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KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, BILL FRIST, TOM DASCHLE, BARBARA BUSH, VIVEK MURTHY KICK OFF 2015 ASPEN IDEAS FESTIVAL

Video of Reactions to Supreme Court Ruling on ObamaCare from the Law's Key Players As Well As Other Sessions Now Online

WHAT: Spotlight Health of the 2015 Aspen Ideas Festival, presented by the Aspen Institute and *The Atlantic*, began yesterday, June 25. Video is now available from the following sessions and off-stage interviews:

- **The Supremes' Latest Hit: The Affordable Care Act Survives Another Test**

June 26, 8:00 AM MT

With the Supreme Court's ruling that the federal government can continue to provide health insurance and subsidies, the Affordable Care Act, as President Obama said in reaction to the ruling, "is here to stay." Five Washington insiders, including Democrats who drafted the bill and guided it into law, and a Republican who urged state governors to set up insurance exchanges, will talk about how we reached this moment. How did the law pass and survive in the face of fierce opposition? How will it evolve in the coming years? What legal, financial, and political challenges lie ahead?

Thomas Daschle, Founder and CEO, The Daschle Group, Baker Donelson; Former US Senator (D-SD)

Nancy-Ann DeParle, Partner, Consonance Capital Partners; Former Director, White House Office of Health Reform

Bill Frist, Chairman of the Executive Council, Cressey and Company; Former US Senator (R-TN)

Kathleen Sebelius, Former Secretary, US Department of Health and Human Services; Former Governor, State of Kansas

Henry Waxman, Former Congressman, US House of Representatives (D-CA)

Moderated by: **Steve Clemons**, Washington Editor at Large, *The Atlantic*; Editor in Chief, AtlanticLIVE

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U31OJtsOO2c>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FmtXK6oY5fE>

- Aspen Ideas Offstage : King v. Burwell**
 As a congressional legal advisor, Ruth Katz was instrumental in developing the Affordable Care Act. Reacting to the US Supreme Court's latest ruling on the health care law, Katz offers an inside view of the ruling's impact on Americans and potential future challenges.
Ruth Katz, Director, Aspen Institute Health, Medicine, and Society Program
<http://youtu.be/wRf1p62WO9w>
- Is Your Food Safe?**
June 25, 3:30 PM MT
 New food-related disease outbreaks seem to hit the news every week, but it's hard to know whether that reflects an overzealous press or an under-performing government lacking funds for adequate inspections. Food safety is further complicated by an increasingly globalized food supply; for example, as much as 90 percent of the fish consumed in the US is imported. Activists want the USDA to monitor slaughterhouses more vigilantly, but the big meat processors say industry can police itself. How do we ensure the safety of our fish, meat and produce? Can we trust China and other foreign suppliers to comply with international and US standards of food safety? More broadly, how far should government play in defining and enforcing a healthful diet?
Dan Glickman, Former Secretary, US Department of Agriculture
Margaret A. Hamburg, Former Commissioner, US Food and Drug Administration
 Moderated by: **Corby Kummer**, Senior Editor and Food Columnist, *The Atlantic*
<https://youtu.be/gwg-huwsWr4>
- Opening Session: Big Ideas from Spotlight Health Speakers**
June 25, 5:00 PM MT
Barbara Bush, Co-Founder and CEO, Global Health Corps
Iva Fattorini, Chair, Global Arts and Medicine Institute, Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi
Jane Gauntlett, Theater Artist; Founder, Sublime and Ridiculous
Walter Isaacson, President and CEO, The Aspen Institute
Stanley Litow, Vice President, Corporate Citizenship and Corporate Affairs, IBM
BJ Miller, Executive Director, Zen Hospice
Vivek Murthy, US Surgeon General, US Department of Health and Human Services
Rob Schenck, Chairman, Evangelical Church Alliance
Moncef Slaoui, Chairman, Global R&D and Vaccines, GlaxoSmithKline
<https://youtu.be/gfKN5EF0NNg>

WHERE: Throughout the week of the Aspen Ideas Festival, which runs June 25 to July 4, video will be available at www.youtube.com/aspeninstitute, and YouTube.com/AtlanticLIVEvideo.

Additionally, on Twitter, follow [@AspenIdeas](https://twitter.com/AspenIdeas) and [@Atlantic LIVE](https://twitter.com/AtlanticLIVE), tweet your thoughts using [#AspenIdeas](https://twitter.com/AspenIdeas) and [#SpotlightHealth](https://twitter.com/SpotlightHealth), and follow our speakers at <http://as.pn/ideasspkrs15>. Like us at [Facebook.com/AspenIdeas](https://facebook.com/AspenIdeas) and [Facebook.com/TheAtlantic](https://facebook.com/TheAtlantic), and follow [Facebook.com/AtlanticLIVE](https://facebook.com/AtlanticLIVE) and [Facebook.com/AspenInstitute](https://facebook.com/AspenInstitute) for inside looks at the Festival. See our behind-the-scenes photos and show us your point of view using [#AspenIdeas](https://twitter.com/AspenIdeas) and [#SpotlightHealth](https://twitter.com/SpotlightHealth) at [Instagram.com/AspenInstitute](https://instagram.com/AspenInstitute) and [Instagram.com/AtlanticLive](https://instagram.com/AtlanticLive).

For a full list of ways to stay engaged with the 2015 Aspen Ideas Festival online, see <http://www.aspeninstitute.org/about/blog/join-ideas-festival-anywhere>.

WHEN: Video will be available on a rolling basis throughout the festival, which runs June 25 to July 4, 2015.

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