

C-SPAN[®]

V I E W E R ' S G U I D E

Created by Cable. Offered as a Public Service.



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, 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.

With headquarters in Washington, DC, 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 Civics Buses.

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 key newspaper articles, world events, and key legislation. Call-in segments enable viewers to talk directly to the guests. Viewers can participate by calling the numbers displayed on their TV screens or by sending an e-mail to journal@c-span.org.

Tonight from Washington *Monday – Friday, 8 and 11 pm 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

*Saturdays, 6:30 pm ET on C-SPAN;
Mondays, 8 am and 8 pm ET
on C-SPAN2*

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



America & the Courts

Saturdays, 7 pm ET

Each weekend, C-SPAN's court coverage offers an insightful look into the workings of the federal judiciary, including a look at key cases, interviews with legal experts, and speeches by Supreme Court justices.

American Perspectives

Other Saturdays, 8 and 11 pm ET

This three-hour program is devoted to historical, cultural, and political events including commencement speeches, policy forums, lectures, and town hall meetings.

Newsmakers

Sundays, 10 am and 6 pm ET

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

American Politics

*Sundays, 6:30 pm
and 9:30 pm ET & PT*

C-SPAN's weekly coverage of the issues and events that shape the American political scene.



Q&A

*Sundays, 8 and 11 pm and
Mondays, 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

British House of Commons Question Time

Sundays, 9 pm and Midnight ET

Coverage of the prime minister's response 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.

Close Up Foundation

*Fridays, 7 pm ET
(October – June)*

High school students, educators, and senior Americans discuss important issues and events with the nation's leaders. These programs are produced by the Close Up Foundation.

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. www.booktv.org

■ **Encore Booknotes**

Saturdays at 6 pm ET

Hour-long author interviews from the archives of one of C-SPAN's classic programs. booknotes.org

■ **After Words**

*Saturdays at 10 pm ET
Sundays at noon, 9 pm, and
midnight ET*

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

■ **In Depth**

*The first Sunday of
each month at noon ET*

A comprehensive three-hour look at one author's work, with questions from viewers via phone or e-mail.



C-SPAN3

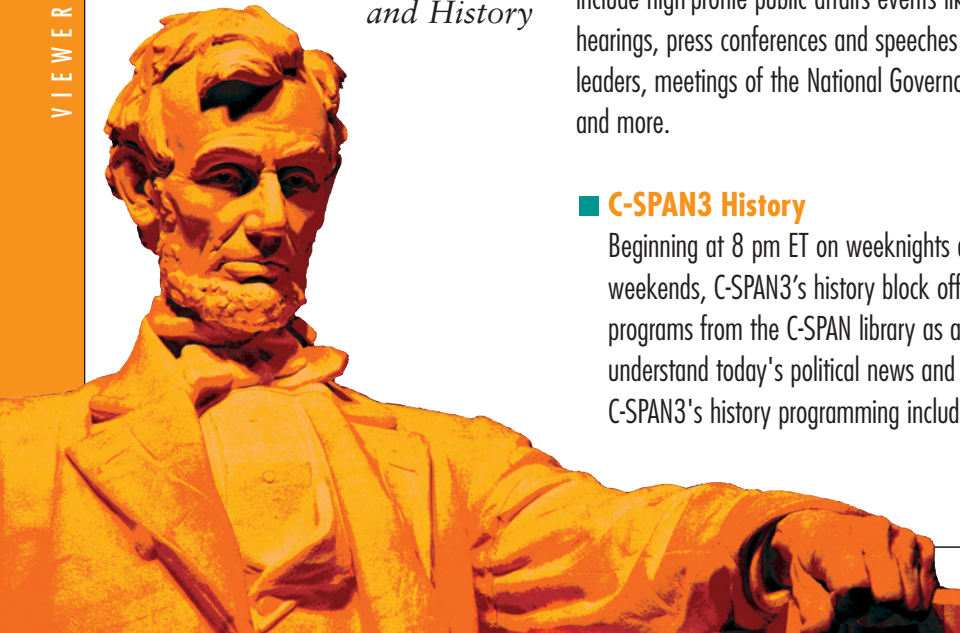
*Public Affairs
and History*

Launched in September 2001, C-SPAN3 provides additional choices in public affairs television. Programming highlights include high-profile public affairs events like recent committee hearings, press conferences and speeches from government leaders, meetings of the National Governors Association, and more.

■ C-SPAN3 History

Beginning at 8 pm ET on weeknights and all day on weekends, C-SPAN3's history block offers archived programs from the C-SPAN library as a way to better understand today's political news and information. C-SPAN3's history programming includes programs from

the C-SPAN archives that shed light on the events of the day from a historical perspective and programs that focus on the history of the United States.



Programming Highlights:

■ History Booknotes

From our collection of 800 interviews from the award-winning *Booknotes* series, C-SPAN3 features hour-long interviews with writers discussing books on American history as well as biographies and memoirs of notable contemporary political figures.

■ Writers on American History

Nonfiction authors discuss their books about history.



C-SPAN.org

*Your Online Resource
for Public Affairs*

The C-SPAN web site at c-span.org is a comprehensive online resource for public affairs information. Users of c-span.org can access C-SPAN programming from their computers. Offering live streams in both Real Media and Windows Media formats, c-span.org provides live, gavel-to-gavel coverage of the U.S. House and Senate and 24 hour-a-day simulcasts of C-SPAN, C-SPAN2, and C-SPAN3 programming, including:

- Congressional hearings
- Federal, state, and local campaign and election coverage
- Debates
- National Press Club speeches
- Supreme Court events and information
- International programming
- *Washington Journal*
 - Q&A
 - Book TV



The web site also provides:

- Program archives for regular programs
- Educational resources
- Program schedules
- Information and tour schedules for the C-SPAN Civics Buses
- Links to current events sites
- Additional information on government, politics, and public affairs
- Congressional profiles

- Text of selected bills
- Voting records
- Live audio of U.S. Senate hearings
- Links to international legislatures

■ **C-SPAN Podcasts**

C-SPAN is now offering podcasts of some of its most popular programs. Follow the links at c-span.org/podcast to listen to these on your MP3 player or personal computer.

■ **C-SPAN Video Library**

Go directly to C-SPAN's Video Library at c-span.org/videolibrary for recent programs, archives, and our Congressional Chronicle.

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, gavel-to-gavel coverage of congressional hearings, speeches, seminars, news conferences, debates, and discussions.
- Historic archival audio, such as the LBJ Tapes, Supreme Court Oral Arguments, and other historic events in American politics.
- Simulcasts of signature C-SPAN television programs including *Washington Journal* and *Q&A*.

- Retransmissions of the major Sunday morning talk shows, including NBC's *Meet the Press*, ABC's *This Week*, *Fox News Sunday*, State of the Union, and CBS's *Face the Nation*.

C-SPAN Radio can be heard in the Washington-Baltimore region at 90.1 FM, worldwide online at c-span.org, and nationally on XM Satellite Radio channel 132.

The C-SPAN Civics Buses

*U.S. Politics, Nonfiction
Books, American History*



C-SPAN continues its community outreach with two C-SPAN Civics Buses that promote and enhance C-SPAN's extensive coverage of U.S. politics, history, and books and related educational resources.

The Buses travel to political, educational, and other community events across the country where they sometimes serve as studios and production vehicles during live programs.

The C-SPAN Civics Buses visit social studies classrooms at middle and high schools around the country, engaging educators and students. The Buses also welcome aboard the public, elected officials, journalists, and other community leaders to learn more about C-SPAN's programming.



C-SPAN Classroom

*Cable's Commitment
to Education*



C-SPAN Classroom is a FREE service for middle and high school civics and government educators dedicated to helping them use C-SPAN programming in their teaching or research. Launched in 1987, this service has been used by thousands of teachers across the country.

Benefits of Membership

C-SPAN's education web site, c-spanclassroom.org, provides resources for teachers of civics and U.S. government in middle and high schools. When educators become members of C-SPAN Classroom, they can access video clips paired with discussion questions and other resources linked to national standards.

C-SPAN Classroom offers members the opportunity to apply for fellowships. Students and teachers have been awarded various scholarships and prizes through contests sponsored by C-SPAN Classroom and the local cable operator. Educators can learn more about C-SPAN Classroom at c-spanclassroom.org, by contacting C-SPAN's Education Relations staff at 202-626-4858, or by e-mailing educate@c-span.org.



Programming for the Classroom

C-SPAN's copyright policy allows educators to make videotape or digital copies of any C-SPAN-produced program for educational use, and to use it in perpetuity. For more information about our copyright policy, visit c-spanclassroom.org. Programs are available for purchase from the C-SPAN Archives by calling 877-ON-CSPAN.

C-SPAN Teacher Fellowships

Every summer, C-SPAN brings three teachers to our headquarters in Washington, DC, to create education resources to help other teachers use C-SPAN programming in their classrooms. Visit c-spanclassroom.org for more information.

StudentCam

C-SPAN's annual student documentary contest asks middle and high school students to create short videos that explore issues of national significance. Winners receive cash prizes. Visit studentcam.org to learn more about the competition and view winning videos.

Viewer Information



■ On-Air Schedule Updates

Throughout the day, programming updates appear at the bottom of the screen every 15 minutes.

■ Online Updates

View our TV schedules at c-span.org for our most up-to-date programming information. Re-air information is also available on this site.

■ C-SPAN Alert

Subscribe to C-SPAN Alert! at c-span.org to receive daily programming information via email for C-SPAN, C-SPAN2, C-SPAN3, Book TV, C-SPAN Radio and *Washington Journal*.

■ Advance Schedule Information

C-SPAN is committed to LIVE coverage of the House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate on C-SPAN2 when they are in session. Due to this live coverage, we are often only able to schedule events a few hours in advance. The events we decide to cover the following day are posted on our site around 6:00 pm ET every evening and display on the schedule page.

C-SPAN weekend programming has a large number of pre-scheduled programming blocks. In addition, Book TV on C-SPAN2 is scheduled in advance and can be found at booktv.org. All re-air information can be found on our schedule page.

C-SPAN Archives

■ Video Copies

Copies of C-SPAN programming can be ordered and viewed online at www.c-span.org/videolibrary. The C-SPAN Archives holds over 150,000 hours of programs that have aired since 1987. Most of the collection is available to view online at www.c-span.org/videolibrary. The C-SPAN video player allows clipping and posting of links to portions of entire programs. Consult www.c-span.org/videolibrary to purchase DVD copies and details on use restrictions on C-SPAN programs.

■ Publications

C-SPAN offers a number of publications that provide context to the programs airing on the network. The U.S. Congressional Directory — a color photo directory of the members of Congress with biographical information, addresses, phone numbers, staff members, and committee assignments — may be purchased. Other C-SPAN books, including the *Booknotes* collection, are also available. Order online at www.c-span.org/videolibrary, or call toll free 877-ON-CSPAN (877-662-7726).

■ Products and Educational Items

Viewers can purchase a variety of C-SPAN baseball caps, coffee mugs, tee-shirts, presidential history educational items, as well as special video collections. Visit www.c-span.org/videolibrary or call 877-ON-CSPAN (877-662-7726).

■ Transcripts

Transcripts of Q&A are available free online at q-and-a.org. *Booknotes* transcripts are available free online at booknotes.org.

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