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A monthly series of dialogues with Bob Schieffer hosting top public-policy makers and journalists at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) headquarters at 1800 K Street, NW in Washington, DC. Most programs are scheduled in the late afternoon and include question-and-answer opportunities.

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Bob Schieffer



Bob Schieffer is broadcast journalism's most experienced Washington reporter. He is the CBS 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.

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PANEL

Jon B. Alterman



Jon B. Alterman is director and senior fellow of the CSIS Middle East Program. Prior to joining CSIS, he served as a member of the Policy Planning Staff at the U.S. Department of State and as a special assistant to the assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern affairs. He served as an expert adviser to the Iraq Study Group (also known as the Baker-Hamilton Commission) and is a professorial lecturer at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and the George Washington University. From 1993 to 1997, Alterman was an award-winning teacher at Harvard University.

Elizabeth Cheney



Elizabeth Cheney is an attorney and specialist in the area of U.S. Middle East policy. From 2005 to 2006, she was the principal deputy assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern affairs. Prior to that, Cheney served as deputy assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern affairs from 2002 to 2004. Prior to government, Cheney practiced law at White & Case LLP in the area of international project finance from 1996 to 1999. From 1999 to 2002 she served on assignment with the International Finance Corporation, a member of the World Bank Group. She has also served as special assistant to the deputy secretary of state for assistance to the former Soviet Union and as a USAID officer in U.S. embassies in Budapest and Warsaw.

Kenneth Pollack



Kenneth Pollack is director of research and a senior fellow with the Saban Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institution. He is an expert on national security, military affairs, and the Persian Gulf. Pollack was director of national security studies at the Council on Foreign Relations from 2001 to 2002. Before that he was a senior research professor at the National Defense University from 1998 to 1999. He also spent seven years in the Central Intelligence Agency as a Persian Gulf military analyst.

Robin Wright



Robin Wright has reported from more than 130 countries on six continents for the *Washington Post*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Sunday Times* (London), CBS News, and the *Christian Science Monitor*. She has also written for the *New Yorker*, the *Atlantic Monthly*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, the *New York Times*, the *Times* (London), the *Guardian* (London), the *International Herald Tribune*, and many others. Wright's foreign tours include five years in the Middle East, two years in Europe, seven years in Africa, and several years as a roving foreign correspondent. She is now a diplomatic correspondent for the *Washington Post*.