
DAILY DISPATCH FROM THE 2011 ASPEN IDEAS FESTIVAL
FRIDAY, JULY 1

Featured Video and Audio:

- **That Used to be Us: How America Lost Its Way in the World It Invented and How We Come Back**
A Conversation with Thomas Friedman, moderated by Walter Isaacson
<http://www.aifestival.org/session/new-tom-friedman>
- **The Modesty Manifesto** with David Brooks
Over the past half century, America has moved from a culture of self-effacement to a culture of self-expression. But now the cultural tide is turning again. Are we citizens engaged in a national enterprise, or are we individuals? It's time to rediscover the power of humility.
<http://www.aifestival.org/session/modesty-manifesto>

Additional featured videos can be found at: <http://www.aifestival.org/>

Quotes from the Festival:

“The relationship between the US and Pakistan is like a marriage. It's a dysfunctional marriage, but both parties realize they need to stay together for the kids — the citizens of both countries.” —**Thom Shanker**, Pentagon Correspondent, *New York Times*

“Every time we have a First Amendment case, I'm keenly aware that George Washington was not aware of the Internet or video games.” —**Stephen Breyer**, Associate Justice, US Supreme Court

“We're not products of our environment; we're products of our expectations.” —**Wes Moore**, Author

“The curves were my attempt over my career to humanize the inhumane boxes that buildings are.” —**Frank Gehry**, Architect

“I stepped on a broken bottle and got stitches, and that's one of the better things that happened in the last two years.” —**Austan Goolsbee**, Chairman, White House Council of Economic Advisors

“What has happened in the Arab world is irreversible; for the first time in decades, Arabs don't feel powerless.” —**Marwan Muasher**, Vice President, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

“The president has drawn a line in the sand and said by 2020 we need to lead the world again in college education. That's what I want to be held accountable for.” —**Arne Duncan**, US Secretary of Education

“Americans feel about Buddhists the way they feel about Muslims, not because of terrorism, but because of strangeness.” —**Robert Putnam**, Professor of Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School

“The people who are most in need of an Arab Spring are Israelis and Palestinians.” —**Thomas L. Friedman**, Foreign Affairs Columnist, *New York Times*

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Today's Select Highlights:

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- 7:45 am – Just a Game - Or More Than a Game?
Jay Coakley, Benita Fitzgerald-Mosley, Arne Duncan, Tom Farrey (moderator)
- 9:00 am - Israel and Its Future
Tzipi Livni, Walter Isaacson (moderator)
- 9:00 am – The Concert Going Experience: The Visual-Acoustic Interplay
Richard Olcott, Yasuhisa Toyota, Robert Spano, Alan Fletcher (moderator)
- 9:00 am – Issues Regarding the Long-Term Outlook for the US Economy
Robert Rubin, Chrystia Freeland (moderator)
- 10:30 am – The Obama Presidency and the future of the American Dream
Michael Sandel, Arianna Huffington, Jeffrey Rosen (moderator)
- 10:30 am – What does the Utility of the Future Look Like?
Lynn Jurich, Michael Allman, James Rogers, Lyndon Rive, Marvin Odum, Alexis Madrigal (moderator)
- 10:30 am – Will the Next "Revolution" Be Consumer Driven?
B. Bonin Bough, Stephen Cannon, Bernardo Huberman, Andrew McAfee (moderator)
- 12:00 pm – Conflicting Global Economic Forces
Alan Greenspan, Walter Isaacson (moderator)
- 1:15 pm – Wireless Health: Can your Smart Phone Save Your Life?
Eric Topol
- 1:15 pm – Is Social Media Sparking Civic Engagement?
Jason Pollock, Emily Jacobi, Orville Schell, Pete Cashmore (moderator)
- 2:30 pm – "Marketplace" Live
Weekly Wrap: Chrystia Freeland, Heidi Moore
The Future of Energy Policy: Lynn Jurich, James Rogers, Marvin Odum
Kai Ryssdal (interviewer)
- 2:45 pm – Artist as Leader
Eric Fischl, Damian Woetzel (interviewer)
- 2:45 pm - What's Happening In China and What it Means for the United States
Henry Paulson, Thomas Friedman (interviewer)
- 4:00 pm – Insight and Engagement with Social Media: Perspectives from Business Leaders

Bernardo Huberman

- 5:00 pm - In Conversation: Secretary of Energy Steven Chu
Ray Suarez (interviewer)
- 7:30 pm - Is Social Media Good For Journalism?
Vivian Schiller, Orville Schell, Rajiv Chandrasekaran, Pete Cashmore, Thomas Goetz, Arianna Huffington,
Jerry Murdock (moderator)
- 8:00 pm – *Sing Your Song*, Film Screening and Discussion
Gina Belatone, Ta-Nehisi Coates (moderator)
- 8:30 pm - How Will Inclusiveness Drive the Global Economy?
Beth Brooke, Dalia Mogahed, Gillian Sorenson, Ray Suarez (moderator)

Full schedule available at <http://www.aifestival.org/festival/schedule>. Select sessions will be livestreamed; more information available at <http://www.aifestival.org/content/watch-live>.

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