

## INTELLIGENCE SQUARED U.S. KICKS OFF FALL SEASON WITH LIVELY DEBATE ON THE RIGHTS OF TERRORISTS

### Majority in Highly Engaged Audience Reject the Motion: Treat Terrorists like Enemy Combatants, not Criminals

NEW YORK – September 16, 2010 –Intelligence Squared U.S. (IQ2US), the Oxford-style debate series, an initiative of The Rosenkranz Foundation, kicked off the fall season with a lively debate on how the United States should treat accused terrorists. The highly engaged and energized crowd in New York heard four experts debate the motion “*Treat Terrorists like Enemy Combatants, not Criminals.*”

At the beginning of the evening, prior to the arguments for and against, 33% of the audience was in favor of the motion, 32 % were against it and 35% were undecided. After the debate, the side arguing against the motion carried the day with 55% of the audience rejecting it, 39% supporting it and 6% remaining undecided.

The evening’s winning team argued against the motion and included **Stephen Jones**, the former defense counsel for Timothy McVeigh and **David Frakt**, law professor at Barry University and lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserve JAG Corps.

**Michael Hayden**, the former CIA and NSA director and **Marc Thiessen**, a former speechwriter for George W. Bush argued for the motion.

Among the debate’s highlights:

“At some point in our conversation tonight, there will be a discussion here about the need to uphold the rule of law. I could not agree more. It just matters what model of law we are committed to upholding. Is this an issue best addressed through American criminal law or is this an issue best addressed through the laws of armed conflict? I submit to you that it’s only the laws of armed conflict that will keep you safe. ”  
– **Michael Hayden**

“We don’t have a separate criminal justice system for people that commit crimes in the United States. And it isn’t a question mark of politics or Left or the Right ---- or Bush versus Obama. It’s a question of the Constitution. It’s not political, it’s Constitutional and there’s one system of law in this country. Now I will concede that in a battlefield situation abroad or outside the United States, the line is blurry. But when you start saying that you’re going to arrest people and try them in a military tribunal for crimes committed in the United States against American citizens, I don’t think the American people will tolerate that.” – **Stephen Jones**

“...if you take the law enforcement approach to interrogation, patience is a virtue. You are trying to get evidence and you can take as much time as you want, build a relationship with the guy, you try to coerce them in an interview, try to co-opt them into giving you information, fool them into giving information. If you are trying to stop a terrorist attack, patience is deadly.” – **Marc Thiessen**

“...the oath that we take, that we both took as officers in the United States military is to defend the Constitution of the United States. It is not to defend the people of the United States. Because what we are defending are our values and our history. And sometimes, yes, it may cost lives. But you cannot achieve perfect security. And when you try to, by making shortcuts, you ultimately diminish us as a country. And it does not serve us in the long run.” – **David Frakt**

John Donovan, correspondent for ABC News Nightline, is moderator of Intelligence Squared U.S. debates. Dana Wolfe is the executive producer.

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This first debate of the Intelligence Squared U.S. fall 2010 season will air on Bloomberg Television on Monday, September 20, Tuesday September 21 and Wednesday Sept 22 at 9 PM. To find Bloomberg TV in your area, please visit <http://bloomberg.viewerlink.tv/>

#### ABOUT INTELLIGENCE SQUARED U.S.

Launched in September 2006, the goal of Intelligence Squared U.S., an initiative of the Rosenkranz Foundation, is to raise the level of public discourse and promote a realization that, on contentious issues, those who challenge the conventional wisdom have intellectually respectable and often persuasive viewpoints. We encourage citizens to “Think Twice” about their opinions and participate in the conversation, and we provide a forum for balanced discussion that transcends emotion and ideology. Through an annual series of between 10 and 12 live Oxford-style debates, IQ2US brings together experts and audience around public policy and cultural issues. IQ2US debates air on the Bloomberg Television network and are heard on more than 220 NPR stations nationwide.

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