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## Debate: Should Government Provide a Path to Citizenship for Illegal Immigrants?

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., April 24, 2008— On **Thursday, May 15 at 7:00 PM**, the Miller Center of Public Affairs at the University of Virginia, in partnership with MacNeil/Lehrer Productions, will hold the fifth and final event of its 2007–08 National Discussion and Debate Series. Four participants will argue the resolution: *“Our national interests require a path to citizenship for the 12 million illegal immigrants presently here”* in a debate moderated by Robert MacNeil, founder of *The MacNeil/Lehrer Report*.

Supporting the resolution:

- **Tamar Jacoby**, President and CEO, ImmigrationWorks USA
- **Eliseo Medina**, International Executive Vice President, Service Employees International Union (SEIU)

Opposing:

- **Mark Krikorian**, Executive Director, Center for Immigration Studies
- **Vernon L. Briggs, Jr.**, Emeritus Professor of Industrial and Labor Relations, Cornell University

More information, including biographies of the debaters, research, lesson plans, news, audio, and video, is available online at [www.millercenter.org/debates](http://www.millercenter.org/debates).

The debate, the last in a series of five during the 2007–08 academic year, will take place at The New York Public Library in New York City (476 Fifth Ave., press entrance at 11 W. 40<sup>th</sup> St., between Fifth and Sixth Avenues). It will be **webcast live** and archived, along with the transcript, on the Miller Center’s web site. It will be webcast live and archived on the Miller Center’s web site, and will be broadcast on PBS analog and digital channels nationwide (*check local listings for details*). The conversation has already started online via interactive group pages on YouTube, MySpace, Facebook, Google, and Yahoo.

The National Discussion and Debate Series, the Miller Center's newest initiative, has addressed major issues facing the United States, including Iraq, privacy, religion, and health care. Its aim is to examine these issues in depth, and to contribute to the national conversation with a genuine, thoughtful give-and-take that will both enlighten people and provoke dialogue.

The first debate, on keeping American troops in Iraq, took place on Sept. 18 in the historic Dome Room of the University of Virginia's Rotunda in Charlottesville, Va.

<http://www.millercenter.org/debates/iraq>

The second, on privacy and national security, occurred on Nov. 13 in Washington, D.C.

<http://www.millercenter.org/debates/privacy>

The third, on religion in public life, took place March 6 in Richmond, Va.

<http://www.millercenter.org/debates/religion>

The fourth, on the health care crisis, took place April 9 in Boston.

<http://www.millercenter.org/debates/healthcare>

Video, transcripts, white papers, and research materials are all available online.

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