

Jon Stewart's Apple TV Plus show ends, reportedly over coverage of AI and China



Snagging Jon Stewart to host a new political talk show after his departure from *The Daily Show* was one of Apple TV Plus' biggest achievements when *The Problem With Jon Stewart* was first announced back in 2020. But ahead of production kicking off on the show's third season, Stewart and Apple have reportedly parted ways over "creative differences," and *The Problem* is coming to an end.

The New York Times reports that along with concerns about some of the guests booked to be on *The Problem With Jon Stewart*, Stewart's intended discussions of artificial intelligence and China were a major concern for Apple. Though new episodes of the show were scheduled to begin shooting in just a few weeks, staffers learned today that production had been halted.

According to *The Hollywood Reporter*, ahead of its decision to end *The Problem*, Apple approached Stewart directly and expressed its need for the host and his team to be "aligned"

with the company's views on topics discussed. Rather than falling in line when Apple threatened to cancel the show, Stewart reportedly decided to walk.

We've reached out to Apple for comment about news of the cancellation but did not hear back in time for publication.

The Times' report doesn't detail what about the show's planned coverage of artificial intelligence and China prompted Apple's executive leadership to butt heads with Stewart. But considering how pointed criticality is a big part of what ultimately made *The Problem With Jon Stewart* a hit for Apple TV Plus and how maintaining a cordial relationship with China is crucial to Apple's future plans for growth, it doesn't come as a shock to see the show hit the chopping block this way.

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