

C-SPAN<sup>®</sup>

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## THE MISSION

To provide our audience with access to the live, gavel-to-gavel proceedings of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate and to other forums where public policy is discussed, debated and decided — all without editing, commentary or analysis and with a balanced presentation of points of view;

- To provide elected and appointed officials and others who would influence public policy a direct conduit to the audience without filtering or otherwise distorting their points of view;

- To provide the audience, through viewer call-in programs, direct access to elected officials, other decision-makers and journalists on a frequent and open basis;
- To employ production values that accurately convey the business of government rather than distract from it; and
- To conduct all other aspects of the C-SPAN networks' operations consistent with these principles.

## THE C-SPAN NETWORKS

*Covering the Events that  
Shape the Nation*

The C-SPAN networks were created by the cable industry and are offered as a public service to provide access to balanced, commercial-free coverage of the American political process. The networks are privately funded by the cable industry and without government or taxpayer support.

C-SPAN was launched in 1979 to provide live, gavel-to-gavel coverage of the U.S. House of Representatives. C-SPAN2 was created in 1986 to provide live, gavel-to-gavel coverage of the U.S. Senate. C-SPAN3, launched in 2001, provides another choice in public affairs programming. All three networks are available in HD.

With headquarters in Washington, D.C., C-SPAN employs more than 250 people who work to fulfill cable's commitment to public affairs programming. The networks also provide other information and education services, including C-SPAN.org, C-SPAN Radio, C-SPAN Classroom and the C-SPAN Bus.

## C-SPAN

### *A Window to the American Political Process*



C-SPAN has become recognized for its live, gavel-to-gavel coverage of the U.S. House of Representatives and for its interactive viewer call-in format. C-SPAN also offers a wider variety of public affairs programming including congressional hearings; White House, Pentagon and State Department press briefings; campaign and election coverage; insights into the workings of the federal judiciary; university and political party forums; National Press Club speeches; and live viewer call-ins with journalists and public policy makers.

C-SPAN's international programming includes coverage of the British House of Commons, the Canadian House of Commons, the German Bundestag, the Israeli Knesset and the Russian Duma; as well as public affairs forums and events around the world, including political party conventions and conferences, elections, newscasts and interviews with foreign government officials.

## SELECTED PROGRAMS ON C-SPAN



### ***Washington Journal***

*Daily, 7 – 10 am ET*

This daily program provides a forum for the nation's leading journalists, public policy makers and authors to discuss the top public policy issues of the day, from key legislation on Capitol Hill to important developments around the world. Viewers can participate by calling the phone numbers on the screen and by sending a tweet to @cspanwj.

### ***Politics & Public Policy Today***

*Mon. – Fri. 9 pm, midnight ET*

Unedited, uninterrupted coverage of the day's top public policy events each weeknight during prime time. Coverage ranges from White House, Pentagon and State Department press conferences to congressional hearings and bill-signing ceremonies.



## ***The Communicators***

*Sat. 6:30 pm ET on C-SPAN;*

*Mon. 8 am, 8 pm ET on C-SPAN2*

A half-hour each week highlighting the people who shape our digital future.

## ***Newsmakers***

*Sun. 10 am, 6 pm ET*

Weekly conversations with the people making news and the journalists who cover them.



## **Q & A**

*Sun. 8 pm, 11 pm; Mon. 6 am ET*

Interesting people. Informative conversations. Each interview introduces you to the people who are making things happen in politics, the media, education, and science and technology in hour-long conversations about their lives and their work.

[q-and-a.org](http://q-and-a.org)

## **Prime Minister's Questions British House of Commons**

*Sun. 9 pm, midnight ET on C-SPAN;  
Wed. live 7 am ET on C-SPAN2*

Coverage of the prime minister's responses to questions from members of Parliament in the House of Commons.

## C-SPAN2

### *The Complete Legislative Process*



C-SPAN2 provides live, gavel-to-gavel coverage of the U.S. Senate. With access to both C-SPAN and C-SPAN2, viewers can track legislation as it passes through both bodies of Congress to get a complete picture of the legislative process. C-SPAN2 also offers a variety of other public affairs programming, including congressional committee hearings, university and political party forums, newsmaker speeches, and coverage of international public affairs events and legislatures. Weekends, C-SPAN2 is home to Book TV.

## Book TV

*Every Saturday, 8 am ET,  
through Monday, 8 am ET*

Every weekend C-SPAN2 features Book TV — a 48-hour block of book programming. Book TV brings you a rich variety of nonfiction topics: history, biography, politics, current events, the media and more. Watch author interviews, readings, panels and the nation's largest book fairs.



## **Book TV Programming Highlights:**

### ■ **After Words**

*Sat. 10 pm; Sun. noon,  
9 pm, midnight ET*

Authors of the latest nonfiction books interviewed by journalists, public policy makers and legislators.

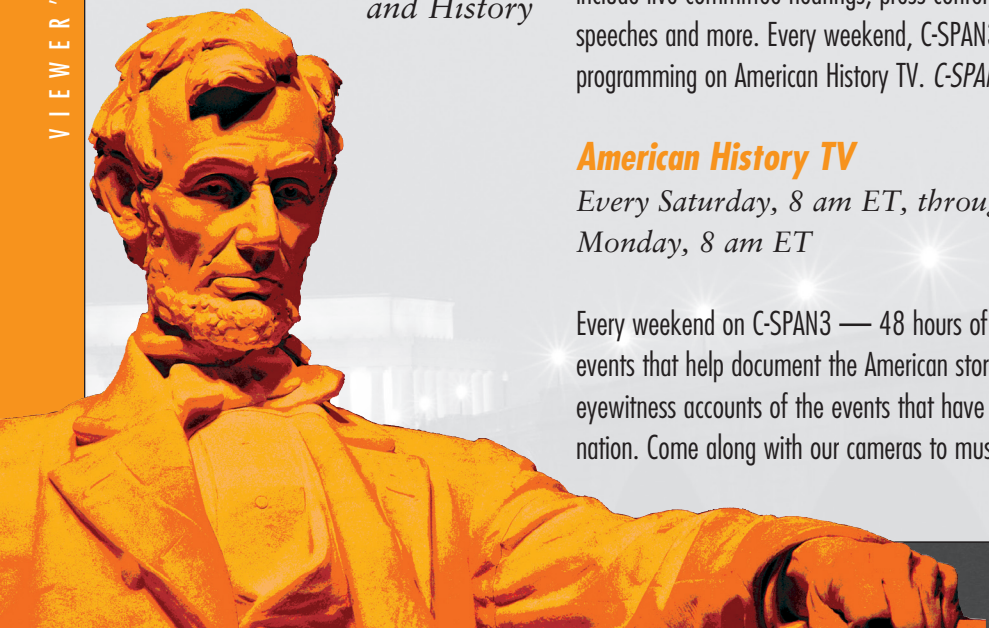
### ■ **In Depth**

*First Sun. of each month, noon ET*

A comprehensive three-hour look at one author's work, with questions from viewers via phone, texts, Twitter, Facebook and email.

For a complete list of programs on Book TV, visit [booktv.org](http://booktv.org).





## C-SPAN3

*Public Affairs  
and History*

Launched in September 2001, C-SPAN3 provides additional choices in public affairs television. Programming highlights include live committee hearings, press conferences, political speeches and more. Every weekend, C-SPAN3 offers history programming on American History TV. [C-SPAN.org/history](http://C-SPAN.org/history)

### **American History TV**

*Every Saturday, 8 am ET, through  
Monday, 8 am ET*

Every weekend on C-SPAN3 — 48 hours of people and events that help document the American story. Hear eyewitness accounts of the events that have shaped our nation. Come along with our cameras to museums and

historic sites. Watch archival speeches from former presidents and other national leaders. We'll take you to the classrooms of leading history professors and to lectures and symposiums featuring prominent historians.

### **American History TV Programming Highlights:**

#### ■ **American Artifacts**

*Sun. 6 pm & 10 pm ET*

Visit historic sites, museums and archives to learn what artifacts reveal about American history.

■ **Lectures in History**

*Sat. 9 pm & midnight ET*

Join students in the classroom to hear lectures on campuses across the country, on topics ranging from the American Revolution to 9/11.

■ **The Civil War and Reconstruction**

*Sat. 6 pm ET*

A look at the people and events that shaped the Civil War and Reconstruction.

■ **The Presidency**

*Sun. 8 pm & midnight ET*

Hear from presidents and first ladies, and learn about their politics, policies and legacies.

■ **History Bookshelf**

*Sat. 4 pm ET*

The country's best-known American history writers of the past decade talk about their books.

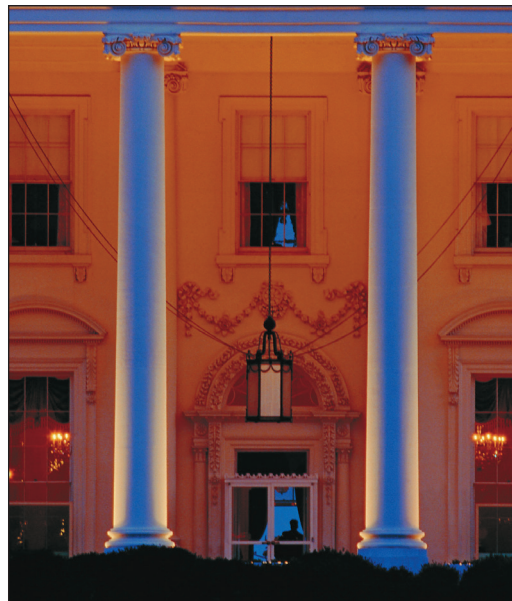
■ **Reel America**

*Sat. 10 pm; Sun. 4 pm ET*

Archival films produced by the U.S. government, industry and educational institutions that take you on a vivid journey through the 20th century.

■ **Oral Histories**

This occasional series features eyewitness accounts of key events in our nation's history.



## C-SPAN.ORG

*Your Online Resource  
for Public Affairs*



C-SPAN.org is a primary source for what's happening in Washington. Our website consolidates all of our online resources—including C-SPAN's acclaimed Video Library—into one, video-rich site that's easy to navigate. C-SPAN.org is optimized for your PC, tablet and mobile phone so you can watch Washington from anywhere.

C-SPAN.org provides daily, live coverage of public affairs events with a federal focus, including the House, Senate, congressional hearings, the White House and

Supreme Court oral arguments audio. Real-time online access to the C-SPAN,



C-SPAN2 and C-SPAN3 TV networks is available to verified customers of C-SPAN's cable and satellite affiliates. The site also offers TV schedules, links to C-SPAN series and related websites, featured topics and social media posts. Users can make video clips and share our video across social networks. Personalize your experience by creating a MyC-SPAN account, which offers recommended videos and lets you bookmark programs to watch later.

C-SPAN's video archives, available via C-SPAN.org, is a free online collection of every C-SPAN program aired since 1987. Over 236,000 hours of digital C-SPAN video can be accessed with our comprehensive search engine. The site includes C-SPAN's Congressional Chronicle featuring live video of House and Senate floor proceedings with real-time updates. Search the Congressional Chronicle's index of video, members, bills, votes and committees.

## C-SPAN RADIO

*Commercial-Free  
Public Affairs*



Launched in October 1997, C-SPAN Radio offers radio listeners a wealth of public affairs programming 24 hours a day, including:

- Live *Washington Today* (weekdays 5 – 7 pm ET) for a look at events of the day and interviews with journalists and policy makers
- Simulcasts of on-air programming on C-SPAN, C-SPAN2 and C-SPAN3 including Book TV and American History TV
- Historical programming such as the LBJ tapes and Supreme Court oral arguments
- Public affairs coverage, including hearings, congressional floor debate, presidential speeches and press conferences

- Sunday morning talk shows, including *Meet the Press*, *Fox News Sunday*, *Face the Nation*, *This Week* and *State of the Union*

C-SPAN Radio can be heard in the Washington-Baltimore region at 90.1 FM, worldwide online at [C-SPAN.org](http://C-SPAN.org), and nationally on XM Satellite Radio channel 455.

How to listen:

- Free C-SPAN Radio App for your mobile device, which also provides a link to our podcasts.
- TuneIn mobile app.
- By dialing the AudioNow service at 202-626-8888.
- On your smart speaker by saying, “Play C-SPAN Radio.”

## VIEWER INFORMATION

*Scheduling &  
C-SPAN Archives*



### ■ Schedule Information

Find our most up-to-date schedule information at C-SPAN.org. As C-SPAN is committed to LIVE coverage of the House and Senate when they are in session, we are often only able to schedule events a few hours in advance. The events we decide to cover the following day are posted online around 6 pm ET daily when possible.

### ■ Video Library

Most of C-SPAN's collection of over 236,000 hours of programs aired since 1987 is available to view free online at C-SPAN.org. Copies of C-SPAN programming can be ordered or downloaded at C-SPAN.org. For use restrictions or licensing, see [www.C-SPAN.org/about/copyrightsAndLicensing](http://www.C-SPAN.org/about/copyrightsAndLicensing).

### ■ Products and Educational Items

Viewers can purchase a variety of C-SPAN gifts including books, coffee mugs, t-shirts, presidential history educational items, and special video collections. Visit [www.C-SPAN.org/store](http://www.C-SPAN.org/store) or call 877-ON-CSPAN (877-662-7726).

### ■ Transcripts

Transcripts of Q & A are available free online at [q-and-a.org](http://q-and-a.org). *Booknotes* transcripts are available free online at [booknotes.org](http://booknotes.org).

## CONNECT WITH C-SPAN

*Social Media and More*



Keep up to date with the latest in public affairs with C-SPAN and social media.

### ■ **Continue the conversation.**

Add your comments to discussions, or ask our on-air guests questions via Twitter, Facebook or email.

### ■ **Connect with our community.**

Get clips, programming updates and behind-the-scenes video and information through social media.

### ■ **Create your own video clips.**

Watch Washington your way. Search, clip and share from thousands of hours of C-SPAN programs. [C-SPAN.org](http://C-SPAN.org)

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@BookTV

@cspanhistory

@cspanbus

@cspanclassroom

@cspancities

## THE C-SPAN BUS

*Visiting Communities  
around the Country*



Partnering with cable affiliates in communities across America, C-SPAN's 45-foot customized Bus engages visitors of all ages through interactive kiosks and exhibits. On board the Bus, touch-screen computers demonstrate C-SPAN's unique public affairs content through C-SPAN's many websites, including

C-SPAN.org and C-SPAN Classroom.

Visitors can also test their knowledge of public affairs through quizzes, learn about our StudentCam student documentary competition, or connect with C-SPAN via social media.

The C-SPAN Bus program originated in 1993, bringing C-SPAN into schools

and communities nationwide. Since then, the C-SPAN buses have welcomed well over one million visitors, including students, teachers, elected officials and citizens in all 50 states to discuss C-SPAN's programming and free teaching resources.





## THE C-SPAN LCVs

*Local Content Vehicles*

Joining the C-SPAN Bus are C-SPAN's Local Content Vehicles (LCVs) — staffed by videojournalists who identify and produce programming from local communities around the country for the C-SPAN Networks.



On the first and third weekend of each month, we'll feature the literary life and history of a selected city on C-SPAN2's Book TV and C-SPAN3's American History TV. Working with our cable partners, our producing team visits various literary and historic sites as we interview

local historians, authors and civic leaders. We'll also meet with students, teachers, elected officials and organizations to talk about C-SPAN's mission in covering public affairs programming and what the local connections are to national politics.

## C-SPAN CLASSROOM

*Cable's Commitment  
to Education*



C-SPAN Classroom is our site for social studies teachers with an archive of searchable and clippable videos, lesson ideas, “bell ringers,” latest education news, and teacher opportunities.

All resources are offered FREE of charge, are updated frequently, and members receive weekly email notifications on new and timely educational offerings.

Video clips are mobile device-friendly with supporting materials that are designed to help you enhance your social studies curriculum by using our public affairs programming.

[c-span.org/classroom](http://c-span.org/classroom)

## Educator Conferences

Each year, C-SPAN hosts educator conferences in Washington, D.C., for middle and high school teachers from around the country to learn more about C-SPAN and how to effectively integrate C-SPAN’s online resources into their classrooms.





## Teacher Fellowships

Every summer, C-SPAN brings three teachers to Washington, D.C., to collaborate with the education team to develop new educational resources and help other teachers learn how to use C-SPAN programming in their classrooms. Each Fellow receives a stipend of \$7,000 to cover housing, travel and living expenses.

## StudentCam

C-SPAN's annual student documentary contest asks middle and high school students to create short videos that explore issues of national significance. \$100,000 in prize money is



awarded, with 150 student prizes in total. Visit [studentcam.org](http://studentcam.org) to learn more about the competition and view winning videos.

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