



## Speaker Biographies

**Christopher Hitchens - Dr. Lawrence Korb - Bill Kristol - Bret Stephens**

### **Christopher Hitchens**

Christopher Hitchens, one of the most controversial and compelling voices in Anglo-American journalism, has published more than a dozen books. Mr. Hitchens serves as an editor of Harper's, book critic for *Newsday*, is a contributing editor to *Vanity Fair* and writes a monthly column for *The Atlantic*. Mr. Hitchens' work regularly appears in *The New York Times Book Review*, *The Nation*, *Harper's* and *Slate* among others. His most recent book is *Thomas Jefferson: Author of America*. He lives with his family in Washington, D.C.

### **Dr. Lawrence Korb**

Lawrence Korb is a former Assistant Secretary of Defense under Ronald Reagan and was awarded the Department of Defense's medal for Distinguished Public Service. Dr. Korb is a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress and Senior Adviser to the Center for Defense Information. Prior to joining the Center, he was a Senior Fellow and Director of National Security Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations. Prior to joining the Council, Dr. Korb served as Director of the Center for Public Policy Education, Senior Fellow in the Foreign Policy Studies Program at the Brookings Institution, Dean of the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh, and Vice President of Corporate Operations at the Raytheon Company. Dr. Korb has authored 20 books and more than 100 articles focusing on national security.

### **Bill Kristol**

Bill Kristol is the editor of *The Weekly Standard* and regular commentator on Fox News. In 1997, he co-founded the Project for the New American Century (PNAC), where he now serves as chairman. Before starting *The Weekly Standard* in 1995, Mr. Kristol led the Project for the Republican Future, a conservative think tank. Mr. Kristol served as chief of staff to Vice President Dan Quayle during the Bush administration and to Secretary of Education William Bennett under President Reagan. Prior to that, Mr. Kristol taught politics at the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. Mr. Kristol is a *New York Times* bestselling author and member of the conservative think tank the American Enterprise Institute.

### **Bret Stephens**

Bret Stephens is the former editor-in-chief of *The Jerusalem Post*, a position he assumed at age 28. Stephens is a member of the *Wall Street Journal* editorial board and was named a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum in 2004, where he is also a media fellow. Raised in Mexico City and educated at The University of Chicago and the London School of Economics, Mr. Stephens is married and has a daughter.

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