



C-SPAN VIDEO LIBRARY AT 30 **Fast Facts About Our Archives**

Date recording machines started:
Sept. 15, 1987

Number of first-run hours recorded to date:
233,800

Number of events C-SPAN has recorded in 30 years:
165,000

Number of Congressional hearings you can find in the Video Library:
14,000

Type of machines C-SPAN used in 1987 to record:
Panasonic VHS recorders

Type of machines C-SPAN uses now:
Harmonic MPEG-4 encoders & servers

Number of years the C-SPAN Video Library was in existence before any
YouTube video was uploaded:
18

Most viewed event in the Video Library:
[White House Daily Briefing with Robert Gibbs – April 15, 2009](#)
637,717 views

Most viewed clip in the Video Library:
[President Bill Clinton on immigration – January 24, 1995](#)
2,554,495 views

Number of commencement speeches in Video Library:
[829](#)

Number of people C-SPAN has bio pages for in its archives:
132,067

Number of people registered for free for a MyC-SPAN user account:
110,000

Most appearances by office:
[President Bill Clinton](#)
[Senator Harry Reid](#)
[Representative Sheila Jackson Lee](#)
[Justice Stephen Breyer](#)

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Data as of August 2017