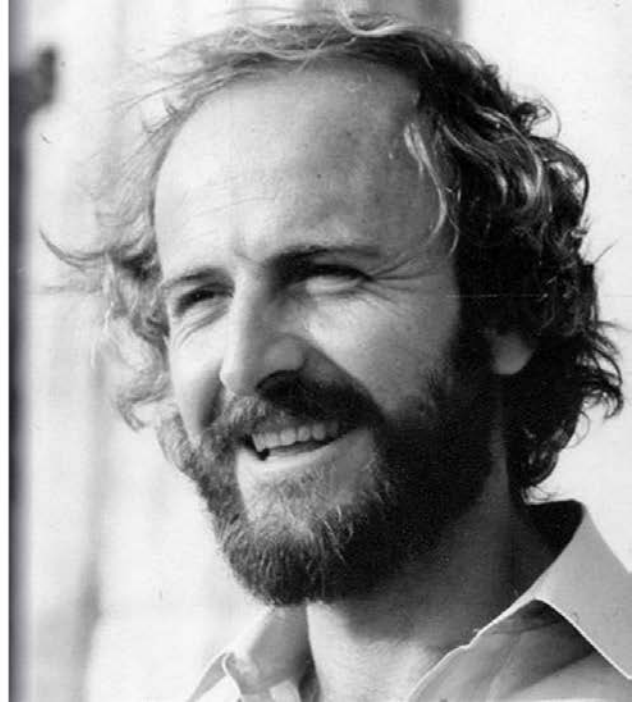


INTRODUCTION

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS

Professor, Retiree, 70-year old, Dad.



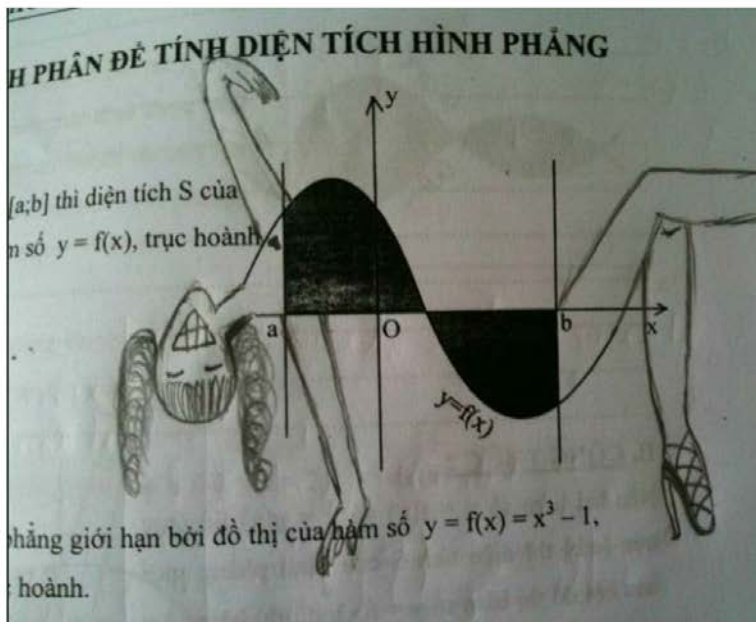
[ELVIE]

- Very happy to be here to celebrate our father, a man who is known for his accolades in chemical engineering, advancements in nanoscale process systems, and his many many manymanymany lectures...some of which, as I understand, even occurred *outside* of our family dinners.
- I have had the privilege of knowing George for 30-some years now, and I have memories for at least 20 of them - which I am excited to share with all of you today.
- Admittedly, we were a little confused as to what was expected of us this evening. Our father asked us to give a presentation about his life outside of the office, show the family-man side of him. Our mother, on the other hand, encouraged us to “roast” him. And mother knows best, so...

[NIKOS]

- But, what we’ve learned over the past many years is that our father doesn’t always—or to be more specific “virtually never”—gets our sense of humor. So we tried to find a happy medium.
- We promised him that we would keep the humor strictly PG-13 and family friendly, and without “skatologies”... which comes from the Greek words for... never mind. Sorry dad, I already messed up... so... I will be turning it over to Elvie for the remainder of the presentation.

- But in all/most seriousness, as we were looking through his archives for juicy tidbits, we found a USB drive that contained something very special, and never before seen by the world: his hidden stash of the sexiest integrals and math equations!



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- However, we also found the notes for an unfinished autobiography/textbook (for those of you who know our father, those are kinda one and the same) and decided that as a gift on his 70th birthday and retirement, we would present the manuscript to him!

The Unauthorized Biography of George Stephanopoulos:
An introduction to the theory and the practice

by Nicholas & Elizabeth Stephanopoulos (Author)

★★★★★ 276 customer reviews

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"There were so many long sentences and unnecessary descriptions. Poetry and Greek etymology was unnecessarily scattered throughout. It really felt like I was in one of George's lectures." — Student of Chemical Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Length: 6,319 pages • Word Wise: Enabled • Audible Narration: Ready

Due to its large file size, this book may take longer to download

[NIKOS]

- So, without further ado, we present: “GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: AN INTRODUCTION TO THEORY AND PRACTICE”
- So far it's received rave reviews:
 - [\[READ REVIEWS\]](#)

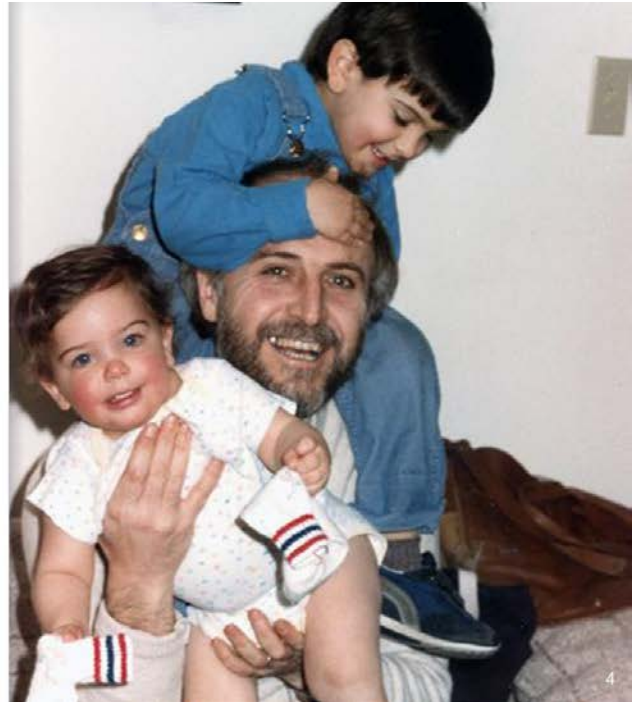
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Prof. / Dr. Nicholas Stephanopoulos:

The eldest of the offspring, he followed in his father's footsteps (sorta) and received his PhD in Chemistry. He is currently an assistant professor at ASU. He still enjoys climbing people.

No Prefix. Elizabeth Virginia Stephanopoulos:

Elvie, the self-proclaimed “black sheep” of the family is the sole Stephanopoulos without a higher degree. She graduated from diapers and eventually MIT. She currently resides in San Francisco where she analyzes data and convinces the tech community to click on ads.



[NIKOS]

- I am Nikos, George's son and the more academically inclined of the siblings, at least in matters of science and chemistry.
- Despite this penchant, I broke my father's heart by “only” studying chemistry (or, as he likes to call it “chemical engineering for people who can't do math”), though I did make it up to him by doing a master's in chemE here at MIT.
- I think he hoped I'd be so enamored by the Navier-Stokes equations or thrill of getting my Matlab code to converge that I would stay in the field, but alas, I stuck to my beakers and moved out west to pursue my passions of chemistry and nanotechnology.

[ELVIE]

- And I'm Elvie, the youngest of the family and arguably the favorite child.
- While Nikos shares my father's passion for all things chemistry, I share my father's unfaltering stubbornness, which often takes the form of: “I'm right, you're wrong, and let me explain why... over and over.” It's a true test of wills when we disagree.
- I was also the first to fulfill my father's dream of having a child attend MIT - where I did *not* become a chemical engineer. But I did graduate with a bachelor of science in 21M. Or for those of you unfamiliar with the numerical system: theater.
 - I'm just kidding... I only have a minor.

Preface

As the title suggests, this is an introductory text to the theory and actuality of George's existence. It is intended to cover the needs, as they pertain to the scope of basic education about one notable chemical engineer, (1) of a first course in the dynamics and controls that helped drive boy to man, and (2) of the more advanced look into the latter part of the life process.

During the last seventy years, my academic research and industrial practice in chemical process control have been shaped by many important realizations - of which I will not delve in this writing, since you can just read my textbook (available now on [Amazon](#)) - but we will rather focus on the design of a system that lead to the advent and rapid growth of one George Stephanopoulos.

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[ELVIE]

- Here is an actual excerpt from the book.
- **[READ IT]**
- We simplified the language for the purpose presentation to ensure none of you fall asleep.
- In honor of our father, and his pacing and his clear articulation, over the next 6-12 hours, we will take you on a journey through the following:

Contents

1. Initiating the reaction: **The Early Years**
2. Introduction of additional variables: **Higher Education**
3. Development of the reaction network: **Career**
4. Addition of coupled chemical processes: **Family**
5. **Interests** (let's not go too overboard with the chemistry puns...)

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[NIKOS]

- But first, a quote from the book
- Now let's jump in and explore the process control diagram of our father's life.

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If we can kill Saddam, we should.

George Stephanopoulos
(the other one)

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EARLY YEARS

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THE EARLY
YEARS

Initiating the Reaction



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Early Years

BORN:

May 31, 1947

On this day:

- Communists Seize Power of Hungary
- Eastern DC-4 crashes, kills 53
- **Death:** Adrienne Ames, actress (Black Sheep, 24 Hours), dies at 39.
CONFIRMED: [BLUE EYED](#)

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[NIKOS]

- Born on Saturday May 31, 1947, George technically turned 70 yesterday.
 - His father, however, registered his birth a day later...since a Saturday-born-blue-eyed child was considered dangerous in the local culture.

Early Years

BORN:

June 1, 1947

On this day:

- Photosensitive glass developed
- **Born:** Jonathan Pryce, Welsh actor (Pirates of the Caribbean)
CONFIRMED: [BLUE EYED](#)
- **Born:** Ron Wood, rock guitarist (Rolling Stones)
CONFIRMED: [BLUE EYED](#)

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- Who knows what could have happened had his pop not been a quick thinker - we may be celebrating George Stephanopoulos, professor of Chemistry, or worse, a mere *Masters* in Chemistry.

Early Years: The Accomplishments

A will-never-admit-it goodie two-shoes, George was always top student in his class and as such he was the flag carrier at the national parades and school functions.

In 1965, he won first place in the National Math Competition, the most prestigious honor a young student can achieve.

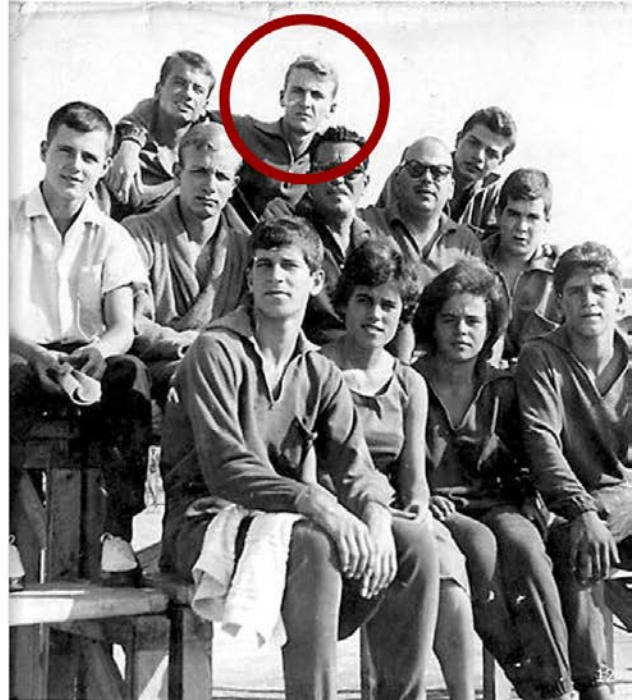


- Raised in Kalamata his parents were very involved in his life. His father, a very well-liked and respected man, had an earnest love for life and good company - which he passed onto his children.
- His mother, my sister's namesake, was the disciplinarian, teaching the boys perseverance, discipline, and the importance of butter and honey covered bread for keeping oneself regular. She also sprinkled them with holy water as they slept to ensure the devil didn't take hold.
 - And it worked, for the most part.
- The oldest of 3, George was by most accounts an excellent role model for his younger siblings. Hard-working, respectful, and well-behaved.
- He was always the top student in his class and as such he was the flag carrier at the national parades and school functions.

Early Years: Bad Boy George

REBELLIOUS ACTS:

- Smoked Malboros
- Stole 1-2 oranges
- Snuck into 2-3 movies
- Partook in mischief



[ELVIE]

- (Dramatize) But something he may not want you to know - he had his rough and tumble side too. Didn't have to dig far too find it either. We reached out to a couple contacts from the olden days, the local riff raff, street hooligans of the time - and learned the truth about good-boy George.
 - On occasion he would take the long route home, and head to the pier where he'd hang out with merchant sailors, who introduced him to... American Marlboros, a habit he kept until Elvie hid his cigarettes so many times he figured it was either quit or go broke.
 - Other times he and his friends would walk through about two miles of sweet-smelling gardens with lemon and orange trees, the beauty and calm of the stroll shaping the boys into relaxed, subconscious, ecologists, and when no one was looking... would steal some of the oranges!
 - On weekend nights, when they didn't have cash on hand, they would jump a fence and sneak into open-air movie theaters
 - Why, sometimes, he even had the audacity to partake in undisclosed mischief with his friends
- Looking back at all your shenanigans, dad - I feel like you may have unfairly gotten upset with us when we broke curfew, dinged the car, or threw up from alcohol, slipped on it, cut his ear, and had to be sent to the ER for stitches ([NIKOS] interjects: "I have no idea what she's talking about...") But at least we didn't steal any oranges!

[ELVIE]

- Though it may be hard to believe, George's life didn't revolve entirely around his school.
- As his best friend once said.

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*Η μεγάλη μας αγάπη, πριν
ανακαλύψουμε τα γυναικεία στήθη,
ήταν η θάλασσα.*

Kostas Markakis
(George's best friend since childhood)

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*Our great love,
before discovering women's breasts,
was the sea.*

Kostas Markakis
(George's best friend since childhood)

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- So there was more to life. Specifically George's extracurricular activities revolved around soccer, swimming, and women

Early Years: Interests

IN HIS FREE TIME, HE ENJOYED

- Soccer
- Swimming
- Women

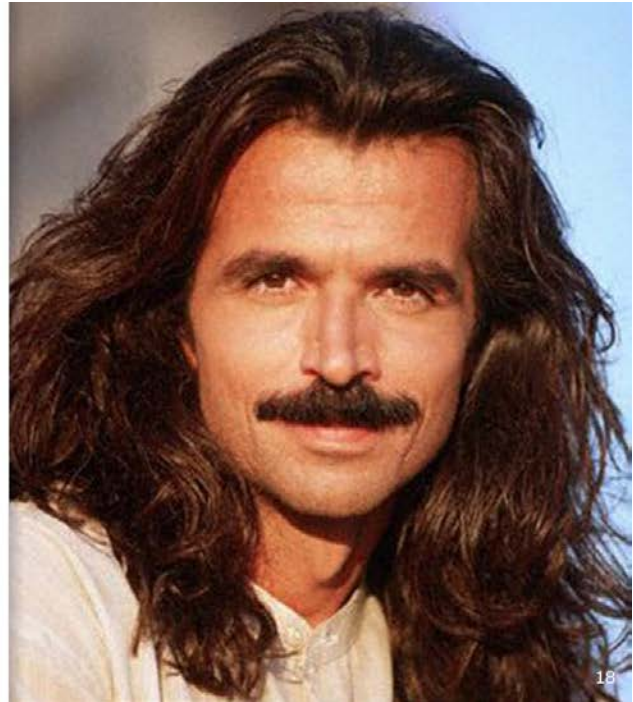


- With his classmates he formed a soccer team that, by his accord, was pretty good.
 - And since in there were only 10 boys and 20+ girls in the class - the boys became local heroes and would bask in the adulation of the girls who competed for their attention.
- Water has always had a pull on George - whether he was ranking nationally in competitive swimming trials as a member of the Kalamata Swimming Club, or swimming in the sea with his friends after school - he felt at home in the water. And yearned to share his love of the water with all.
- Little known fact, George actually was musician Yanni's swim teacher back in his heyday. Unfortunately, George wasn't good enough a teacher to fulfill Yanni's dream of becoming an Olympic swimmer - so Yanni took up his second passion: contemporary New Age music... thanks a *lot*, dad.

Early Years: Interests

IN HIS FREE TIME, HE ENJOYED

- Soccer
- **Swimming**
- Women



[NIKOS]

- As for women, this Casanova used to gather with his friends and sing under the balconies of his female classmates and... women teachers. We will never know if he succeeded in winning their favor—Emmanuel Macron-style—because frankly, gross, I don't want to know. Instead, I'll just leave you with the some more wise words that his good friend Kostas passed on:
 - “The first time I suspected that G. might become a chemist, is when I noticed his chemistry with the opposite sex.”
- And a presentation about, for, or by George wouldn't be complete without 1-6 lessons on the Greek etymology of pertinent words.

INTERLUDE:

Gratuitous
Greek
Etymology
Lesson

Chemistry - written in Greek as

“Χημεία” - traditional definition of “Chemistry”

But also as:

“Χυμεία” - meaning the solution used to produce gold, like alchemy

- [READ SLIDE]

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*Who is better to become a chemist
than someone who is an alchemist
with women?*

Kostas Markakis

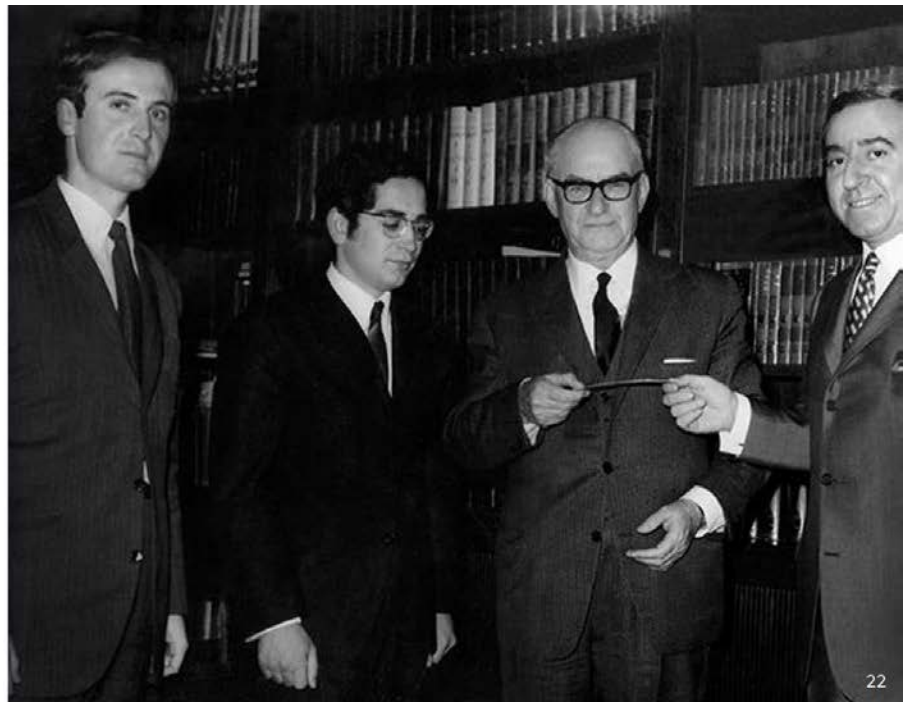
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HIGHER EDUCATION

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HIGHER EDUCATION

*Introduction of
additional variables*



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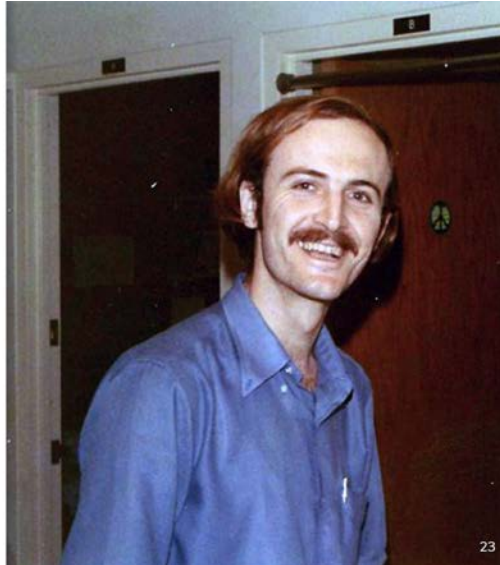
[ELVIE]

- In 1965 - as soon as High School let out, he moved himself to Athens to prepare for the college entrance exams.
- He lived there in a shack, and only ventured outdoors to walk 3 miles to summer school for his daily 10 hours of lessons covering the 13 courses he had to take exams in.
- During those 3 months, he lost 20 pounds, gained his iconic mustache, and possibly became Magnum P.I. after a hunger strike:

Higher education: The birth of the mustache

He lost 20 pounds and gained one mustache.

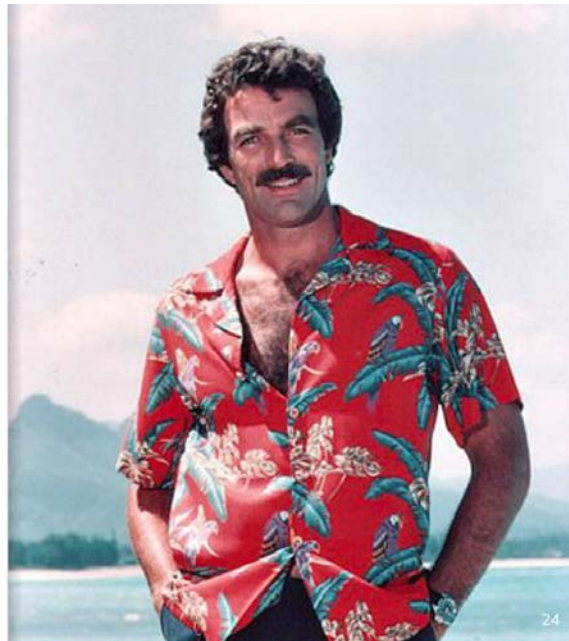
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Higher education: The birth of the mustache

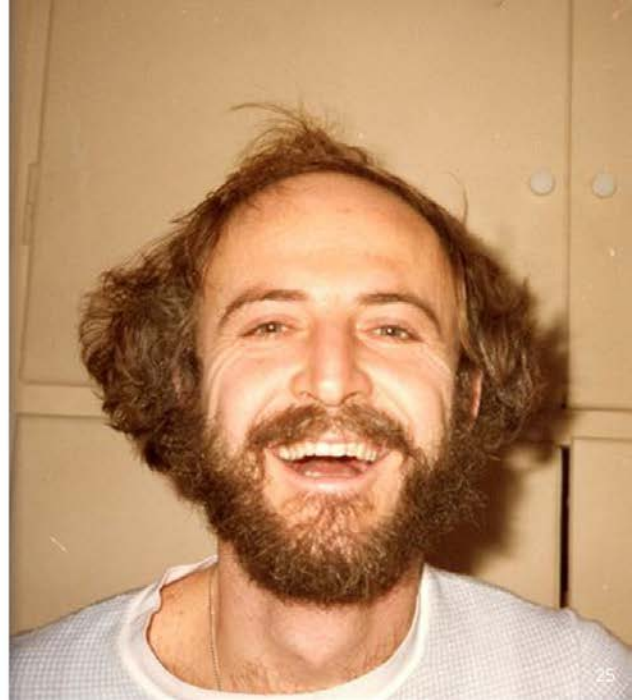
He lost 20 pounds and gained one mustache.

Fair trade.



Higher education: On top... again...

#1 in Greece attends #1
university in Greece.



- Through sheer determination and relentless effort - he finally got his reward. By October, the results were announced: George Stephanopoulos had received the highest scores and been admitted into the #1 ranked university in Greece: Chemical Engineering at the Polytechnic in Athens.
- When his father learned of his success, he pat him on the back and told him simply:

“

*Well done boy, let's go have a ouzo
together.*

Nicholas Stephanopoulos
(the original)

- “Well done boy, let’s go have an ouzo together”
- We like to think he thinks of his father every time he has an ouzo... He thinks about his father at least once an evening... twice on special occasions.

A world turned upside down

Every hero has his difficulties.



[NIKOS]

- As we often seen in any odyssey, difficulty always strikes when you least expect it.
- In 1968, just as each Stephanopoulos was finding his way in the world, their father passed away.
- Left without income, as the eldest son, George considered dropping out of school to provide for his family.
- Thankfully, the extended family, uncles and cousins, stepped in and provided financially so that the Stephanopoulos boys could continue to do what they did best... better themselves, and help those around them to do the same.
- Even with the support of family, times were tough for the Stephanopoulos Bros. But tough times brought the brothers together - forming a bond that's yet to be shaken...

Meet the Bros

Gregory Stephanopoulos:

The middle brother. George's academic resume:
[CTRL F] "Systems", replace with "Bio."
Chemical engineer prof at MIT... a different one

Yannis Stephanopoulos:

The baby brother. A civil engineer, and therefore, the family blemish. Avid starter of a variety of businesses. Wears matching track suits.



- With his family's support, he crossed the Pond and thus began his American dream... of collecting as many degrees as he could:

[READ SLIDES]

HIGHER EDUCATION:

The American Years

1970

Masters: McMaster University

1971

PhD: University of Florida

1974

Assistant Professor:
University of Minnesota

1970

Masters:
McMaster University

(No, this is not the place you get a
master's degree for McDonald's...)



**PHOTO IS UNAVAILABLE.
GEORGE WAS TOO BUSY STUDYING**

[ELVIE]

- In August of 1970, he acquired a "landed immigrant" visa to go to Canada and study for his masters degree at McMaster University
- With the Greek dictatorship in full swing, he had no intention of returning to Greece.
- He then attended the University of Florida for his PhD

1971

PhD: University of Florida

Student, dancer, paper delivery
boy.



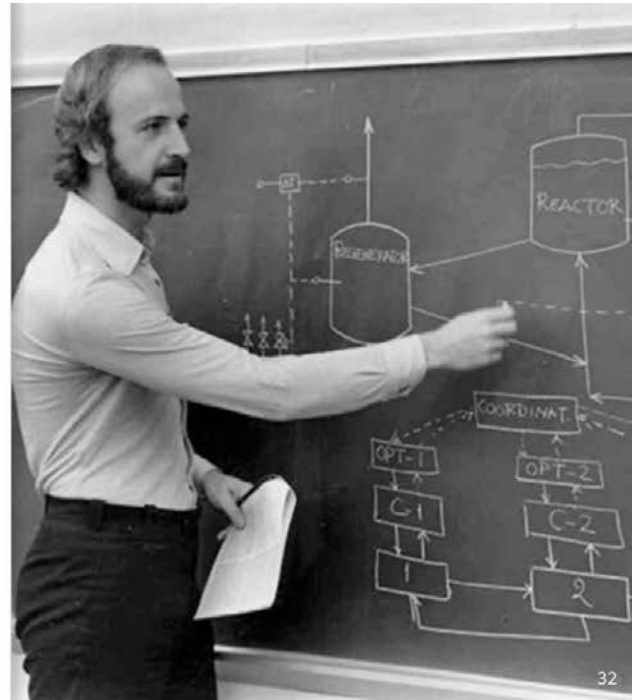
- Although renowned as a party school for many (and rated home to the most beautiful girls by Playboy magazine...um, so we've heard), University of Florida's biggest appeal was a PhD program for one Greek.
- For all his education, George didn't quite understand how paychecks work. When he discovered he would not be receiving a paycheck immediately upon arrival, he was forced to live off of bread and milk for the first couple of months, and picked up a 4-7am newspaper delivery shift in order to make ends meet.
- It also took moving to Florida to teach the Greek to Greek dance

1974

Assistant Professor:
University of Minnesota

The professor, the legend,
the man with the chest hair.

Not shown: chest hair



[NIKOS]

- George finished his PhD in 3 years, roughly half the time it takes today... because evidently when you're George Stephanopoulos, time is just another parameter to be optimized with ruthless efficiency.
- He accepted his first professor position at the University of Minnesota under the chief, Neal Amundson - or as Neal said "I've just hired Jesus"

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I've just hired Jesus

Neal Amundson

(Professor, University of Minnesota)

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“



...or at least one of the Bee Gees

Nikos Stephanopoulos

(Professor, not the University of Minnesota)

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- George's trademark look was a shirt open to show his chest hair, which was seriously incompatible with the Minnesota winters, so his students gave him a shirt with a triangle of (real, human) hair glued on it so that he could look stylish without freezing to death!
- **[PRESENT NEW CHEST HAIR SHIRT]**

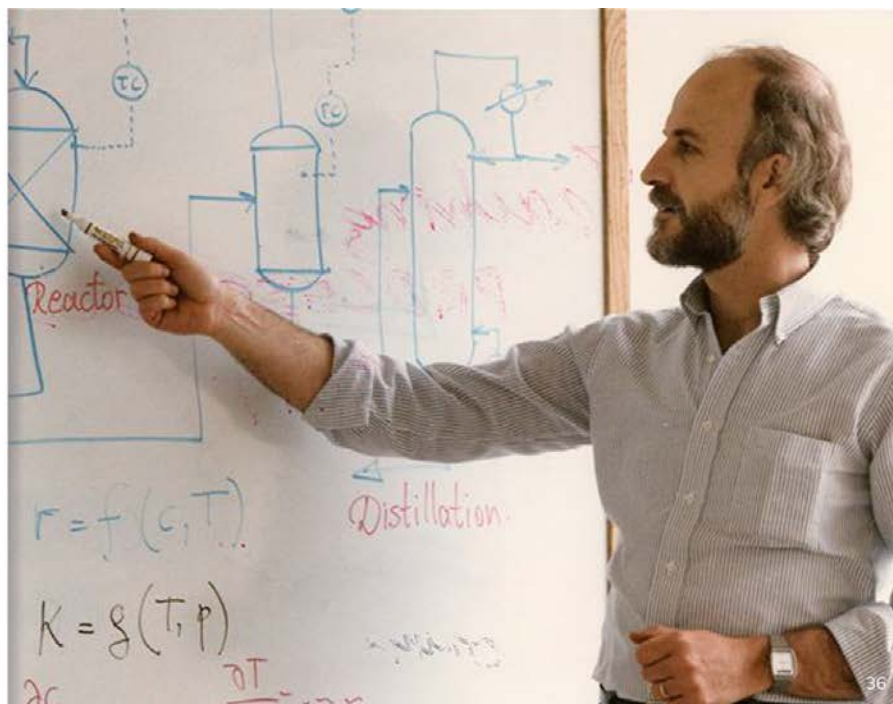
- In Minnesota, that George's soccer roots resurfaced. He joined a local Greek Soccer League as well as the ChemE intramural team and put to rest the "nerds can't play sports" stereotype and became a legend when he beat up the referee.
 - We have been asked to set the record straight: as team captain, he was protesting an unjust call when the referee called to "get this moron away from me."....
 - And no one calls George a moron.
 - [Quickly mention] The ref called the game and gave it to the opponents.

CAREER

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CAREER

*Development of the
reaction network*



[ELVIE]

- Well now we come to the part that everyone's been talking about for the past couple of hours... the part that you can read in the little pamphlet they handed out, or on that blurb on his website.
- So we need not go into great detail here... and to be honest, for 15 years I told people my dad was a "chemistry teacher," so I'm probably not the best gauge of what his career highlights are.
- But, here's a high level overview, as I understand it [**READ TIMELINE**]

CAREER:

From the US
to Greece,
back again,
and then a
little farther
away...

1980

Returned to Greece for dream job
(professor at Polytechnic of Athens)

1984

Came back to the USA for dreamier job
(professor at MIT)

2000

Went to Tokyo as CTO of Mitsubishi
Chemical Company (and learned
some Japanese)

2002

Returned to professorship at MIT
(and forgot all that Japanese)

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- As proud children, however, we did want to highlight some of his great career achievements

Tokyo's Newest Chemical Engineer, Sean Connery

Translations pending...



[ELVIE]

- In 2000 - he made the difficult choice to take a two-year leave of absence and move across the world to become the chief technology officer for the Mitsubishi Chemical

Company - with no less an ambition than to revolutionize the way the Japanese did business.

- Unaware that American movies did indeed play in Japan (or perhaps hoping that they were just poorly dubbed), he adopted the Jerry Maguire catchphrase “show me the money!” as his mantra for optimizing the organization.
- I’m sure that was all very impressive - but from my perspective, it’s not every day your dad becomes a local celebrity... partially because he was continually confused for Sean Connery...

Joining the Academy

The Hall of Fame of Nerds

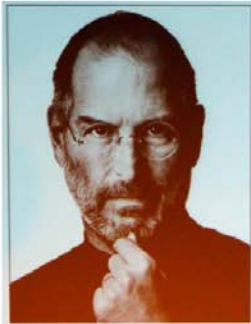


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[NIKOS]

- In 1999, George was elected to the National Academy of Engineering, also known as the Hall of Fame of Nerds who can do Math (the National Academy of Science is reserved for the nerds who cannot)
- We won’t bore you with the many luminaries that are part of the NAE (some of whom are sitting in this very room), but in 2012 he had the honor of being inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a far older association, with a far more, shall we say, eclectic membership. He joined the illustrious company of the following:

Joining the Ranks



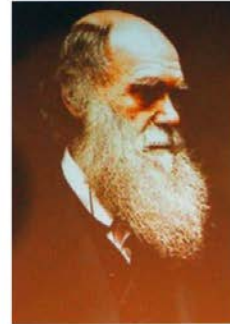
STEVE JOBS

The reason most of our social interactions don't include eye to eye contact anymore



ALEXANDER HAMILTON

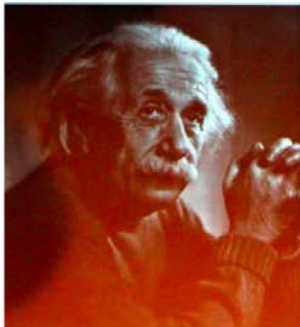
The ten dollar founding father without a father, who got a lot farther by being a lot smarter.



CHARLES DARWIN

The first to articulate why I am better than you are.

Joining the Ranks



ALBERT EINSTEIN

Who taught us that time slows down as you get closer to the speed of light... or sit in one of George's lectures



MARTHA GRAHAM

The Picasso of modern dance... according to the first sentence on Wikipedia



GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS

No, not the aide to Clinton...
No, not the guy on Good Morning America... Yes, he is THE George Stephanopoulos... he was born first...

- [NIKOS] Steve Jobs, Charles Darwin
- [ELVIE] Alexander Hamilton, Einstein,

FAMILY MAN

4.

FAMILY

*Addition of coupled
chemical processes*



[ELVIE]

- Though a large focus of our stories have been around our dad's education and career - make no mistake, he continually reminds us that his greatest accomplishment has nothing to do with process engineering or Japanese magazine covers.
- Our dad has always said that his first and foremost proudest accomplishment is his family.
 - A statement with which we two, as half of it, gladly agree!

[ELVIE]

- To build this family, however, he needed one key reagent: a wife.
- But not any woman would do, mind you. This hard-headed, highly analytic personality with a tendency to talk a lot needed a partner with high intelligence, endless patience, and preferably nice legs to balance him out.
- Enter: Our mom. Or known to most as, Eleni

The Wife

Because it takes two to react...

Sept. 6, 1980: Moves back to Greece, a single bachelor ready to conquer Greece's women

Sept. 13: That dream lasts a full week before he meets Eleni

November: Proposal #1 (rejected)

New Years Eve: Proposal #2 (accepted)

July 4, 1981: Married



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- They met on September 13, 1981 and it was pretty much one of those love at first sight type of deals... for him.
- They dated for barely 2 months before he asked the girl of his dreams to be his wife.
- Eleni denied his request.
- But ever the over-achiever - George leveraged his skills in process systems optimization, retooled the variables, and resampled the system at a later time horizon.
- In short: 1 month later, he got her drunk on sake and proposed again.
- This time she said yes.
- They were married 6 months later, on July 4th -
 - Lost on no one that American Independence Day was the day George chose to give up his own...And he has never looked backed
- In fact - when they married, George asked that Eleni stay married to him for 30 years, after which she could renegotiate their contract.
 - She chose to extend it - and they'll be married 36 years in one month

The Wife

Because it takes two to react...



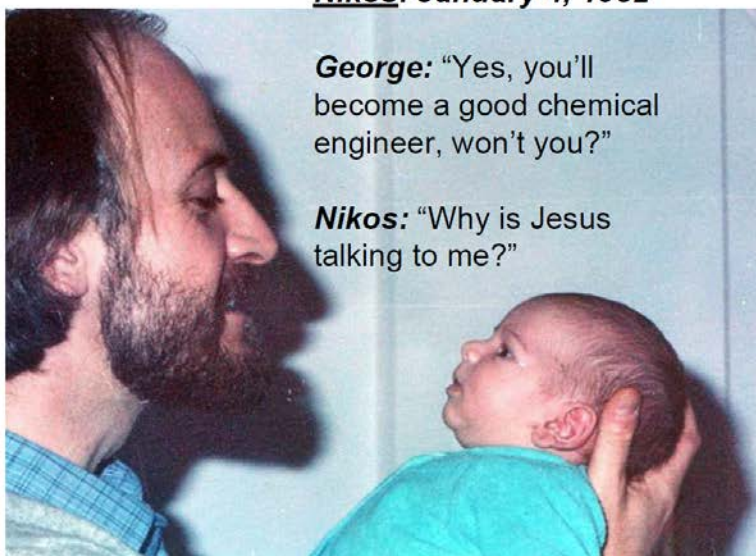
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- It wasn't long before they expanded their little team by one, when Nikos was born on January 4, 1982.

The Kids

Autocatalytic,
self-replicating
reactions

Nikos: January 4, 1982



George: "Yes, you'll become a good chemical engineer, won't you?"

Nikos: "Why is Jesus talking to me?"

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[NIKOS]

- As the more naturally bookish of the two children, having George as a dad was great....since he is a veritable walking Wikipedia! But as a parent he was always

simultaneously demanding and supportive; disciplinarian and nurturing, a very fine line to walk. He always told me to follow my dreams and do what really fired my passion (after dropping the requisite hints that chemical engineering might indeed be worth a shot...), and helped me develop a love of topics outside of science, things like poetry, literature, music, and art. But most of all, he was a shining role model about what it meant to live the good life: how to a strong, principled man, with dignity and unshakeable values, while remaining warm, kind, and understanding. It is these lessons that I will take with me in my life, and cherish forever... (in addition to a couple libraries'-worth of books).

The Kids

Autocatalytic,
self-replicating
reactions



Elvie: Dec. 26, 1984

George: "Look how much better at holding babies I've gotten in the last 3 years!"

Elvie: "Wait....so I *don't* get separate presents for Christmas and my birthday?"

What a ripoff!"

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[ELVIE]

- Now that you mention it - remember our deal: you get the books and records, I get everything else.
- As the second child to the over-achieving, highly studious, science-loving brother, I had no choice but to become the cool one in the family. I'm kidding (sort of)—like every other Stephanopoulos, I too was a child nerd, but I wasn't the one that followed the traditional path, my father was so familiar with. I preferred plays to textbooks, ballet to studying, hanging out with friends to reading about the internal politics of the Byzantine Empire from 1150 to 1155 AD.
- I didn't apply early to college - which gave both parents minor heart attacks
- And sometimes - I got B's.
- Though I did attend MIT - I chose not to pursue engineering of any sort

- And after college moved cross country and took a marketing job at a start-up.
 - When my father got his first glimpse of life analyzing media and trying to get 13 year old girls to slap a Sumo wrestlers belly in a 300x250 banner ad - his reaction, understandably, was: “*this* is how you’re spending your time?” followed by a lengthy lecture on making a proper impact on the world.
 - A week later, and what I imagine was a *looooot* of reading up on social media trends of 2008 - his tune changed to “you’re at the forefront of a booming industry. This is exciting stuff!”
- And that’s carried on throughout the years.
- He may not have always “gotten” what I was doing as I switched from job to job, but he always came on board, educated himself, and looked for ways to help.
- Endless supporter doesn’t seem strong enough descriptor of what he was
- All he ever wants is for us to be happy.
- Well, dad - I’m very happy.

The Kids

Autocatalytic,
self-replicating
reactions



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LOUIE

- 3 years ago, I also made another dream of my father’s come true. I made him a grandfather... to a beautiful little puppy named Louie!
- Watching George roll around on the floor and toss him tennis balls shows that you will be a great grandfather to a human baby... of Nikos’... in like 10 years.

The Kids

Autocatalytic,
self-replicating
reactions



Louie: *October 21, 2014*

George: “Have you seen how he optimizes his route to find the shortest vector between him and the tennis ball in order to track it down in minimal time with optimal energy expenditure? He has the mind of an engineer!”

Louie: “Did somebody say **TENNIS BALL?!?**”

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[NIKOS]

The extended family has always been an important part of Greek life, and with George it was no different. To fully map out the family, with all the grandparents, cousins, semi-cousins, two-thirds almost cousins, aunts, and friends of the third uncle, etc. would take another 3 hours, so instead we'll just put here a family portrait of the three brothers and their families. And, true to Greek naming tradition (and to presage the movie “My Big Fat Greek Wedding”), there are no less than **three** Nicholas Stephanopouli in this picture...

The Extended Clan

Complex, coupled
reaction networks



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The Extended Clan

Complex, coupled
reaction networks



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[ELVIE]

- Now that we've covered career and family let's delve into his interests and hobbies. Because believe it or not, he doesn't always spend his time in classrooms or drafting the newest version of his process control textbook. That's only 75% of the time.

5. HOBBIES / INTERESTS

*Side reactions and
products*



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George
Stephanopoulos:

A man of many
hats...



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- In fact, one might say, George was a man of many hats
- Santa hats
- Fake hair hats
- Safari hats
- Zorro hats

- Graduation hats
- Old man Greek sailor hats

Basically we needed a segue to show funny pictures of our dad

George
Stephanopoulos:

A man of many
hats...

...literally



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George
Stephanopoulos:

A man of many
hats...

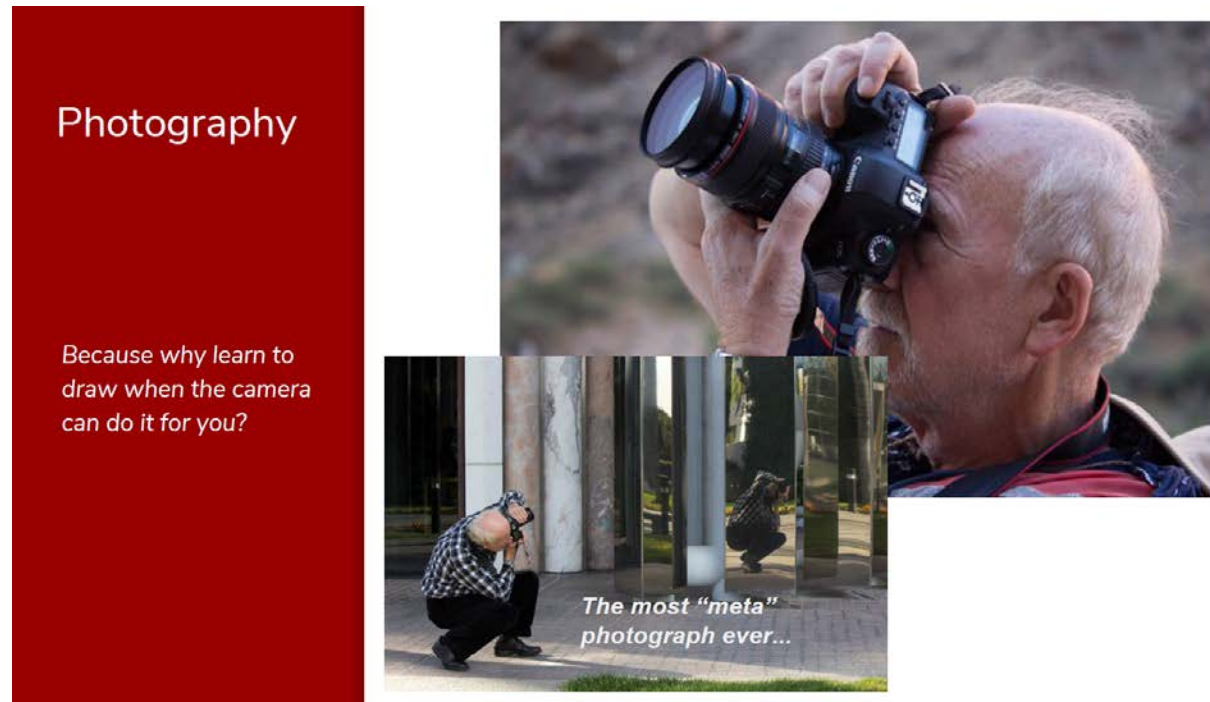
...literally



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[NIKOS]

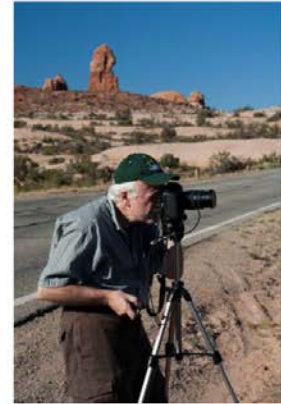
George always had the keen eye of a photographer, from his earliest days using a black and white camera, to the digital, photoshop-aided masterpieces of today. He and Eleni love to travel and take spectacular photos of the magical places they visit.



They also have a penchant for street art, which did bring them to some unsavory locations not particularly well-suited for two middle-aged white people NOT trained in martial arts. But they survived, and gave us several (thousand) breathtaking pictures as a result.

Photography

Because why learn to draw when the camera can do it for you?



Photographing street art:
because nothing says "good idea" like visiting a ghetto with a \$10,000 camera...

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[ELVIE]

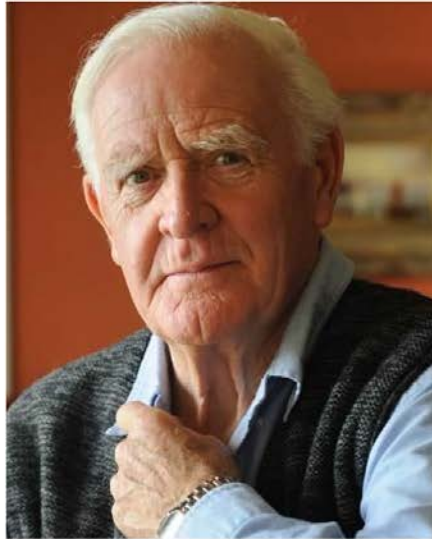
He also likes to read.
Shocker, right?

In fact to quote him: "the greatest pleasure in life is to curl up with a good mystery book at the end of the day."

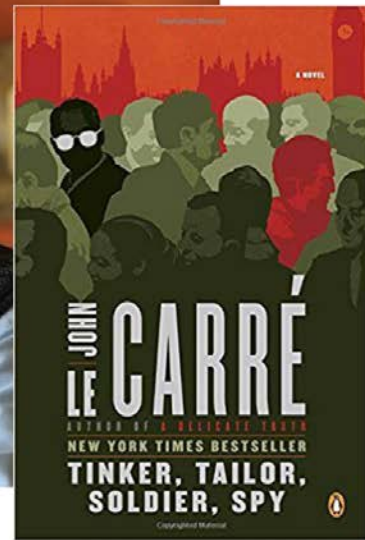
He will never understand the society of Netflix and chill... except for True Detective... he made an exception for that.

Reading:

- 1) History
- 2) Mystery
- 3) Math



Not-George (John LeCarre)

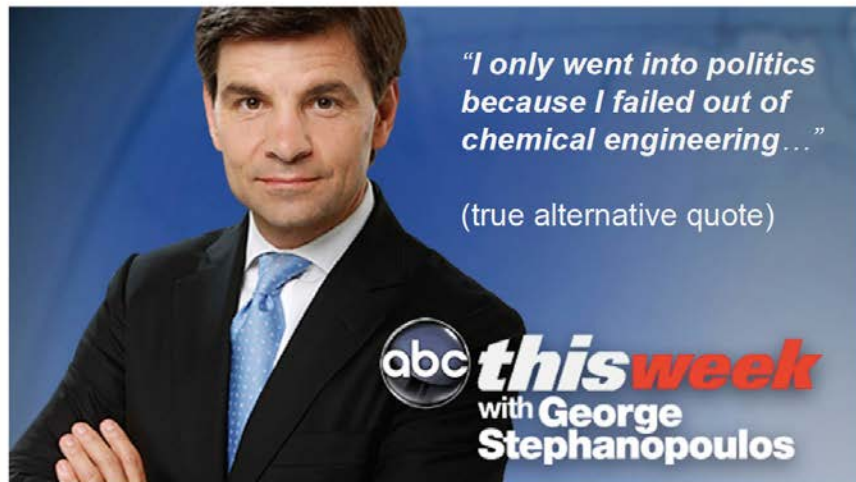


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- Yet another interest of George's is:

Political commentary

Yes, this is one of his real hobbies, and dammit, our George got here first!



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[NIKOS]

Whoops! How did that get in there? Well, it IS true that George likes discussing politics, but we'll leave this one to his younger 17th cousin who only went into politics because he failed out of chemical engineering...

[ELVIE]

Also it probably doesn't come as a surprise that a man with worldly knowledge would have traveled to all the worldly places...

We're talking:

Canada,
Mexico
Argentina
Brazil
Chile
Uruguay
Dominican Republic
Bermuda
Bahamas
St Martin
Italy
Turkey
Bulgaria
Austria
Germany
Switzerland
Spain
Portugal
France
Netherlands
Belgium
Denmark
Norway
Sweden
Finland
Luxembourg
Estonia
Russia

Just to name a few

Traveling

Are these actually places he's visited? We have no idea, but it's probably close...



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[NIKOS]

And there are many more activities over the years, from camping to karaoke, too many to list here, but suffice it to say he is a man of many talents and adventures.

Miscellaneous

Because we had a few spare pictures left...



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7. CLOSING REMARKS/ EPILOGUE

*Quenching the
reaction*

Both children graduating from MIT on the SAME DAY?! Heaven...



NIKOS

Finally, at the end of this odyssey through George's life, we come to the present day, and today's very special celebration of his life and work. There are many things we could say, but it is only fitting to close with the finale of one of George's favorite poems: C.P. Cavafy's "Ithaka", about Odysseus's homeland, and the importance of the journey over the destination. **[READ QUOTE]**. Our dad is not only wise enough to know what Ithaka means, but to teach all of us fortunate to have known him the meaning as well. That life is a journey to be enjoyed and lived to the fullest every day, keeping your final goal in sight, but never letting it blind you to the beauty along the way. So, dad, we celebrate you and honor you as you reach the end of one long odyssey, and set off on a journey to your next Ithaka.

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*Ithaka gave you the marvelous journey.
Without her you would not have set out.
She has nothing left to give you now.*

*And if you find her poor, Ithaka won't have fooled you.
Wise as you will have become, so full of experience,
you will have understood by then what these Ithakas
mean.*

C.P. Cavafy “Ithaka”



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