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Fall Season Opener

Leonard Downie, Jr. & David Sanger Interview
Bob Schieffer on His Career in Journalism and His New Book

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Bob Schieffer

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Leonard Downie, Jr.

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Bob Schieffer's AMERICA



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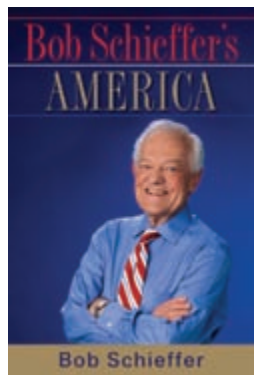
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A monthly series of dialogues with Bob Schieffer hosting top public-policy makers and journalists at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) headquarters at 1800 K Street, NW, in Washington, DC. Most programs are scheduled in the late afternoon and include question-and-answer opportunities.

CSIS is one of the world's preeminent public policy institutions. It is a bipartisan, independent, nonprofit organization that provides strategic insights and policy solutions to decisionmakers in government, international institutions, the private sector, and civil society.

The Schieffer School of Journalism at Texas Christian University is emerging as one of the world's top journalism schools dedicated to preparing professionals in both journalism and strategic communications for the new media world while maintaining the traditional standards of basic, straightforward reporting and ethics.

ABOUT THE BOOK



Bob Schieffer had been moderating *Face the Nation* for almost three years when Richard Nixon died in April 1994. The program that Sunday included a roundtable of former Nixon aides reminiscing about the president's time in office, and Schieffer felt it needed a few words at the end to put things in context. Over the next two weeks, his commentary generated more letters than anything or anyone that had appeared on broadcast, so he tried it again. No one had done commentary since Eric Sevareid's retirement in 1977, but Schieffer figured if any of the brass at CBS had a problem with it, they'd tell him. No one did, and his "final thoughts" were soon a regular part of the program. Now he brings the best of these commentaries together, along with a wealth of remarkable

new material, in *Bob Schieffer's America*.

These pitch-perfect observations are wise, humorous, candid, and plainspoken. Some are about serious issues such as war and peace, our badly broken electoral process, the impact of money on politics, or the use of torture to fight terrorism. Others are more whimsical. Most are simply observations-snapshots of Schieffer's thinking-about America and how we came to be who we are.

The book also contains Schieffer's "commentaries on my commentaries": brand new material, including a preface, afterword, introductions to each of the book's 12 sections, and comments running throughout the sections themselves. These pieces not only reflect on who we are but on who he is and what he has come to believe.

A Discussion of Bob Schieffer's Career in Journalism and His New Book, *Bob Schieffer's America*

FEATURING



Leonard Downie, Jr.

Leonard Downie, Jr. recently became vice president at large of the *Washington Post*. He has served as executive editor of the *Washington Post* since September 1, 1991, after serving as managing editor for seven years. Downie joined the *Post* as a summer intern in 1964. He worked on the metropolitan staff as a reporter and editor for 15 years and ran the staff as assistant managing editor for metropolitan news from 1974 until 1979. As deputy metropolitan editor, Downie supervised the *Post's* Watergate coverage. He was named London correspondent in 1979 and returned to Washington in 1982 as national editor. In 1984, he became managing editor. Downie is a director of the *Los Angeles Times-Washington Post* News Service.



David Sanger

David Sanger is chief Washington correspondent for the *New York Times* and is one of the newspaper's senior writers. In a 25-year career at the paper, he has reported from New York, Tokyo, and Washington, covering a variety of issues. He was a member of *Times* reporting teams that won the Pulitzer Prize for coverage of the Challenger space shuttle disaster and of the Clinton administration's struggle to control exports to China. Sanger is currently on book leave from the *Times*, working on his forthcoming book, *The Inheritance: The World America Now Faces*. It will be published in January 2009.



Bob Schieffer

Bob Schieffer is broadcast journalism's most experienced Washington reporter. He is the CBS network's chief Washington correspondent and also serves as anchor and moderator of *Face the Nation*, CBS News' Sunday public affairs broadcast.

Schieffer has covered Washington for CBS News for more than 30 years and is one of the few broadcast or print journalists to have covered all four major beats in the nation's capital—the White House, the Pentagon, the State Department, and Capitol Hill. He has been chief Washington correspondent since 1982 and congressional correspondent since 1989. He has covered every presidential campaign and been a floor reporter at all of the Democratic and Republican National Conventions since 1972. He began anchoring *Face the Nation* in May 1991.

He has been a principal anchor for CBS News since 1973, when he was named anchor of the Sunday night edition of the *CBS Evening News*.

Schieffer joined CBS News in 1969 and, after a brief stint as a general assignment reporter, was named Pentagon correspondent, a post he held for four years.

Before joining CBS News, he was a reporter at the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* and, in 1965, became the first reporter from a Texas newspaper to report from Vietnam. He is a graduate of TCU in Fort Worth.