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Must the U.S. Stop Using Carbon-Based Fuels to Secure its Energy Future?

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., May 4, 2009 — On Thursday, May 14 at 7:00 PM, the Miller Center of Public Affairs at the University of Virginia, in partnership with MacNeil/Lehrer Productions, will host a debate on the future of U.S. energy policy – the fourth event of its National Discussion and Debate Series' 2009 season, "Priorities for a New President." The resolution: "*The United States must end its dependency on carbon-based fuels.*" Moderated by **Jim Angle**, Chief Washington Correspondent for the Fox News Channel, the debate will take place at the University of Virginia's Newcomb Hall in Charlottesville, Va., and will be webcast live and archived at www.millercenter.org/debates.

Supporting the resolution:

- **John Podesta**, President, Center for American Progress; former White House Chief of Staff (1998–2001)
- **James Woolsey**, Venture Partner, VantagePoint Venture Partners; Former Director of Central Intelligence (1993–95)

Opposing:

- **Christie Todd Whitman**, President, Whitman Strategy Group; Co-chair of CASEnergy Coalition; former EPA Administrator (2001–03); former Governor of New Jersey (1994–2001)
- **Karen Alderman Harbert**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Institute for 21st Century Energy, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Produced for broadcast on PBS stations by MacNeil/Lehrer Productions, the events are webcast live and archived on the Miller Center's web site. More information, including biographies of the debaters, research, video, audio, transcripts, research, and middle- and high-school lesson plans, is also available online. The conversation continues online via interactive group pages on YouTube, MySpace, and Facebook.

Throughout the spring of 2009, the series also has examined infrastructure policy, a nuclear Iran, and affirmative action. The first event featured Gov. Edward G. Rendell and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, discussing how the federal government

should balance infrastructure policy with energy, environmental, and economic priorities. It is online at www.millercenter.org/debates/infrastructure, and aired as another of PBS's *Blueprint America* programs: www.pbs.org/wnet/blueprintamerica/. The second featured former Deputy National Security Advisor Elliott Abrams and former Ambassador to Israel Martin Indyk on how America must resolve the Iranian nuclear threat. It online at: www.millercenter.org/debates/iran.

The third featured Julian Bond of the NAACP and Dalton Conley of New York University, on whether affirmative action should focus on class rather than race. It is online at: www.millercenter.org/debates/affirmative-action.

In addition, the five debates of the 2007–08 season, on Iraq, privacy, religion, health care, and immigration, are available on the Miller Center's web site.

The National Discussion and Debate Series aims to examine some of the most important issues facing our country in depth, and to contribute to the national conversation with a genuine, thoughtful give-and-take that will both enlighten people and provoke dialogue.

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