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# Ratings: ABC's 'Modern Family,' CBS' 'Survivor' Top Wednesday

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MODERN FAMILY – “Patriot Games” – Alex’s worst nightmare is realized when she gets news that she has to share the Valedictorian title with her number one competitor, Sanjay! Both sets of parents get equally caught up in the rivalry and convince Principal Brown to let them break the tie via a gym grade they both have not completed – a one mile run. Elsewhere, Gloria is studying for her upcoming U.S. citizenship test and a visit from Javier (guest star Benjamin Bratt) throws her off her game, and Mitch and Cam blindly agree to join a protest against a local restaurant that they are actually secretly excited about, on “Modern Family,” WEDNESDAY, MAY 6 (9:00-9:31 p.m., ET), on the ABC Television Network. (ABC/Mitchell Haaseth)  
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The first original “[Modern Family](#)” in a few weeks ruled as Wednesday’s top draw, teaming with a rising “[The Goldbergs](#)” to help ABC tie CBS for the night’s lead among young adults. The Eye’s “[Survivor](#)” remained strong, while its “[Criminal Minds](#)” was on the low side.

According to preliminary national estimates from Nielsen, ABC’s night opened with comedies “[The Middle](#)” (1.8/6 in 18-49, 7.7 million viewers overall) and “[The Goldbergs](#)” (2.1/7 in 18-49, 7.1 million viewers overall), with the former on the low side and the latter about average; if it stays in the nationals, this would be one of the biggest builds for “[Goldbergs](#)” on its lead-in. While “[Middle](#)” was down in the demo, a guest appearance by Dick Van Dyke seemed to bring some older viewers to the show, which drew its largest overall audience since the start of Daylight Saving Time.

“[Modern Family](#)” (2.9/9 in 18-49, 8.8 million viewers overall) was easily Wednesday’s top draw in 18-49 and 25-54 (3.9/10), down a smidge from its prior original. It was followed on ABC by “[Black-ish](#)” (2.1/6 in 18-49, 6.6 million viewers overall), which was up 0.2 from last week when it followed a “[Modern](#)” repeat, but down from the strong 2.4 it did the most recent time it followed an original. And at 10 p.m., “[Nashville](#)” looked a little healthier (1.3/4 in 18-49, 5.4 million viewers overall), up a tenth for a second straight week.

At CBS, “[Survivor](#)” (2.3/8 in 18-49, 9.8 million viewers overall) continues to impress in its 30th edition, up a tick from last week and sweeping the 8 o’clock hour; its advantage over Fox’s “[American Idol](#)” in 18-49 was a big 53% (2.3 vs. 1.5). “[Criminal Minds](#)” (1.9/6 in 18-49, 9.9 million viewers overall) didn’t seem to benefit from NBC’s airing another “[Law & Order: SVU](#)” repeat at 9, as the CBS vet was down 0.2 (though it’s poised to gain at least one tenth in the nationals and was the night’s most-watched program overall). At 10 p.m., rookie drama “[CSI: Cyber](#)” held steady (1.5/5 in 18-49, 8.2 million viewers overall) and again won its timeslot.