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### Bob Schieffer



Bob Schieffer is broadcast journalism's most experienced Washington reporter. He is the network's chief Washington correspondent and also serves as anchor and moderator of *Face The Nation*, CBS News' Sunday public affairs broadcast.

Schieffer has covered Washington for CBS News for more than 30 years and is one of the few broadcast or print journalists to have covered all four major beats in the nation's capital — the White House, the Pentagon, the State Department, and Capitol Hill. He has been chief Washington correspondent since 1982 and congressional correspondent since 1989. He has covered every presidential campaign and been a floor reporter at all of the Democratic and Republican National Conventions since 1972. He began anchoring *Face The Nation* in May 1991.

He has been a principal anchor for CBS News since 1973, when he was named anchor of the Sunday night edition of the *CBS Evening News*.

Schieffer joined CBS News in 1969 and, after a brief stint as a general assignment reporter, was named Pentagon correspondent, a post he held for four years.

Before joining CBS News, he was a reporter at the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* and, in 1965, became the first reporter from a Texas newspaper to report from Vietnam. Schieffer later became news anchor at WBAP-TV Dallas/Fort Worth, a post that eventually led to his joining CBS News.

He is a graduate of TCU in Fort Worth.

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### PANEL

#### Rajiv Chandrasekaran



Rajiv Chandrasekaran is the national editor of the *Washington Post* and the author of *Imperial Life in the Emerald City*, a best-selling account of the bungled U.S. effort to reconstruct Iraq. The book provides a firsthand view of life inside Baghdad's Green Zone. From April 2003 to October 2004, he was the *Post's* bureau chief in Baghdad, where he was responsible for covering the American occupation of Iraq and supervising a team of *Post* correspondents.

He lived in Baghdad for much of the six months before the war, reporting on the United Nations' weapons inspection process and the build-up to the conflict. He joined the *Post* in 1994.

#### Anthony H. Cordesman



Anthony H. Cordesman holds the Arleigh A. Burke Chair in Strategy at CSIS and is also a national security analyst for ABC News. He has led studies on the Iraq War, Afghan conflict, armed nation building and counterinsurgency, national missile defense, asymmetric warfare and weapons of mass destruction, global energy supply, and critical infrastructure protection. Cordesman formerly served as national

security assistant to Senator John McCain of the Senate Armed Services Committee, as director of intelligence assessment in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and as civilian assistant to the deputy secretary of defense. He also has served at the Department of State, Department of Energy, and NATO. Cordesman has had numerous foreign assignments, including postings in Lebanon, Egypt, and Iran, and he has worked extensively in Saudi Arabia and the Gulf.

#### Nancy Youssef



Nancy Youssef, McClatchy's chief Pentagon correspondent, spent the past four years covering the Iraq war, most recently as Baghdad bureau chief. Her pieces focused on the everyday Iraqi experience, civilian casualties, and how the United States' military strategy was reshaping Iraq's social and political dynamics. She joined the Washington Bureau in August 2005.

Before that, she was a reporter for the *Detroit Free Press*, where she traveled throughout Jordan and Iraq for Knight Ridder, covering the Iraq war from the time leading up to it through the postwar period. She speaks Arabic and is of Egyptian descent.