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'NCIS': Is Bishop a Good Fit for the Team?

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When Ziva David ([Cote de Pablo](#)) was written off *NCIS* this season, the show faced a huge challenge: how to add a new member that would appeal to both Ziva fans and those that were, well, not on the Ziva band wagon. In addition, finding someone that "Tiva" fans would accept would be a tricky task. So who could step into Ziva's capable shoes? The answer was Eleanor "Ellie" Bishop, played by [Emily Wickersham](#).

Of course, this choice is not without controversy, as many fans feel that Bishop doesn't gel with the other members. Other fans have issues with her personality. So is Bishop the right choice for our beloved *NCIS* team? Let's take stock of what Bishop brings to the table.

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Bishop is Not a Bad-Ass

If *NCIS* tried to add a new agent who was strong and tough, like Ziva, it would negatively impact the show. No one would like, want, or accept a second-rate Ziva. Yes, Bishop has some moves, but she doesn't possess Ziva's ability to kill you a million different ways with a pen. While Ziva had street smarts from her time as a Mossad agent, Bishop is sorely lacking in that department.

Bishop needs to think and reason out her responses, while Ziva trusted her gut. Bishop has been gradually improving in the gut-following department over the season, but at this point, Bishop needs to up her game.

Profiling is Bishop's Talent

Bishop's profiling ability, honed during her time at the NSA, is probably her best asset. She is extremely intelligent, and excels at this part of the job. Bishop is able to get inside the head of whoever she is profiling, and she demonstrated this with the Parsa case. This is the skill that makes her most valuable to the team.

Is Bishop Trust-Worthy?

Gibbs asked himself, and Bishop, that question when she hid the fact that she was the NSA's Parsa expert during the hunt for the terrorist. Gibbs needs to trust the people that he works with, and for a moment it looked like Bishop may not be staying at NCIS. Bishop finally confided to Gibbs that Parsa had personally contacted her when she worked at the NSA, and that her superiors pulled her off the case for not telling them.

In the end, Gibbs' gut told him to offer her a position as a probationary agent. Bishop clearly learned from this incident and doesn't seem to be hiding anything else related to her work, at least.

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Bishop is Quirky

All the *NCIS* team members have their quirks, such as Ducky talking to the dead and Abby's Goth style. Bishop is no exception. She thinks best sitting on the floor, or even an autopsy table, with her ear-buds in. Bishop also has one obsession, and that is food. If she is not eating, she is talking about eating or having a food craving. She even gave Gibbs one of her mother's cinnamon coffee cakes at Christmas. Bishop is very serious and doesn't

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always see the humor in things. She fits in nicely with a team that, admittedly, has some unusual characters.

Bishop Fails in the Field

Bishop is a probie, but her lack of field experience is detrimental to the team. In some episodes, she was reluctant to follow orders and seemed like she was a fish out of water. Her intelligence makes her book smart, but she has difficulty translating that to real life situations. She struggles with accepting hunches, and sometimes seems cold when talking with witnesses. Right now, her awkwardness in the field is the largest strike against her. We have seen Tony and McGee mature over the years, and hopefully we will see Bishop's grow. Only time will tell.

Bishop's Part of the Family

As far as fitting in with the team, Bishop has good relationships with everyone. Abby respects her, and Gibbs assumes a fatherly role. McGee and Tony treat her like their kid sister, but also offer advice and support. They teach her the most important part of the job -- Gibbs' rules. It is clear that Bishop wants to fit in with the *NCIS* family, and I think the personal dynamics between Bishop and her co-workers are slowly revealing more and more about the new probie.

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Bishop Has Secrets

NCIS creates such rich characters by letting us get to know them a bit at a time. Bishop is no exception. We know that, at Christmas, she was headed home to Oklahoma to see her husband, parents and brothers. We know that she likes to go to the batting cages to relax. We know that she has had some tense conversations with her husband, Jake, about being late because of work. That's all we know so far, and the state of her marriage is a bit of a mystery. Still, I like that Bishop still has secrets to reveal.

My Bishop Verdict

Overall, I think that Bishop is a good fit. *NCIS* needed another smart female character that was different from Ziva and Abby. I think that Bishop fits the bill, but I also see why some fans haven't warmed to her character. Perhaps, in time, she will gain more fan acceptance when her background is rounded out and she has more experience as an agent.

Do you think Bishop is the right fit for the *NCIS* team? Vote in our poll, and feel free to comment below.

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- Yes
 No
 Time will tell

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No she is not. whereas ziva's character was the most complex and unique female character in tv history, bishop has nothing unique about her. the only "good fit for the team" is ziva. no one else will do.



LucieMelahn
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The team doesn't need a profiler or another geek. It needs a field agent, and she isn't a good one.



JessieG
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Bad fit. She's not a team player and she contributes nothing to the team. And she is definitely not a member of the family.



MaqqieHetzler
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My whole family can't stand her. We fast forward through all of her parts.



Jean-CharlesTillman
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First thank you that this page brings a fishing alert and virus alarm. And for the rest, sorry I could p...



TonyNcis
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I dislike the character and don't think she fits in. Although CBS had heard this for months, so hopefully this doesn't come as a surprise to the people involved.



DaveRuccio
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Bad fit. Try again and this time get a real field agent.



Detroit
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I'm on the fence about her. She's a little "blah". Hopefully she'll improve once we learn more about her (and her background).



VioletBQ
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I have no interest whatsoever in her background or husband. Boring, insipid character. Find someone better.



ChrisRoth
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That can't be a serious poll! It's not just Ziva's absence, Bishop is the most annoying and silly character on TV and ratings and demo of Mr. Glasberg's "stellar" season 11 prove it!



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ChrisRoth

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I loved Kate and Ziva but Bishop is substandard and the actress looks ridiculous in every fight scene! If NCIS keeps Bishop the end of the show won't be far!



miltonwedman

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She is boring and insipid and after someone like Ziva - that is unforgiveable !!!



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I will not watch in real time because of her. I have to edit her out she is so horrible. She simply is a very BAD actress. What sn insult to Cote, the rest of the cast, NCIS and the audience. Lots will LEAVE because of her.



BEERMAN

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Bishop has to go. She is pulling the show down, down, down! She is BLAH! Bring Cote back no matter the cost or NCIS is going to go down the tubes. It is not fun to watch anymore. They didn't kill Ziva off, so bring her back----please.



MissZiva

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The character just does not fit. Seems out of place. Would of been better if the show would of thought of someone related to Ziva in some way or a friend from her past. Someone with a connection to Ziva but respects Ziva's privacy. Does not really give out details about the past but has a connection. Be more intriguing and mysterious. More of a storyline.



luvsherlock

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"Fails in the field" is kind of a big deal for a field agent. Just saying.



Maqz4Tony

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Also, her "fight" scenes are a joke. She clearly can't do action scenes at all.



Timeout

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Ziva & Kate were both kick butt ladies. That's what we got used to & want. We don't want another McGee in a dress! Boren would be great or better yet bring Cote back. Bishop does not gel with the others & since when did Gibbs turn to a probie for so many things? Never! That's why Bishop needs to go !



BarbLivingston

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A very lackluster character! Please find a better character.



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they need another kick butt lady like Ziva. Cote was an excellent fit



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hope they write a part for Ziva again sometime, even a bit part would be nice

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Bishop's character lacks chemistry with the other cast members. There is no spark or charisma there. The writers created a character that is vapid/insipid. Her acting ability really can't put life into a character at any rate. Ziva on the other hand actually added depth to the show. Her character was well acted, had charisma and connected well with the others. Off the topic is any one else bothered by Mark Harmon's hair. Looks as if he's wearing a really bad wig. I find it so laughable that I have find it hard to keep his character in line.



Linda1948

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I think you need to bring Ziva David back and get rid of Tony and Bishop. I don't like the show anymore.



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I have nothing against her except her eyebrows



AbelGarcia

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Bishop id not needed even in most scenes she is in. Even in the looks department Ziva wins over Bishop.

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