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**“Is the U.S. Headed Toward Bankruptcy?”  
Special Edition of ABC’s This Week,  
Produced with UVa Miller Center,  
To Air August 19**

A special edition of ABC’s “This Week with George Stephanopoulos,” produced with the University of Virginia’s Miller Center, will air this Sunday, August 19 and focus on the question, “Is the U.S. Headed Toward Bankruptcy?”

Panelists debating the issue include:

- Sen. Pat Toomey (R-PA), Senate Budget Committee
- Rep. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), House Budget Committee
- Neil Barofsky, Former Special Inspector General, Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP)
- Austan Goolsbee, Former Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers
- Grover Norquist, President, Americans for Tax Reform
- Kim Strassel, Columnist and Editorial Board Member, Wall Street Journal

Held before a live studio audience at the Newseum in Washington, D.C., the program will be moderated by ABC News Senior White House Correspondent Jake Tapper.

“Some European countries are threatened with bankruptcy, and several U.S. cities have declared bankruptcy. With its increasing debt and deficits, could the U.S. be headed toward bankruptcy? We are pleased to be partnering with ABC to tackle one of the most important issues of the current presidential campaign – how do we get our fiscal house in order?” said Gov. Gerald L. Baliles, director and CEO of the Miller Center. Baliles served as governor of Virginia from 1986 to 1990.

“With Paul Ryan's selection, this issue is front and center in the campaign and clearly a deciding factor for voters in this election. We couldn't be prouder to help

shine a light on it with our friends at the Miller Center,” said Jon Banner, senior executive producer of “This Week”.

The panel will take questions from social media, and viewers are invited to post questions by Friday on Twitter to @ThisWeekABC and @Miller\_Center and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/ThisWeekABC](http://www.facebook.com/ThisWeekABC) and [www.facebook.com/millercenter](http://www.facebook.com/millercenter).

“This Week with George Stephanopoulos” and the Miller Center are teaming up to produce a series of programs on the key issues of the 2012 election.

The Miller Center will create educational materials for each show topic, including white papers and blog posts written by leading scholars and lessons plans that middle-school and high-school teachers can use to educate students about election issues.

“This Week” is ABC’s Sunday morning political affairs program. “This Week” has aired on Sunday mornings on ABC since 1981. The program has been anchored by David Brinkley, Sam Donaldson and Cokie Roberts, George Stephanopoulos, and Christiane Amanpour. After anchoring from 2002 to 2010, Stephanopoulos returned to the show in January 2012. For more information and to find out what time the program airs in your area, visit [www.abcnews.com/thisweek](http://www.abcnews.com/thisweek).

Founded in 1975, the Miller Center is a nonpartisan institute at the University of Virginia focused on the presidency, policy and political history that works to inform public debate and national decision-making. It is the leading organization in the country looking to provide historical insights for the policymaking challenges the country faces today. For more information and educational resources, go to [www.millercenter.org](http://www.millercenter.org).

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