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INTERVIEWED AT 2015 ASPEN IDEAS FESTIVAL

Video on National Security Challenges and the Threat of Terrorism, Prospects for Congressional Bipartisanship, and Climate Change Now Available Online

WHAT: New video from on- and offstage talks at the 2015 Aspen Ideas Festival, presented by the Aspen Institute and *The Atlantic*, is now online, including:

- **The Obama Doctrine: America's Role in a Complicated World**

June 29, 9:00 AM MT

Benjamin J. Rhodes, the deputy national security advisor to President Obama, was the chief US negotiator in the secret normalization talks with Cuba and has been a central player in the making of American foreign policy since 2009, both as a key advisor and as the president's chief foreign policy speechwriter. Rhodes and Jeffrey Goldberg, national correspondent for *The Atlantic*, discuss the worldview of President Obama, focusing on Cuba, the Iran talks, the threat from ISIS, and the continuing crisis across the broader Middle East.

Ben Rhodes, Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor for Strategic Communications and Speechwriting, White House

Interviewed by: **Jeffrey Goldberg**, National Correspondent, *The Atlantic*

Watch clips here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t3UeHnLteP8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5FTAnAskqpE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fdk6hbpMP8s>

- **The Path Forward**

June 28, 2:00 pm MT

US Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker's 27 years of business experience have given her a unique perspective on how the government and private sector can work together to create sustainable growth in America's economy, as well as new opportunities for America's workers. Pritzker and Walter Isaacson discuss how she is leading the Obama administration's efforts with the private sector on issues including entrepreneurship, workforce training, and market access abroad to keep America's businesses and workers on the cutting edge in a competitive 21st century global economy.

Penny Pritzker, US Secretary of Commerce

Interviewed by: **Walter Isaacson**, President and CEO, The Aspen Institute

Watch clips here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=96ArfBn91uc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0tZwnE2EB3M>

- **Compromisers: They May Not Make Great Heroes, But They Do Make Great Democracies**

June 28, 3:30 PM MT

Amy Klobuchar, US Senator, State of Minnesota (D)

Interviewed by: **Walter Isaacson**, President and CEO, The Aspen Institute

Watch here: <https://youtu.be/ptrzSgnV9ZA>

- **A Decade After Katrina**

June 28, 8:00 PM MT

Before Hurricane Katrina slammed into the Gulf Coast, almost one-quarter of New Orleans residents lived below the poverty line, 20 percent lacked health insurance, and rates of infant mortality and chronic disease were among the highest in the US. Charity Hospital, one of the oldest public hospitals in the nation, provided more than 80 percent of all uncompensated care in the area. The decision to close the iconic hospital following the storm tore a huge hole through the city's safety net. A decade later, do residents of New Orleans have access to appropriate medical care? What has been done to rebuild the health system?

Karen DeSalvo, Acting Assistant Secretary for Health and National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, US Department of Health and Human Services; Former Health Commissioner, City of New Orleans

Interviewed by: **Walter Isaacson**, President and CEO, The Aspen Institute

Watch here: <https://youtu.be/14OfbXfx40>

- **Aspen Ideas Offstage: Climate Resilience: What it is and the Role Women Play**

June 28

Rachel Kyte, Vice President and Special Envoy for Climate Change, World Bank Group

Watch here: https://youtu.be/8QII9G3y_hc

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, www.aspenideas.org/video, 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/AspenInstitute](https://facebook.com/AspenInstitute) and [Facebook.com/AtlanticLIVE](https://facebook.com/AtlanticLIVE) 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 from the Aspen Ideas Festival will be available on a rolling basis throughout the coming week (now through July 4, 2015). Archived videos can be found online at www.youtube.com/aspeninstitute and www.aspenideas.org/video.

Presenting underwriters for the 2015 Aspen Ideas Festival include Allstate; Booz Allen Hamilton; HP; Mount Sinai Health System; Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; Shell; Southern Company; Toyota; U.S. Trust, Bank of America Private Wealth Management; and Walton Family Foundation. Supporting underwriters include American Federation of Teachers, Environmental Defense Fund, EY, Genworth, and Pearson. The MacArthur Foundation and PBS are contributing underwriters.

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