

The Diane Rehm Show

President Obama's Leadership Style

Wednesday, April 21, 2010 - 10:06 a.m

President Obama's popularity has been falling at home but rising abroad: analysis of the president's leadership style, how it has evolved and his effectiveness in Washington and around the world.

Guests

James Thurber

professor and director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies at American University

Richard Murphy

served as U.S. Ambassador to Syria, the Philippines, and Saudi Arabia, and former Assistant Secretary of State for Near East and South Asian Affairs under President Reagan

Ron Elving

Washington editor for NPR.

What Americans Think of Congress

<http://thedianerehmshow.org/audio-player?nid=153>

Monday, February 15, 2010 - 10:05 a.m

Americans are increasingly dissatisfied with how their government works - or doesn't. With millions unemployed, soaring deficits and concerns about health-care, voters want Congress to act. The future of bipartisanship in a hyper-partisan age.

Guests

James Thurber

professor and director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies at American University

Andrew Kohut

director of the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press

Chris Cillizza

is the author of "The Fix" on washingtonpost.com

Charlie Cook

editor and publisher of the "Cook Political Report"

Tom Davis

Tom Davis served in Congress from 1995-2008, and was chairman of the Republican congressional campaign committee from 1998-2002.

Tom Udall

is the junior senator from New Mexico. He was elected in 2008. Previously he served as a U.S. Representative and as New Mexico's State Attorney General.

The Presidential Transition Process

<http://thedianerehmsshow.org/audio-player?nid=1872>

Thursday, November 6, 2008 - 10:06 a.m.

A look at the presidential transition process and how challenges facing the nation will affect the make-up of the new administration.

Guests

Stephen Hess

is senior fellow emeritus in Governance Studies at the Brookings Institution.

James Thurber

professor and director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies at American University

Gene Dodaro

is Acting Comptroller General of the Government Accountability Office of the United States.

Mack McLarty

is president of McLarty Associates. He also served as President Clinton's Chief of Staff and Senior Counselor.

Readers' Review: "The Plot Against America" by Philip Roth

<http://thedianerehmsshow.org/audio-player?nid=1892>

Sunday, November 2, 2008 - 10:06 a.m.

Diane invites listeners to join a discussion of what some reviewers called Philip Roth's most powerful political novel. It presents an alternate world in which Charles Lindbergh defeats FDR in the 1940 presidential election.

Guests

Kate Lehrer

Author, most recently of "Confessions of a Bigamist."

Ron Charles

Fiction editor at The Washington Post

James Thurber

Professor and director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies at American University

Readers' Review: "The Plot Against America" by Philip Roth

<http://thedianerehmsshow.org/audio-player?nid=1899>

Wednesday, October 29, 2008 - 11:06 a.m.

Diane invites listeners to join a discussion of what some reviewers called Philip Roth's most powerful political novel. It presents an alternate world in which Charles Lindbergh defeats FDR in the 1940 presidential election.

Guests

Kate Lehrer

author, most recently of "Confessions of a Bigamist."

Ron Charles

fiction editor at The Washington Post

James Thurber

professor and director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies at American University

Perspectives on the Election

<http://thedianerehmshow.org/audio-player?nid=10020&format=ram>

Thursday, November 16, 2000 - 10:06 a.m.

Diane talks with a panel about the contested U.S. presidential election. They'll focus on historical precedents for the current situation, including the consequences for the next Administration.

Guests

Marshall Whitman

Hudson Institute

James Thurber

professor and director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies at American University

Alan Brinkley

Columbia University

Electoral College

<http://thedianerehmshow.org/audio-player?nid=10047&format=ram>

Tuesday, November 7, 2000 - 10:06 a.m.

This year's presidential election is said to be the closest in 40 years -- so close that some political prognosticators predict one candidate could win the popular vote, while the other could win the electoral college vote and the presidency. Diane and her guests explain how the electoral college system works, and talk about how the tight race is making voter turnout efforts more important than ever for the political parties.

Guests

James Thurber

professor and director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies at American University

Thomas Edsall

covered national politics for the "Washington Post" from 2001 to 2006, now a special correspondent for "The New Republic."

Susan Rasky

lecturer at the Graduate School of Journalism at the University of California, Berkeley

The Kojo Nnamdi Show**An Ethically-Challenged Capital City?**

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THURSDAY, MAR. 11, 2010 at 1:06 p.m.

Democrats regained control of Congress four years ago after several high-profile scandals damaged the Republican brand. The GOP is looking to return the favor in 2010 now that ethical issues involving Democrats are feeding into an already anti-Washington political climate. We explore why so many people see Washington as an "ethically-challenged" city, and why solutions may require a lot more than new lobbying rules or earmarking guidelines.

Guests

James Thurber

Director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, American University

Janine Wedel

Professor of Public Policy, George Mason University; Author, "Shadow Elite: How the World's New Power Brokers Undermine Democracy, Government, and the Free Market" (Basic Books)

Dana Milbank

"Washington Sketch" Columnist, "The Washington Post"; Author, "O is for Obama" (Triumph) and "Homo Politicus: The Strange and Scary Tribes that run our Government" (Doubleday)

Washingtonians Remember Sen. Edward Kennedy

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WEDNESDAY, AUG. 26, 2009 at 12:06 p.m.

He may have been a "son of Massachusetts," but Sen. Ted Kennedy was also a Washingtonian -- a Kalorama resident who frequented the Mitchell Park and enjoyed dinners at Cafe Milano in Georgetown. We remember Kennedy as a D.C. local and discuss his early efforts to grant statehood to the District.

Guests

Eleanor Holmes Norton

Delegate, U.S. House of Representatives (D-DC)

James Thurber

Director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, American University

Iilir Zherka

Executive Director, D.C. Vote

Lobbyists and Power in American Politics

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TUESDAY, SEP. 2, 2008 at 1:06 p.m.

The right to petition one's government is a important part of the American political system. But many people inside and outside politics say our rules for lobbying haven't kept up with how sophisticated the practice has become. Join Kojo as we explore where lobbying fits within the power structure of our democracy.

Guests

James Thurber

Director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, American University

Sheila Krumholz

Executive Director, Center for Responsive Politics

Nicholas Lemann

Dean and Henry R. Luce Professor, Graduate School of Journalism, Columbia University

Local Politics, Ethics and Public Appearance

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WEDNESDAY, JUN. 18, 2008 at 12:06 p.m.

Being an elected official has its perks. But the voters who elect our leaders expect those perks won't be abused, and that those leaders will abide by a code of written and unwritten ethical guidelines. We look at recent controversies surrounding local elected leaders, and explore the intersection of politics, power and personal ethics.

Guests

Andrew A. Green

City and State Editor, Baltimore Sun

James Thurber

Director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, American University

Holds, Legislative Maneuvers and the Senate

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THURSDAY, MAY. 24, 2007 at 12:06 p.m.

One bill would recognize the legacy of a local environmental pioneer. The other authorized the District's school take-over plan. Both were held up in the U.S. Senate through the use of "senatorial holds". Kojo explores the unique power wielded by U.S. Senators, and the rules that govern legislative activity on the Hill.

Guests

James Thurber

Director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, American University

David Hawkings

Managing Editor, CQ Weekly

Benjamin Cardin

U.S. Senator (D- MD)

Republican Revolution

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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 19, 2005 at 1:06 p.m.

Ten years ago, the GOP gained control of the House of Representatives by wresting 52 seats from the Democrats... and they've never looked back. Find out how the "Republican revolution" has altered the political landscape.

Guests

James Thurber

Director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, American University

John Fortier

Research Fellow, American Enterprise Institute

Becky Norton Dunlop

Vice President, The Heritage Foundation

Congress: New and Old Business

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THURSDAY, NOV. 4, 2004 at 12:06 p.m.

With four of thirteen appropriation bills passed, \$70 billion dollars floating around for the war in Iraq and Afghanistan, and judicial nominations looming, we take a look at the old and new business in Congress.

Guests

Jonathan Broder

Editor of Foreign Policy and Defense, Congressional Quarterly

David Boaz

Executive Vice-President, The CATO Institute

James Thurber

Director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, American University

Michael Franc

Vice President, Heritage Foundation

That 90's Show

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WEDNESDAY, APR. 3, 2002 at 1:06 p.m.

The nineties brought us dot-coms, the Gulf War, grunge music, and the Clinton presidency. But whether it left behind a cohesive legacy is up for debate. Join Kojo for a look at what's important about the last decade.

Guests

Jodie Allen

Money and Business Editor, U.S. News & World Report

James Thurber

Director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, American University

Andy Seiler

Entertainment Reporter, USA Today

John Rennie

Editor-in-Chief, Scientific American

Tech Tuesday: Politics Online

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TUESDAY, AUG. 15, 2000 at 1:06 p.m.

The Year 2000 election will see the "coming of age" of on-line political journalism and the use of the Internet as a campaign tool. It's a special Tech Tuesday, direct from the Democratic National Convention, as Kojo and guests discuss the role of the Internet in today's political scene.

Guests

James Thurber

Director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, American University

Carl Bernstein

Executive Vice President, Voter.com

Joshua King

Vice President of External Affairs, SpeakOut.com

C-SPAN

Forum on the Filibuster

<http://www.c-spanarchives.org/program/292507-1>

3/11/2010

The Center for American Progress held a discussion on the use of the filibuster rule and its effect on modern U.S. Senate procedures. Senator Tom Udall talked about the history of the filibuster and argued his belief in the need for reform. Thomas Mann offered proposals for changing or working around the rule. Following Senator Udall's presentation they answered questions from the audience.

Climate Change Lobbying

<http://www.c-spanarchives.org/program/291034-1>

1/4/2010

Dan Weiss talked about using paid media as an advocacy campaign tool. Topics included types of strategies for advocacy campaigns, elements of an advertising campaign, and planning factors. Following his remarks he responded to questions from members of the audience.

Coalition Building and Lobbying

<http://www.c-spanarchives.org/program/291034-101>

1/4/2010

Joel Malina delivered remarks on coalition building and issue campaigns. Following his remarks he responded to questions from audience members.

Another Part: <http://www.c-spanarchives.org/program/291034-2>

Polling and Survey Research

<http://www.c-spanarchives.org/program/291034-3>

1/4/2010

Glen Bolger spoke to students about the use of polling and survey data in public policy and political campaigns. Among the topics he addressed were the use of polling for research, targeting constituencies based on public opinion surveys, and campaign communications. He also answered questions from the students.

Corporate Lobbying

<http://www.c-spanarchives.org/program/291034-4>

1/4/2010

Ed Ingle spoke to students about lobbying efforts on behalf of corporate interests. Among the issues he addressed were targeting appropriate officials and institutions, staffing a government relations office, and communications strategy. He also responded to questions from the students.

Legislative Process and Lobbying

<http://www.c-spanarchives.org/program/290964-1>

12/29/2009

Walter Oleszek spoke to students about the legislative process and effective lobbying. Among the topics he addressed were the role of the lobbyist in shaping legislation, ethics, and building relationships with policy makers. He also responded to questions from the students.

Another Part: <http://www.c-spanarchives.org/program/283053-2>

Politics of Lobbying Reform

<http://www.c-spanarchives.org/program/290964-2>

12/29/2009

James Thurber spoke to students about political lobbying efforts and the role of the lobbyist in the political process. He focused on recent lobbying reforms enacted by Congress governing procedures, ethics rules, and campaign financing. He also responded to questions from the students.

Executive-Congressional Branch Relations in the Lobbying Process

<http://www.c-spanarchives.org/program/283061-2>

12/30/2009

Charles Brain presented a lecture about lobbying strategies and understanding the relationship between the executive and legislative branch. He emphasized the dynamic nature of the relationship and how policy is made between negotiations in both spheres. He also answered questions from the students.

Presidential Transition Lobbyist Restrictions

<http://www.c-spanarchives.org/program/282367-3>

11/12/2008

James Thurber talked about President-Elect Obama's transition team announcement of new rules for lobbyists, and how the rules differ from previous presidential transitions.

2008 Presidential Election Forecasts

<http://www.c-spanarchives.org/program/282024-1>

10/27/2008

Authors of election forecasts discussed their 2008 election predictions. They are the authors of three of the nine forecast models that appeared in an election-themed symposium in the October 2008 issue of *PS: Political Science and Politics*, a journal of the American Political Science Association (APSA). Six of the nine presidential election forecasts predicted that Senator Obama would win the popular vote. James Thurber moderated this presentation at the National Press Club.

Presidential Transitions

<http://www.c-spanarchives.org/program/281793-1>

10/15/2008

Participants in a conference on the upcoming presidential transition spoke about past administration efforts during transition periods, promises made by both 2008 presidential candidates to "change the way Washington works," and improving working relations between the president and Congress. "Structuring a White House Legislative Affairs Office" was the first

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Another Part: <http://www.c-spanarchives.org/program/281793-2>

History of National Party Conventions

<http://www.c-spanarchives.org/program/204677-1>

4/2/2008

After opening remarks by James Thurber and Mike Berman, panelists discussed the history of political conventions. Topics included the present importance of presidential conventions, historical perspectives, decreasing media coverage of conventions, and whether conventions still matter. Mr. Pitts was an assistant parliamentarian at four Republican conventions. Mr. Panagopoulos is the author of *Rewiring Politics: Presidential Nominating Conventions in the Media Age*. This session was the first panel of a conference on the 2008 National Party Conventions at the Center. It was hosted by James Thurber and co-hosted by Mike Berman, who was on the staff of every Democratic Convention since 1968.

Role of the Media at National Party Conventions

<http://www.c-spanarchives.org/program/204677-2>

4/2/2008

The panelists talked about the role of the news media at the national party conventions. Topics included the decreasing media coverage of conventions, the role of cable news television, and the history of convention news coverage. After their presentations the panelists responded to audience members' questions. "The Changing Role of Media at Conventions" was the second panel of a conference on the 2008 National Party Conventions.

Presidential Convention Delegates and Rules

<http://www.c-spanarchives.org/program/204677-3>

4/2/2008

A panel discussion was held on the process of selecting delegates to the national party conventions and the importance of convention rules. Topics included winner-take-all primaries, superdelegates, the delegate count thus far for the two Democratic candidates, and the endorsement of candidates. After their presentations the panelists responded to telephone calls and electronic mail. This panel was part of a conference on the 2008 National Party Conventions at the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies. It was hosted by James Thurber and co-hosted by Mike Berman, who was on the staff of every Democratic Convention since 1968.

Presidential Nominating Calendar

<http://www.c-spanarchives.org/program/201850-1>

10/29/2007

Participants talked about recent changes in the calendar for state primaries and caucuses, the potential impact on the presidential nominating process, and disputes generated following the decisions of several states to move their primary election procedures earlier in the year. They also talked about the date of the New Hampshire primary which had not been set, as the state was considering how to remain the first in the nation primary state. They also talked structural problems in the current system and several proposed solutions for future presidential primary elections.

Congressional Leadership

<http://www.c-spanarchives.org/program/195692-1>

12/7/2006

A bipartisan panel of former members of Congress gave advice for the leaders of the 110th Congress on working with the executive branch to set and follow a successful legislative agenda. James Thurber moderated. The "Congressional Leadership Summit: Advice for the 110th Congress" was held at the National Press Club.

2006 Midterm Elections

<http://www.c-spanarchives.org/program/194598-1>

10/3/2006

Mr. Thurber moderated a discussion on the results of primary elections and the potential outcomes of the midterm elections in November. It was noted that there are many more "competitive" congressional seats this year than in 2004. Topics included redistricting, the predominantly Republican South, President Bush's popularity numbers, incumbency, campaign fundraising, and the resignation of Florida Rep. Mark Foley. After their presentations the participants responded to audience members' questions.

Congressional Oversight Duties, Opening Session

<http://www.c-spanarchives.org/program/194342-1>

9/18/2006

After opening remarks, the panelists, moderated by Mr. Lilly, discussed what is required for good congressional oversight of the executive branch and also evaluation of the work of Congress. Topics included legal mandates, investigation of activities, separation of powers, definitions of ideal congressional oversight, National Security Council wiretapping, and restoring credibility. Some speakers criticized the "breakdown of oversight" and the "imperial presidency." After their presentations the panelists responded to audience members' questions. The event was held in the Rayburn House Office Building.

Luncheon Keynote Address

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/194342-4>

9/18/2006

As part of a conference on the effectiveness of congressional oversight of the executive branch in recent years, Rep. Waxman, ranking member of the House Government Reform Committee, delivered the luncheon keynote address criticizing the lack of congressional oversight of the White House.

Congressional-Presidential Relations

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/192746-3>

5/30/2006

Mr. Thurber talked about Congressional-presidential relations in light of the FBI's search of Rep. Jefferson's Capitol Hill office and past federal investigations of Congress. He responded to audience telephone calls and electronic mail.

Lobbying Reform

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/191426-1>

3/2/2006

The House Rules Committee held a hearing on lobbying reform, focusing on accountability and transparency in lobbying. Witnesses testified about a number of topics including records filing requirements and disclosure regulations, enforcement of ethics rules and complaint procedures, campaign financing issues, and the adequacy of existing rules.

Lobbying Reform

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/191112-1>

2/8/2006

Senators McCain, Feingold, Coleman, and Obama testified about proposals to revise rules and regulations governing lobbying. Non-profit and lobbying group officials testified about the ethics of lobbying, enforcement of the current regulations, transparency, the congressional oversight of lobbying, and other issues. Lobbyist Swift is a former U.S. Representative (D-WA 1979-1995).

Ethics and Lobbying

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/190701-1>

1/13/2006

Pat Griffin gave a lecture on ethics and lobbying. Among the topics he addressed were campaign fundraising and ideology. Following his presentation, Mr. Griffin responded to questions and comments from students in the classroom.

Mobilization of Third Party Groups

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/190681-1>

1/12/2006

Jack Bonner gave a lecture on political advocacy. Among the topics he discussed were mobilizing third party groups in lobbying, local grassroots organization, and individual examples of grassroots participation. Following his presentation, Mr. Bonner responded to questions and comments from students in the classroom.

Internet Advocacy Campaigns

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/190681-2>

1/12/2006

Pam Fielding, the head of an Internet advocacy firm, gave a lecture on the use of the Internet in lobbying. Using charts and graphs, she discussed topics including tools to help supporters recruit for campaigns, specific examples of lobbying, building an activist network, and the power of personal communication. Following her presentation, Ms. Fielding responded to questions and comments from Mr. Thurber and students in the classroom.

Congressional Perspective on Lobbying

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/190681-3>

1/12/2006

Former Representative Skaggs, a former member of the House Appropriations Committee, gave a lecture on effective lobbying in Congress. Among the topics he discussed were the different types of lobbyists, the variety of issues, constituent interests, and campaign fundraising. Following his presentation, Ms. Fielding responded to questions and comments from students in the classroom.

Lobbying

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/190681-4>

1/12/2006

Mr. Berman gave a lecture on the integrity and lobbying. Among the topics he discussed was the history of lobbying in the United States, from the bribing of state legislators in Georgia to the scandal involving former Indian lobbyist Jack Abramoff. He also spoke about efforts for ethics reform in lobbying, including an order in 1913 by then President Wilson for lobbyists to leave Washington, D.C. Following his presentation, Mr. Berman responded to questions and comments from students in the classroom.

Polling in Lobbying Campaigns

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/190609-1>

1/6/2006

Peter Hart gave a lecture on lobbying and pollsters. Among the topics he discussed were pollster bias, correct sampling of data, and the use of data to develop strategies. Mr. Hart asked questions to students in the classroom.

National Rifle Association Grassroots Membership

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/190609-2>

1/6/2006

Glen Caroline, director of the Grassroots Division of the National Rifle Association (NRA), gave a lecture on how the NRA organizes its constituents to lobby. Using charts and graphs, he discussed how opponents of the NRA, including former President Bill Clinton, have praised the gun association for their grassroots programs. Following his presentation, Mr. Caroline responded to questions and comments from members of the audience.

Executive and Congressional Lobbying Process

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/190609-3>

1/6/2006

Charles Brain gave a lecture on lobbying and Executive-Congressional branch relations. Among the topics he discussed were second term presidents and the effect of funding on reelections. Mr. Brain responded to questions and comments from students in the classroom.

Lobbying and Public Policymaking

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/190554-1>

1/3/2006

The Public Affairs and Advocacy Institute, formerly the Lobbying Institute, hosted a workshop on the art and craft of lobbying. James Thurber gave a lecture on lobbying and public policymaking. Among the topics he discussed were appropriations programs, partisanship in Congress, and micropolitics. The class included a question-and-answer session.

Presidential Nominating Process

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/189658-1>

10/31/2005

Members of a bipartisan panel spoke about changes in the presidential nominating process. Among the topics the participants discussed were the creation of a better process; ending of frontloading and grouping of primaries; and the creation of a fair, stable and sound system before the 2008 election. The panelists talked about various plans including a regional primary process and the Delaware Plan. The Delaware Plan grouped states into four "pods" according to population. Following their discussion, the panelists responded to questions and comments from members of the audience.

Perspectives on American Democracy

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/188626-1>

8/31/2005

The Center for American Progress and American University's Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies hosted a one day symposium on "Checks and Balances, Perspectives on American Democracy at the Beginning of the Twenty First Century." The symposium on American government focused on several issues including the role of the executive branch, congressional powers, the role of committees in formulating legislation and public policy, as well as government stability. The first segment included a panel discussion on the role of the executive branch in the 21st century. After their discussion the panelists responded to questions and comments from members of the audience.

Another Part: <http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/188626-4>

Lobbying for an Association

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/184964-1>

12/30/2004

Mr. Hamill talked about lobbying for an association, including using coalitions and combining groups to increase the number of lobbyists. Topics included creating a perception of strength and using the knowledge of individuals. He also answered students' questions.

Lobbying Energy & Environmental Policy

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/184964-4>

12/30/2004

Mr. Rosenzweig talked about lobbying environmental and energy policy. He talked about the relationship between energy and national security, economics, and environmental objectives. He also described his own views of U.S. energy policy. Following his presentation he answered students' questions.

Message and Communication in Lobbying

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/184957-1>

12/29/2004

Ms. Wolf spoke to students about the role of lobbyists, creating and disseminating messages on policy issues, and effective communication strategies. Following her remarks she answered questions from the students.

Political Psychology and Lobbying

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/184957-3>

12/29/2004

Mr. Sturman talked about psychological aspects of issue advocacy and political lobbying efforts. Among the issues he addressed were changing attitudes towards policies and the links between attitudes and behavior. Following his remarks he answered questions from the students.

Building Non-Profit Coalitions

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/184957-4>

12/29/2004

Mr. Loge spoke to students about developing campaign strategies and coordinating efforts of non-profit coalitions for issue advocacy. Among the issues he addressed were developing messages, defining goals of policy advocacy, and disseminating effective policy arguments. Following his remarks he answered questions from the audience.

Current Problems With The Health Care System

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/183470-1>

9/13/2004

Panelists discussed problems in the U.S. health care system. They characterized health care as a critical, but often overlooked, issue in the presidential campaign. They discussed rising costs for health care and the rising number of people in the U.S. without health insurance. The panelists also responded to audience questions.

Voter Attitudes on Health Care Policy

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/183470-3>

9/13/2004

Pollsters discussed voter attitudes about health care policy. They also spoke about how these attitudes effect voting behavior. They responded to audience questions.

Cost of Health Care

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/183470-4>

9/13/2004

Panelists discussed the cost of health care and projections for future health care costs. They spoke about the political impact of these costs, and responded to audience questions.

White House Lobbying

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/179841-2>

1/8/2004

The panelists, all former White House legislative directors, talked about the techniques for White House lobbying. According to Mr. Griffin, who moderated the panel, the five major functions of the White House office of legislative affairs are policy and strategy development, strategy execution, relationship building, information gathering, and crisis management. Panelists responded to questions from the moderator and the audience.

Role of the Press in Lobbying

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/179731-1>

12/30/2003

Mr. Birnbaum talked about the relationship between lobbying and the media, focusing on his own experiences with lobbyists. He also discussed the modi operandi of various lobbyists and lobbying organizations. He said that because the most important consideration of political officeholders is re-election, the greatest influence on their decisions is their constituents, and thus the task of the lobbyist is to persuade politicians that a majority of their constituents hold certain views. Following prepared remarks, Mr. Birnbaum responded to questions from the audience.

Grassroots Lobbying

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/179731-2>

12/30/2003

Mr. Caroline talked about grassroots lobbying, focusing on how the National Rifle Association recruits, mobilizes, trains, educates, and empowers members for involvement in legislative and political activism. He divided grassroots activities into legislative and political categories, defining legislative lobbying as actions designed to influence legislation and political lobbying as actions designed to influence elections. In describing grassroots lobbying, Mr. Caroline employed the analogy of the need to "hunt where the ducks are", meaning that efforts and resources are focused in areas where they are most likely to be effective. Following prepared remarks, he responded to questions from the audience.

Open Phones

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/179713-1>

12/29/2003

Telephone lines were open for viewer comments on news of the day.

Political Lobbying

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/179725-1>

12/29/2003

Mr. Brain talked about the role of lobbyists on Capitol Hill and the process of shaping legislation. He also answered questions from students in the class.

Political Lobbying

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/179725-2>

12/29/2003

Mr. Thurber talked to students about building lobbying strategies and creating public policy. For examples he relied heavily on lobbying efforts before the Persian Gulf War and the more recent war in Iraq. During his presentation he answered questions from the students.

Election Past and Future

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/174667-3>

1/17/2003

Political analysts talked about past and future elections. Among the topics they addressed were the results and impact of the 2002 midterm elections, prospects for the 2004 presidential elections, the narrow balance of power in Washington, and campaign issues such as the economy, potential war in Iraq and campaign financing. Following their remarks they answered questions from the audience.

Issue Advocacy Strategies

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/174411-1>

1/2/2003

Mr. Loge spoke to students about coalition building, strategies for issue and public advocacy, and the role of non-profit organizations. During his lecture he answered questions from the students.

Campaign Financing

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/173766-1>

11/9/2002

The panelists talked about the November 5 midterm elections, focusing on campaign financing. They also responded to questions from the audience.

American Political Campaigns

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/173735-1>

11/8/2002

The panelists talked about the effects of political consultants and lobbyists on campaigns and elections. They also responded to questions from the audience.

Campaigns and the Internet

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/173735-5>

11/8/2002

Midterm Congressional Elections

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/169607-1>

4/15/2002

Political strategists and journalists talked about Congressional elections and the potential outcome of several local races. Among the topics they addressed were campaign financing, media interest in midterm elections, and the importance of local races on national politics. Following their remarks they answered questions from the audience.

First Year of the Bush Administration

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/168766-1>

2/20/2002

Participants reviewed the events and policies offered during the first year of the Bush administration. Following their remarks they answered questions from the audience.

Campaign Contributions

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/168126-1>

10/10/2002

Mr. Makinson talked to students about campaign contribution patterns focusing on sources of contributions, use of contributions, and voting patterns. Following his remarks he answered questions from the audience.

The Press and the Lobbying Community

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/168076-1>

1/7/2002

Mr. Birnbaum talked about the relationship between lobbyists and journalists. Among the topics he addressed were public perceptions of lobbyists, how lobbyists and the press influence both policy and public opinion, and how lobbying organizations develop a public message. Following his remarks he answered questions from the audience.

The Internet and Lobbying Campaigns

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/168076-2>

1/7/2002

Ms. Fielding and Ms. Duritz talked about mounting successful lobbying campaigns using Internet technology. Among the topics they addressed were designing and using web sites to maximize the exchange of information, e-mail campaigns, and the use of message boards and chat rooms. Following their remarks they answered questions from students in the audience.

Communication in a Lobbying Campaign

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/168055-1>

1/4/2002

Ms. Wolf, a public interest public relations expert, talked about the importance of communication in a lobbying campaign, including message and strategy. This program is interrupted for approximately 18 minutes (17:38 to 17:56), but no material is missing.

Dynamics of Public Policy Subsystems

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/168044-1>

1/3/2002

Mr. Thurber talked about lobbying techniques and navigating the various divisions, caucuses, and interests in government. Among the issues he addressed were divided-party government, demographic concerns, regional influences on policy, and other factors underlying different power coalitions. Following his remarks he answered questions from the audience.

Media Messages

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/168044-3>

1/3/2002

Mr. Devine talked to students about the role of media consultants and advertising during political campaigns. During his presentation he answered questions from the audience and showed portions of campaign advertisements.

Impact of the Clinton Legacy

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/163268-1>

3/20/2001

Participants talked about the legacy of the Clinton presidency and the impact of his administration on American politics. Among the issues they addressed were the economy, political centrism, the role of the media, and scandals during his term in office. Following their remarks they answered questions from the audience.

Presidential-Congressional Relations

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/160617-1>

11/17/2000

After Professor Thurber's opening remarks, Mr. Broder delivered the keynote address about presidential-congressional relations after the 2000 election. He answered questions from the audience.

Presidential-Congressional Relations in a New Century

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/160617-2>

11/17/2000

Pfiffner's and Polsby's topic was "President and Congress at the Turn of the Century: Structural Sources of Conflict." Wayne's topic was "Congress and Presidential Leadership." Davidson's topic was "The Presidency and Congressional Leadership." After their prepared remarks, the panelists answered questions from the audience. Members of other panels also asked questions.

Presidential-Congressional Relations: A View from the White House

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/160617-3>

11/17/2000

Andres' topic is "Successful Influence: Managing Legislative Affairs in the 21st Century." Griffin's topic is, "Working with Congress: Personality, Politics and the Presidential Policy Agenda." Korologos' topic is "Lessons from the White House Office of Congressional Affairs: Eisenhower through Clinton." The panelists, all of whom have worked in the White House at some time, also talked about the effects of this month's contested presidential election on White House-Congress relations and answered questions from the audience.

Measuring Presidential Success

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/160617-4>

11/17/2000

Thurber and Dulio's topic is "Presidential-Congressional Relations and the Politics of the Appropriations Process." Dietz's topic is "Presidential Influence in Congress: New Solutions to Old Problems."

Presidential Mandates and Congressional Leadership

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/160617-5>

11/17/2000

Cohen's topic is "The Impact of Campaign Message and Election Mandates on Presidential-Congressional Relations." Oleszek's topic is "Herding Cats: Presidential Coalition-Building in the Senate." Fisher's topic is "Clinton's Military Actions." Professor Thurber will have closing remarks. Audience questions were answered.

Election 2000 Reaction

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/160342-1>

11/8/2000

This segment will include open phones, news from the Internet, late breaking election results, and telephone interviews from around the country.

Presidential Leadership

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/158989-1>

8/29/2000

Former White House officials described successful and unsuccessful transitions from presidential candidacy to the presidency, including how the chief of the Executive Branch lays the foundation for successful governance. Mr. Felzenberg, the editor, announced the publication of the Heritage Foundation book, *Keys to a Successful Presidency*, a condensation of eight months of seminars on this topic. These panelists were a part of some of those seminars. After their prepared remarks, the panelists responded to questions from the audience.

Impact of Super Tuesday Primaries

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/155901-1>

3/8/2000

Panelists talked about the current presidential primary season, reviewed where the front runners stand, and discussed possible candidate strategies based on the results from the primaries and caucuses. They also responded to questions from the audience.

Lobbying for the President

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/154722-1>

1/14/2000

Mr. Andres described strategies the White House used to sell its policies to Congress and the private sector. He talked about the history and structure of the White House legislative affairs office, some of the misconceptions about how the White House lobbies Capitol Hill, and how the system works. He also listed effective and ineffective lobbying techniques and talked about lobbying careers. Mr. Andres was deputy assistant to the president for legislative affairs in the Bush administration.

Lobbying in Washington

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/154723-1>

1/14/2000

Mr. Walker talked about the history of lobbying in Washington since the 1960s. He focused on the key issues that lobbyists have influenced in the Congress. After his prepared remarks he answered questions from students.

Lobbying and Appropriations

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/154617-1>

1/10/2000

Mr. Bevels talked about how lobbying affects the congressional appropriations process. He explained the federal budget appropriations process and said that lobbying of appropriations is diverse and should be viewed a whole-year process. After his remarks he responded to questions from the students.

Anti-Tobacco Lobbying

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/154531-1>

1/5/2000

Representatives from the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids talked about the history of tobacco and its uses, and about methods of lobbying against tobacco. They described tobacco as a dangerous product with special legislative advantages and not enough federal regulation. After their lectures they answered questions from the students.

Lobbying for Trade Associations

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/154532-1>

1/5/2000

Mr. Equale talked about lobbying in general, how to represent clients, and also the history of lobbying. He talked about the need to understand the relationships and interplay between Congress, the White House and the media. He also talked about professional ethics and responded to questions from the students.

Grassroots Campaigns

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/154504-1>

1/4/2000

Mr. Thurber and Ms. Chapman spoke to students about effective means of lobbying Congress by mounting grassroots campaigns. Among the issues they addressed were how the decision making process occurs in different parts of the government, how to target key decision makers, and how to efficiently manage an issue campaign.

Lobbying and Education Policy

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/154514-1>

1/4/2000

Ms. Shust described lobbying for educational policies. She answered questions from the students.

Running the White House

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/153738-1>

11/18/1999

Participants discussed the administrative role of the White House staff and how to effectively run the White House and implement a president's agenda. After formal presentations they held a round table discussion and answered questions from the audience.

Political Consultants

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/125629-1>

6/27/1999

Mr. Thurber talked about his recent study which focused on the difference between political parties and political consultants, finding that political consultants are the major source of party strategy. He also took audience calls, faxes, and electronic mail.

Top Ten Congressional Websites

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/123027-1>

5/4/1999

Participants talked to reporters about the top ten congressional web sites. They based their ratings on how the sites provide constituent service and how easy they are to access. They also listed web sites which have some fun, unusual things on them. After their prepared remarks they took questions from reporters.

1998 Congressional Elections

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/100011-1>

2/2/1998

Panelists talked about the upcoming congressional elections. They discussed how to judge a quality race and some of the issues that will play a major role in the election. Following their discussion, panelists answered questions from the audience.

Political Power and Lobbying

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/98506-1>

1/5/1998

Mr. Goff described the Lobbying Institute at American University and what students can expect during the two-week seminar. The program is an annual course which gives students a chance to interact with professional lobbyists and learn about the profession. Dr. Thurber then talked about his career in politics and lobbying.

Campaign Finance Reform

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/92091-1>

10/1/1997

Professor Thurber talked about past efforts to reform the campaign finance system to provide historical context for the current debate. He also took questions from viewers.

Executive Privilege in Clinton White House

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/92252-1>

9/29/1997

Panelists discussed the relationship between Congress and the White House since President Clinton took office. They discussed what executive privilege is and the instances in which it is used by the president. Following their prepared remarks, panelists took questions from the audience.

Presidential-Congressional Relations

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/79910-1>

3/24/1997

Former and current White House and congressional advisers discussed the relations between Congress and the president. They talked about the effects of having a president of one party and a Congress of the other.

Politics of Congressional Reform

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/76907-1>

11/19/1996

Panelists discussed congressional reform, including committee reform, changes in the rules of the House and Senate, debate and relationship civility, the nature of power and leadership and other issues. Oleszek and Evans are the authors of *Congress Under Fire*.

104th Congress: From Contract to Combat

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/73144-1>

6/21/1996

Senators, journalists and congressional scholars discussed how the Republican agenda as defined in the "Contract with America" was altered in its course through the U.S. Senate. They also examined the agenda for the rest of the 104th Congress and how its activities may affect the 1996 elections. The panelists also took questions from the audience.

President-Congress Relations

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/71121-1>

4/8/1996

Panelists discussed the current state of relations between President Clinton and the Republican Congress. They analyzed the strategies used by both sides to advance their agendas and how these differed from the 103rd Congress, which the Democrats controlled. After the individual presentations, there was a discussion period with the audience.

Corrections Calendar

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/65678-1>

6/13/1995

Committee members heard testimony concerning "Corrections Day," which will be days in the House set aside to pass mostly non-controversial legislation to change bothersome federal regulations. Such days would occur on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month subject to the Speaker.

Corrections Day

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/64855-1>

5/2/1995

Committee members heard testimony concerning government regulation in several areas. During this so-called "Corrections Day," members could propose the elimination of regulations that they thought were useless and inefficient.

Congressional Budget Process

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/64759-1>

4/26/1995

The panelists looked at how the congressional budget process has developed over the last 20 years. They also answered questions from the audience.

President Clinton Relationship with Congress

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/64584-1>

4/17/1995

Journalists, as well as congressional and White House staff, described the relationship between President Clinton and Congress. They discussed his relations with both the 103rd and the 104th Congress, focusing on his legislative accomplishments and setbacks. Following prepared statements, the panelists took questions from the audience.

Midterm Election Analysis

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/61446-1>

11/9/1994

Panelists examined the 1994 congressional and gubernatorial elections. They focused on reasons for the significant Republican gains, such as the nationalization of most of these elections and the anti-Clinton and anti-Washington feelings among the public. They also talked about the implications of a Republican Congress for the next two years and beyond. They also took questions from the audience of students.

Constitutional Structure of U.S. Government

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/61161-1>

10/27/1994

Mr. Cutler was personal counsel to Presidents Carter and Clinton and founded the Committee on the Constitutional System. He is concerned with the Executive Branch-Congress gridlock which prevents the passage of much legislation. Professor Thurber believes that this gridlock is caused by unrealistic voters who want every government service at no cost in taxes. Legislators try to do what is best for the U.S., but must also be concerned with re-election. Both men feel that the Senate filibuster rule should be changed, as well as House rules procedures. After their presentations the panelists answered audience members' questions.

Practice of Lobbying in Washington

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/57573-1>

6/6/1994

Mr. Boggs spoke at the Lobbying institute about his work as a lobbyist in Washington, D.C. He spoke about being a freelance lobbyist.

Lobbying in Europe

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/57574-1>

6/6/1994

Mr. Billet spoke about his tenure as a European lobbyist for AT&T at a session of the American University Lobbying Institute.

Lobbying in Canada

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/57594-1>

6/6/1994

In one of a number of Lobbying Institute discussions, Dr. Thurber spoke about lobbying practices in Canada and the differences between the U.S. and Canada.

The Art and Craft of Lobbying

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/57410-1>

5/31/1994

Dr. Thurber introduced the Lobbying Institute with a presentation on the art and craft of lobbying. The two-week institute teaches students about the lobbying profession and is hosted by the school's Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies.

Tools and Techniques of Lobbying

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/57411-1>

5/31/1994

Mr. Marlowe spoke at the American University Lobbying Institute. The Lobbying Institute is a two week program designed to teach students about the lobbying profession. It's hosted by the school's Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies.

Old and News Styles of Lobbying

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/57412-1>

5/31/1994

Mr. Walker spoke about his career as a lobbyist at the American University Lobbying Institute. The Lobbying Institute is a two week program designed to teach students about the lobbying profession. It's hosted by the school's center for congressional and presidential studies. The Lobbying Institute is a two week long seminar designed to teach students about the lobbying profession. It's hosted by American University's Center for Presidential and Congressional Studies.

Subsystem Politics and Lobbying

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/57413-1>

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Grassroots Lobbying Strategies

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/53629-1>

1/8/1994

Mr. Bonner discussed grass roots lobbying and the strategies employed in grass roots lobbying. He focused on the defining grass roots movements and the mechanics of accomplishing such a movement.

Styles of Lobbying

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/53615-1>

1/7/1994

Professor Walker discussed different styles of lobbying and their effectiveness. He focused on changes in methods of lobbying during the past three decades. He reviewed the influence of lobbyists in both foreign and domestic policies.

Lobbying and the Legislative Process

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/53527-1>

1/5/1994

Mr. Thurber discussed the role that lobbying plays in the legislative process. He focused on the parts of the legislative process that are normally unseen even by those who work on Capitol Hill. He emphasized the need to understand each stage in the legislative process in order to effectively lobby in Congress.

Interest Group Legislation

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/53510-1>

1/4/1994

Mr. Ivers discussed lobbying the courts and interest group litigation in the 1990s. He emphasized the differences between judicial lobbying and executive or legislative lobbying and indicated that public interest groups are often the most active in judicial lobbying.

NAFTA and Lobbying

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/53511-1>

1/4/1994

Mr. Archey emphasized the legislative process for the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) in his discussion of lobbying. He indicated that trade issues have risen in importance in Washington politics and that the "Fast Track" legislative process is largely responsible.

Representing Foreign Interest in Washington

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/53513-1>

1/4/1994

Mr. McCarthy focused on trade and foreign economic interests in Washington, D.C. in his discussion of lobbying. He used several case studies of issues that he has handled in the past to illustrate lobbying points.

Campaign Finance Reform

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/53616-1>

1/4/1994

Mr. Mawby discussed the lobbying strategies of the Common Cause organization. He focused on that organization's attempts to pass campaign finance reform legislation in Congress.

Interest Group Representation and Lobbying

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/53486-1>

1/3/1994

Mr. Thurber discussed the effects of various interest groups on the legislative process. He focused on the sources of these groups' lobbying power, specifically money and constituencies.

Careers in Lobbying

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/53487-1>

1/3/1994

Mr. Hunnicut and Mr. Russell discussed their lobbying careers and achievements. They also described effective lobbying techniques.

Mobilizing Labor Interests

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/53411-1>

12/30/1993

Prior to the arrival of Mr. Benzinger, Professor Thurber took questions from the students about congressional procedures. Mr. Benzinger discussed the strategies and problems of a labor union as it tries to maintain its membership and increase gains for workers in the modern marketplace.

Lobbying and the Federal Budget

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/53378-1>

12/29/1993

Mr. Thurber discussed how the federal budget limits what lobbyists can introduce as a new agenda. He also addressed the difficulty of changing priorities in the budget and under what circumstances the president can shift those priorities.

Policy Subsystems

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/53399-1>

12/29/1993

Professor Thurber lectured on what he termed "policy subsystems". This refers to the relationship between Congress, bureaucratic agencies, and interest groups. He argues that the system is more complex and more evolved from the often referenced "iron triangles."

Lobbying Institute Preview

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/53403-1>

12/29/1993

Mr. Thurber discussed the objectives of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, as well as the organization of the Lobbying Institute. He discussed its goals and what participants should learn.

Lobbying and the White House

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/53377-1>

12/28/1993

Mr. Korologos discussed lobbying Congress, maintaining ties with the White House, and overall lobbying strategies. He also reviewed his career as a lobbyist and lessons he has learned along the way to becoming president of a prominent Washington lobbying firm.

Campaign Management Institute Preview

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/53356-1>

12/27/1993

Mr. Thurber discussed the objectives of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, as well as the organization of the Campaign Management Institute. The organizer of the Campaign Management Institute, Mr. Robinson, discussed its goals and what participants should learn.

Lobbying for Non-Profit Organizations

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/53363-1>

12/27/1993

Ms. Burke discussed lobbying for non-profit organizations. She described the changing lobbying environment which has seen a growth of female and minority lobbyists.

Lobbying Strategies

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/53364-1>

12/27/1993

Mr. Sweeney discussed "how to conceptualize an issue" for lobbyists. He spoke on the organization of a client's issue for presentation to a member of Congress.

The Art of Lobbying

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/53365-1>

12/27/1993

Mr. Thurber discussed the art and craft of lobbying. He specifically addressed the upcoming health care reform debate and how lobbyists will function on Capitol Hill. This was part of a two-week course for students to learn theoretical and practical aspects of lobbying.

Corporate Lobbying

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/53388-1>

12/27/1993

Mr. Straub discussed corporate lobbying. He focused on the ethics and rules of the advocacy process. The session was part of a two-week program designed to teach students how lobbying operates in Washington, D.C.

Congressional Reform

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/49921-1>

9/3/1993

Correspondents and congressional staff members spoke in a forum on reforming Congress during the convention of the American Political Science Association in Washington, DC. The panelists discussed the initiatives under consideration by the Joint Committee on the Organization of Congress for reforming Congress, and discussed the politics behind the upcoming legislative fight for Congressional reform initiatives. Following their prepared remarks, the panelists responded to questions from members of the audience.

Media Perspective on Lobbying Issues

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/42264-1>

6/4/1993

Representatives of media organizations spoke on how lobbying is portrayed in the media in a panel discussion during a class of the Lobbying Institute, an educational program for students wishing to enter the field of lobbying. The panelists discussed the popular view of lobbying, the scope of the lobbying industry, and possible reforms that may affect the business of lobbyists in the near future. Following their prepared remarks, the panelists responded to questions from members of the audience.

Ethics and the Future of Lobbying

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/42434-1>
6/4/1993

Lobbyists participated in a panel discussion on "Professionalism, Ethics and the Future of Lobbying" during a symposium on lobbying. The speakers discussed the daily operations of different kinds of lobbying firms, and the regulations and ethical concerns governing lobbying activities. The speakers responded to questions from members of the audience following their prepared remarks.

Congressional Reorganization, Day 1

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/26165-1>
5/20/1992

The committee heard testimony on H.Con.Res. 192, legislation that would create a joint committee on the organization of Congress. The committee would be charged with the task of studying and evaluating proposals that would simplify Congress' operations, streamline interchamber relations, and improve the consideration of legislation. The Rules committee is charged with the task of determining the rule under which House floor debate would take place on the legislation.

Political Conventions

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/25277-1>
3/31/1992

James Thurber of the American University Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies commented during a description of the political convention process, including delegate selection procedures and the delegate voting process.

Primaries and Caucuses

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/24053-1>
1/28/1992

Professor Thurber briefly discussed the different kinds of presidential primaries during a vignette on the history and process of political primaries and caucuses in the United States.

Committee on the Organization of Congress

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/22788-1>
11/19/1991

Senators Boren (D-OK) and Domenici (R-NM) teamed up with Reps. Hamilton (D-IN) and Gradison (R-OH) to author a joint resolution calling for a comprehensive reform of the Congress. The resolution would create a temporary committee to outline changes in the Congress modelled after the Joint Monroney-LaFollette Committee that led to the Legislative Reorganization Act. Three political scientists who worked with previous reform committees gave their assessments of the need for reform.

Congressional Term Limits

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/22396-1>
10/28/1991

The guest speakers discussed the positives and negatives surrounding the issue of congressional term limitations.

Ethics in Lobbying

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/18727-1>
4/8/1991

The American University Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies with the American League of Lobbyists sponsored a forum on lobbying in Congress. Panelists focused on the balance between constituency service and unethical legislative practices, which was the main issue in the recent "Keating Five" scandal. The "Keating Five" were five senators who allegedly received large financial contributions to their congressional campaigns from the head of a Colorado savings and loan in exchange for deliberately interfering with federal investigations into the finances of the savings and loan. Panel members also discussed reforms in campaign finance and congressional lobbying regulations. After their presentations the panel members responded to audience members' questions.

Impact of Census on Congressional Elections

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/18139-1>

4/2/1991

Members of the national Republican and Democratic party committees discussed realignment and reapportionment of congressional districts following the 1990 census in the forum entitled "The Impact of the 1990 Census on Congressional Elections," sponsored by American University's Center for Congressional and Presidential Elections. The methods used to count Americans in the 1990 census were controversial, with many critics claiming thousands of homeless citizens were undercounted in urban areas. The census count of population affects both the amount of funds for social services directed toward urban areas and the size of congressional districts, which are supposed to be roughly equal in population. Debates continue over how district lines should be drawn to create relatively equal populations in national and state congressional districts, and how much population may vary between districts while keeping the population levels "equal." Other issues brought in the forum include racial gerrymandering and the shift in population from the Rust Belt and Farm Belt to the Sun Belt.

Money in Congressional Elections

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/14824-1>

11/1/1990

Participants in the forum discussed how campaigns were run and how funds were collected for candidates, including the importance of outside interest group contributions.

Good News & Bad News for the Democratic Party

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/10248-1>

12/11/1989

Congress' Legislative Agenda

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/8999-1>

9/6/1989