

C-SPAN's Campaign 2014: More than 100 Debates for the Control of Congress

(Wed., Aug. 27, 2014) – C-SPAN, the public affairs cable network, today announces it will provide coverage of more than 100 Senate, House, and governor debates during this year's midterm elections, working with many local broadcast stations and cable companies across the country to simulcast their debates.

"With the balance of power at stake in Congress, especially in the closely watched U.S. Senate races, C-SPAN will be the one place where you can see all the debates in the most competitive races," says Steve Scully, C-SPAN's senior executive producer and political editor, who again will be heading up the network's political team for the 2014 midterm elections. "Our partnerships with the local broadcast stations and cable companies across the country who televise these debates locally make our comprehensive coverage possible."

C-SPAN's fall debate coverage **begins September 3** with the North Carolina Senate debate, live starting 7pmET on C-SPAN, C-SPAN radio, and C-SPAN.org.

Many debates will be shown live on the C-SPAN networks, and most video will be available on demand via C-SPAN's dedicated campaign 2014 web page.

This year, the C-SPAN audience will have enhanced opportunities to connect with the network's campaign coverage and engage with their community via social media. Followers on twitter (@cspan) and Facebook (Facebook.com/cspan) will get debate schedules and video clips (viewers also can make and share socially their own clips); be able to participate in policy discussion on campaign issues; "vote" their preferences on debate winners and losers; and watch videos previewing coverage from C-SPAN's politics team. C-SPAN's TV coverage of selected debates also will include viewer calls for post-debate reaction.

Complementing the network's extensive offering of key debates deciding the control of Congress, C-SPAN will provide teachers and students with educational materials for learning about the midterm elections through C-SPAN Classroom, its free membership program http://www.c-spanclassroom.org/.

About C-SPAN:

Created by the cable TV industry and now in nearly 100 million TV households, C-SPAN programs three HD public affairs television networks; C- SPAN Radio, heard in Washington DC and nationwide via XM Satellite Radio; and a video-rich website which hosts the C-SPAN Video Library. Visit www.c-span.org to learn more.