

# The People Speak Project

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## Signature Events

What were  
*The People Speak*  
Signature Events?

The United Nations Foundation, in partnership with ABC News and several progressive organizations produced twenty-four Signature *The People Speak* events. From New York City to Albuquerque, all twenty-four events were moderated by an ABC News Correspondent and included high profile policymakers, journalists, politicians, diplomats and academics. The National Forensic League played a unique role in these events. One area high school competitor was chosen in several signature cities to meet the moderator and panelists prior to the event, and was given the opportunity to ask the first question of the panel at the conclusion of the topic discussion. Read on to learn how NFL members challenged and impressed many American leaders.

Featured in this section are the nineteen events with NFL representation.

## New York City

On September 13<sup>th</sup>, the Signature *The People Speak* events began in New York City with a discussion on American Power and Global Security. ABC's George Stephanopoulos moderated a discussion between former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, former Senior Advisor to the Presidential Envoy in Iraq



Dan Senor, and Chilean Ambassador to the United Nations Heraldo Munoz. John Calhoun, an NFL member from Regis High School in New York City, prepared for the event in the green room with the panelists before attending the event and asking the first question from the audience.

## Houston

September 20<sup>th</sup> brought *The People Speak* to Houston, Texas and a panel discussion on "Energy Choices and Environmental Challenges: How Far to the Last Drop?" Associate Director of the Rice University Energy Program and Wallace Wilson Fellow for Energy Studies at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy of Rice



University Amy Myers Jaffe, President and CEO of the United Nations Association of the USA the Honorable William H. Luers, Founder of the Global Energy Investors and Chairman of Energy and Communications Solutions, LLC

the Honorable Robert C. "Bud" McFarlane, and the Editor of Oil & Gas Journal Bob Tippee sparked lively discussion on this timely topic. ABC correspondent Hari Sreenivasan moderated the event. Bellaire High School student and NFL member, Henry Tsai asked the first question of the panel.



## Signature Events

### Denver

On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2004, the University of Colorado at Boulder welcomed ABC Correspondent Cokie Roberts, former Senator and President of the United Nations Foundation and the Better World Fund Timothy E. Wirth, and former Senator Hank Brown in a discussion on “Hearts and Minds: Fortifying America’s Reputation in the World”. Monarch High School student and NFL member, Brittany Crosby asked the first question of these esteemed policymakers.



### Atlanta

On September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2004 a panel convened in Atlanta to discuss “Mending the Rift in Transatlantic Relations.” Members of the panel included retired Brigadier General and current Vice President of International Business Development at Primerica Financial Services Zeb Bradford, foreign editor of the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung Dr. Klaus-Dieter Frankenberger, Executive Director of Columbia University’s Council for European Studies Dr. John K. Glenn III, Deputy Director for NATO Policy in the Office of European Security and Political Affairs for the U.S. Department of State Jeffrey Hovenier, and Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to the U.S. His Excellency Ratislav Kacer. ABC News Correspondent Steve Osunsami moderated the event. NFL student Seth Gannon, from Woodward Academy, asked the panel a question regarding transatlantic relations.

### Pittsburgh

September 23<sup>rd</sup> also brought *The People Speak* to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania with a discussion centered upon American Power and Global Security. North Allegheny High School student and NFL member Dan Boada met with and asked the first question of a panel including the President of Refugees International Kenneth H. Bacon, President of the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh Dr. Schuyler Foerster, the Chair of the History Department at Chatham College Christina Michelmore, Associate Editor and Member of the Editorial Board of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Ambassador Dan Simpson, and the Former Attorney General of the United States and Former Governor of Pennsylvania the Honorable Richard Thornburgh. ABC News Correspondent Jonathan Karl moderated the discussion.



### Cleveland

The Cleveland *The People Speak* event was held the evening of September 28<sup>th</sup> at Cleveland State University. Gigi Stone, ABC News Correspondent, moderated the event. The panel included Professor Larry C. Ledebur of the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs, District 1 Director of the United Steel Workers of America Dave McCall, the Board of Directors of Team North East Ohio Robert P. Reffner, and News Anchor Ted Henry. The panel discussed “Prosperity in a Global Economy”. At the conclusion of the discussion, Robert Pitingolo from the St. Ignatius High School Forensic Team represented the National Forensic League by asking a question of the panel.



### Minneapolis

Minneapolis also hosted a *The People Speak* event on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

Moderated by ABC’s John Donovan, this event turned the panelists’ focus to “The Role of the Media in U.S. Foreign Policy”. Dean of the University of Minnesota’s Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs the Honorable J. Brian Atwood, the Washington Bureau Chief of Cairo’s Al-Ahram Weekly Khaled Dawoud, and Diplomatic Editor and Editorial Writer for Brussels’ De Standaard Mia Doornaert had a lively discussion concerning the media’s place in our government’s foreign involvement. Apple Valley High School student Jeff Long represented the National Forensic League by asking the first question of the panel members.

### Milwaukee

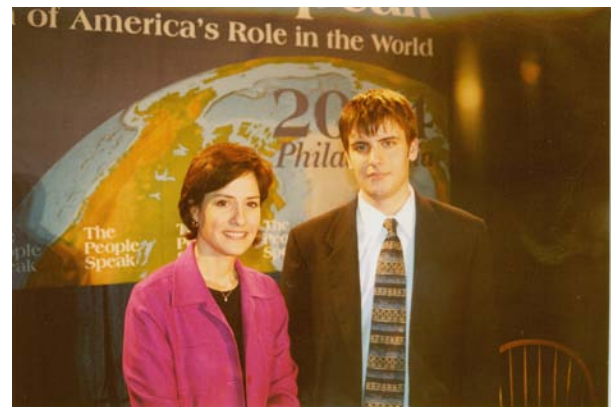
On September 28<sup>th</sup>, another panel discussion was held in at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. Eva Lam from Rufus King High School represented the National Forensic League by asking the first question of the panel and had the opportunity to converse with former U.S. Senator from Colorado Gary Hart and former U.S. Representative, Florida’s Bill McCollum prior to the beginning of the event. The panel was moderated by ABC News Correspondent John Berman. “American Power and Global Security” was the topic under discussion.





## Philadelphia

On September 29<sup>th</sup>, ABC Correspondent Lisa Stark moderated an event at Philadelphia's Rosemont College. Panel members discussed "American Power and Global Security". The panel consisted of James Steinberg of the Brookings Institution, David Mindich of St. Michael's College, Christopher Hitchens of Vanity Fair Magazine, Trudy Rubin of the Philadelphia Inquirer, and Edward Turzanski of LaSalle University. Their lively discussion was attended by the Executive Secretary of the NFL, J. Scott Wunn and the first question was asked by La Salle College High School's Andrew Britt. (picture of panel and audience)



*The People Speak*  
A Discussion of America's Role in the World



# ◆ *The People Speak*

## St. Louis

The University of Missouri at St. Louis hosted a *The People Speak* event on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Democratic Staff Director for the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee Antony J. Blinken, Founder of Global Energy Investors and Chairman of Energy and Communications Solutions, LLC the Honorable Robert C. “Bud” McFarlane, and Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Washington University in St. Louis Dr. Victor LeVine had a heated discussion concerning “American Power and Global Security”. The event was moderated by ABC’s Don Dahler. NFL member Kevin Andert from Pattonville High School asked the first question of the panel. (picture)



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## Los Angeles

October 1<sup>st</sup> brought *The People Speak* to Los Angeles. ABC News Radio’s Gil Gross moderated a panel discussion on “Energy Choices and Environmental Concerns”. Comprising the panel were Senior Policy Analyst for the RAND Corporation Dr. Mark Bernstein, Director of the Carnegie Institution Department of Global Ecology and Professor by Courtesy in the Department of Biological Sciences at Stanford University Dr. Chris Field, University of California-Berkeley Professor in the Goldman School of Public Policy and Department of Nuclear Engineering and Founding Director of the Renewable and Appropriate Energy Laboratory Dr.

Daniel M. Kammen, President of the Federation of American Scientists Dr. Henry Kelly, President and CEO of Center for American Progress John Podesta, and Senior Adjunct Fellow of the Institute for Energy Research Tom Tanton. National Forensic League member Richard Hsaio, representing Gabrielino High School, asked the first discussion question.





**Seattle**

On October 4<sup>th</sup>, the University of Washington welcomed a panel discussion on the topic of “Energy Choices and Environmental Challenges”. Event panelists included Dean and Professor of Public Affairs at the Evans School of Public Affairs at the University of Washington Dr. Sandra Archibald, Former Under Secretary of the Department of Energy and Director of Energy Studies at the MIT Laboratory for Energy and the Environment the Honorable Ernest Moniz, and former Environmental Protection Agency Administrator the Honorable William Ruckelshaus. The event was moderated by ABC’s Carla Wohl. Sarah Ishmael from Gig Harbor High School, representing the NFL asked the first question of the panel.



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**Nashville**

Vanderbilt University hosted *The People Speak* in Nashville on October 4<sup>th</sup>. ABC News Anchor and Correspondent Sam Donaldson moderated a debate on “American Power and Global Security” between the 45<sup>th</sup> Vice President of the United States the Honorable Al Gore and Former U.S. Representative from Florida the Honorable Bill McCollum. United Nations Foundation Chairman Mr. Ted Turner gave opening remarks before the discussion commenced. Representing the NFL and Montgomery Bell Academy, student Tripp Rebrovick introduced Mr. Turner and asked the first question of the speakers.



**San Francisco**

On October 7<sup>th</sup>, the city of San Francisco hosted a *The People Speak* event. ABC News Correspondent Mike Cerre moderated a panel discussion on “International Challenges to State Building”. Special Advisor to the Secretary-General and Former UN Envoy to Iraq his Excellency Lakhdar Brahimi, Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution and former Senior Advisor to the Coalition Provisional Authority in Baghdad Dr. Larry Diamond, and former Senior Advisor to the Presidential Envoy in Iraq Dan Senor comprised the panel. An NFL member from James Logan High School, Justin Hinojoza jumpstarted the discussion by asking the first question of the panel.

# ◆ *The People Speak*

## Chicago

On October 6<sup>th</sup>, *The People Speak* came to Chicago. A panel discussion on “American Power and Global Security” was moderated by ABC News Correspondent Jim Avila. Panelists included Former National Security Advisor to Vice-President Al Gore and George Washington University Professor Dr. Leon Fuerth, Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress the Honorable Lawrence Korb, National Public Radio Commentator Aaron Freeman, and the President of the Lincoln Legal Foundation Joseph A. Morris. Elizabeth Kim, an NFL member at Glenbrook South High School, asked the first question of the panel.

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## Detroit

October 14<sup>th</sup> brought *The People Speak* to Detroit and the University of Michigan, Dearborn. Lynn Sherr, ABC News Correspondent, moderated a panel discussion on “American Power and Global Security”. From Groves High School, Susan Lou represented the National Forensic League. The members of the panel were former Ambassador of the U.S. to Yemen and former Director General of Multilateral Force and Observers in the Sinai the Honorable Arthur H. Hughes, former U.S. Senator from Michigan and Chairman of APCO Worldwide the Honorable Donald W. Riegle, Jr., U.S. Representative from Michigan the Honorable Mike Rogers, Ambassador of Belgium to the U.S. his Excellency Frans van Daele.

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## Dallas

*The People Speak* came to Dallas on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Southern Methodist University welcomed a panel discussion on “American Power and Global Security”. Sam Iola from Dallas’ Highland Park High School represented the National Forensic League by asking the first discussion question. Moderated by ABC Nightline Correspondent and Guest Anchor David Marash, the panel included Former Ambassador of the U.S. to Japan and Former

Speaker of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington the Honorable Thomas S. Foley, Former Ambassador of the U.S. to Saudi Arabia the Honorable Robert Jordan, Founder of the Global Energy Investors and Chairman of Energy and Communications Solutions, LLC the Honorable Robert C. “Bud” McFarlane, and Former Special Envoy for Somalia and Former Ambassador of the U.S. to Pakistan, Somalia, and Zaire the Honorable Robert B. Oakley.



## ◆ Special Project



## Signature Events



### Albuquerque

The University of New Mexico hosted *The People Speak* on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Albuquerque Academy NFL student Darshan Patel participated by asking a discussion question. This event was moderated by ABC's Sam Donaldson. Esteemed panelists included the President of the Southwest Energy Institute David Bacon, Former U.S. Representative from New Mexico and current President of Upstream Consulting, LLC the Honorable Matt Salmon, Chairman, President, and CEO of PNM Jeff Sterba, Principal Scientist and Vice President of Sandia National Laboratories Dr. Gerold Yonas, and Senior Scientist at the Center for National Security and Arms Control Dr. Alan Zelicoff. The panel discussed "Energy Choices and Environmental Challenges".

### Boston

The final *The People Speak* Signature event was held at Boston University on October 19<sup>th</sup>. The discussion topic was "American Power and Global Security: A Winning Combination or a Contradiction of Terms?" The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., United States Senator from Delaware, Dr. David Brudnoy, Host of WBZ-AM Radio, the Honorable Lincoln Chafee, United States Senator from Rhode Island, his Excellency Nabil Fahmy, Egyptian Ambassador to the United States, and the Honorable Bill McCollum, former United States Representative from Florida were the panelists. ABC's George Stephanopoulos moderated the event. Students from Manchester-Essex Regional High School had an up-close and personal view of fellow student and NFL member Chris Gang as he asked the first question of the panel.

