

C-SPAN's Video Library

www.c-span.org/videolibrary

The C-SPAN Video Library is a unique, free, and searchable public service that lets you watch C-SPAN programs whenever you want. It records, indexes, and archives all C-SPAN programming for historical, educational, media, research, and archival uses. Every C-SPAN program aired since 1987 is contained in the C-SPAN Video Library and is immediately accessible through the database and electronic archival systems developed and maintained by C-SPAN.

The Video Library records the three C-SPAN networks seven days a week, 24 hours a day. Programs are extensively indexed making the database of C-SPAN programming an unparalleled chronological resource. Programs are indexed by subject, speaker names, titles, affiliations, sponsors, committees, categories, formats, policy groups, keywords, and location. Congressional sessions and committee hearings are indexed by person with full-text. The video collection can be searched online at www.c-span.org/videolibrary.

Timely – New programs are available for viewing in Flash formats soon after the program begins on one of the three C-SPAN networks.

Comprehensive – All programming that has aired on C-SPAN since October 1987, over 158,000 hours, is indexed and searchable online in C-SPAN's Video Library.

Clipping – Flash Player allows clipping of portions of the video and, if the program is embeddable, provides a link that can be posted in a web page, e-mailed, or used in a blog. (See step-by-step guide for complete directions on clipping video.)

Free – Access to the site and the posting of the links clipped from C-SPAN's Flash Player are totally free of charge.

Searching – Advanced search options allow users to comprehensively search all of the indexes and text on the site. All the database terms in the Video Library are indexed in a Google-like manner. This means users can use simple or multiple words/phrases to find their match. Users can also search one term at a time to zero-in on their match. Finally, users can do an advanced search; using specifics including names, dates, organizations, and others.

Browse – Users can browse C-SPAN programs and series including *Washington Journal*, *Book TV*, *Q&A*, *Newsmakers*, and others. The browse function features a date calendar to let users jump to a specific date.

Bios – Every person appearing on C-SPAN has a "bio" page that allows you to quickly see all their appearances. Just enter an individual name in the Search box and then click on their picture to see their bio page. There, you'll see a list of their appearances, which include summaries.

Step-by-Step Guide to Using C-SPAN's Video Library Web Site

How do I find a C-SPAN video featuring a specific person or topic?

1. Go to www.c-span.org/videolibrary.
2. Type a keyword in the search box atop the page to find the person or topic you are interested in.
3. Click on "Search." Search results will be in three categories:
 1. People Results – Individuals who may fit your search.
 - a. People Results can be sorted by:
 - i. Best Match
 - ii. # of appearances
 2. Program Results – Programs which have key words in the program title
 - a. Program Results can be sorted by:
 - i. Best Match
 - ii. Most Recent
 - iii. Least Match
 3. Clip Results – Programs which have key words in the program transcript
 - a. Clip Results can be sorted by:
 - i. Best Match
 - ii. Most Recent
 - iii. Least Recent
4. Click on the link to your preferred video.
5. Click on the video to play.

I only want a small section of a video. How do I extract a smaller clip to share?

1. Go to www.c-span.org/videolibrary.
2. Type a keyword in the search box atop the page to find the person or topic you are interested in.
3. Click on "Search."
4. Click on the link to your preferred video.
5. Click on the video to play.
6. Click on "Share," immediately to the left of the volume control.
7. Click on "Create Clip."
8. Adjust the start and end times of the video by dragging the handles or using your keyboard.
9. You may preview your clip here by clicking "Play."
10. When start and end times are set, click "Copy Link." This will enable you to cut and paste the URL into an e-mail or post video link on a web site.

How do I find C-SPAN programming that aired at a specific date and time?

1. Go to www.c-span.org/videolibrary.
2. Click on the "Schedule" tab from the top menu.
3. Use the pull-down "Date" and "Timezone" menus to select the desired date and time.
4. Scroll to find the desired time, network, and program.
5. Click on the program name of your preferred video.
6. Click on the video to play.

Where can I find video and related text remarks of floor proceedings?

1. Go to www.c-span.org/videolibrary.
2. Click on the "Congress" tab or visit www.c-span.org/congress.