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**“Do Presidential Debates Change Elections?”  
Special Edition of ABC’s This Week,  
Produced with UVa Miller Center,  
To Air Oct. 14**

A special edition of ABC’s “This Week with George Stephanopoulos,” produced with the University of Virginia’s Miller Center, will air this Sunday, Oct. 14 and focus on the question, “Do Presidential Debates Change Elections?”

Panelists include:

- Newt Gingrich, 2012 Republican presidential candidate
- Chris Dodd, 2008 Democratic presidential candidate
- Martha Raddatz, moderator of the Oct. 11 vice presidential debate between Joe Biden and Paul Ryan
- Richard Norton Smith, presidential historian
- Donna Brazile, campaign manager, Al Gore in 2000
- George Will, Pulitzer Prize-winning commentator

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

The panel will take questions from social media, and viewers are invited to post questions 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).

“Ever since John Kennedy and Richard Nixon faced off in the first televised debate in 1960, pundits and historians have analyzed every question, every answer, every look in the presidential debates. But do debates make a difference? Do they change elections? We’ve assembled an impressive panel to address that question. I’m pleased that the Miller Center can provide the first-

hand perspectives of past administrations through our unparalleled presidential resources,” said Gov. Gerald L. Baliles, director and CEO of the Miller Center. Baliles served as governor of Virginia from 1986 to 1990.

The Miller Center has pulled together materials from its vast archives related to presidential debates, including video of past presidential debates; excerpts from oral histories in which past presidents and their advisers discuss debates; and clips from the secret White House tapes, including Nixon discussing his 1960 debate with Kennedy and his refusal to debate George McGovern in 1972.

The Miller Center also has created educational materials, including a white paper 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 with George Stephanopoulos” and the Miller Center have teamed up to produce a series of programs on the key issues of the 2012 election.

“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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