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Mindy Kaling

Writer, Actress, & Producer

Vera Mindy Chokalingam (b. 1979) is known professionally as Mindy Kaling. Her parents are Hindus from India and immigrated to the United States in 1979. Kaling graduated with a baccalaureate degree in Playwriting from Dartmouth University. In 2004, she was the only woman on a staff of eight when she joined the television show, *The Office*, as a writer-performer. She is the creator and star of *The Mindy Project* and has authored two books. In 2013, she was one of *Time Magazine's* 100 Most Influential People in the World.