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INTELLIGENCE SQUARED U.S. & THE SLATE GROUP TO PARTNER ON UPCOMING 2011/2012 DEBATE SERIES

--Slate To Serve as IQ2US's First-Ever Digital Media Partner--

NEW YORK (June 6, 2011) – Intelligence Squared U.S., the celebrated New York-based live debate series that's televised globally and broadcast on more than 220 NPR stations, and The Slate Group, the digital publishing subsidiary of The Washington Post Company whose centerpiece is *Slate* magazine, announced today an exclusive media partnership for the Fall 2011-Spring 2012 IQ2US debate series. The partnership officially launches on September 7, kicking off the new season.

Slate will serve as a go-to digital resource for the debates by providing free online access to pre-and post-event information and coverage. IQ2US debate audiences will now also have the opportunity to go to Slate.com to submit questions they'd like answered during the live debates. Select debates will be live-streamed and all next-day video footage will be available at *Slate* to provide unprecedented access.

"IQ2US continues to bring something new and welcome to public life – truly civil discourse," says Robert Rosenkranz, chairman and founder of the Intelligence Squared U.S. Foundation, which produces the monthly debate series. "Our partnership with *Slate* takes this initiative one step further by opening the debates to an engaged and passionately informed audience."

"*Slate* and Intelligence Squared U.S. are a natural fit," said Jacob Weisberg, Chairman and Editor in Chief of The Slate Group. "Our readers, like their audience members, are looking for more stimulating ways to make sense of the day's news. We're thrilled to be partnering with IQ2US on their upcoming debate season, and look forward to showcasing these high-profile and exciting discussions."

"Partnering with *Slate* represents another major step for IQ2U.S. opening the series to new audience segments," says Dana Wolfe, executive producer of Intelligence Squared US debates. "By integrating interactivity, video, live-streaming, and an open gateway to social media streams, the partnership will greatly enhance the way audiences watch live debates in America."

IQ2US's current debate season concludes on Wednesday, June 8th with its 50th debate, *FREEDOM OF THE PRESS DOES NOT EXTEND TO STATE SECRETS*. For the motion: MICHAEL CHERTOFF, former US Secretary of Homeland Security, & GABRIEL SCHOENFELD, Hudson Institute fellow, author of "Necessary Secrets: National Security, the Media and the Rule of Law." Against the motion: ALAN DERSHOWITZ, renowned civil Liberties attorney/consultant to Julian Assange legal team & DAVID SANGER, *New York Times* chief Washington correspondent, and integral part of *Times*' Wikileaks coverage team.

John Donovan is the moderator of Intelligence Squared U.S., and Dana Wolfe is the executive producer.

The Fall 2011–Spring 2012 season will commence on September 7th. For more information, please visit <http://intelligencesquaredus.org/>.

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About Intelligence Squared U.S.

Rethink your point of view with Intelligence Squared U.S. (IQ2US), Oxford-style debates live from New York City. Based on the highly successful debate program based in London, Intelligence Squared, Intelligence Squared U.S. has presented 50 debates on a wide range of provocative and timely topics. From global warming and the financial crisis, to Afghanistan/Pakistan and the death of mainstream media, Intelligence Squared brings together the world's leading authorities on the day's most important issues.

Since its inception in 2006, the goals have been to provide a new forum for intelligent discussion, grounded in facts and informed by reasoned analysis; to transcend the toxically emotional and the reflexively ideological; and to encourage recognition that the opposing side has intellectually respectable views.

The Rosenkranz Foundation initiated the Intelligence Squared U.S. Debate Series and continues to provide major support.

About Slate and the Slate Group

Slate is a daily magazine on the Web that offers analysis and commentary about news, politics, culture, business, law, and technology. Slate's strong editorial voice and witty take on current events have been recognized with numerous awards, including the National Magazine Award for General Excellence Online and the Missouri Honor Medal for Distinguished Service in Journalism. Reaching over eleven million unique visitors per month, Slate is the centerpiece of the **Slate Group**, an online publishing subsidiary of the Washington Post Co. that also publishes **The Root and Foreign Policy**. (NYSE:WPO)