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VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN, GOVERNOR ROMNEY, SECRETARY KERRY, SPEAKER GINGRICH, ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH, HHS SECRETARY BURWELL, CAITLYN JENNER AND MORE HEADLINE THE 2016 ASPEN IDEAS FESTIVAL

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Aspen, CO, June 22, 2016 – Vice President **Joe Biden**, Secretary of State **John Kerry**, Attorney General **Loretta Lynch**, Former Governor **Mitt Romney**, Former Speaker of the House **Newt Gingrich**, [Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Matthews Burwell](#), National Security Advisor **Susan Rice**, Microsoft CEO **Satya Nadella**, and Facebook CPO **Chris Cox**, are among the more than 300 speakers to join the 2016 Aspen Ideas Festival and Spotlight Health, which runs from **June 23-July 2**. At this pivotal juncture in US and global politics-- an unprecedented presidential election, a possible “Brexit,” new terror threats at home as order in the Middle East continues to crumble-- the leaders and decision-makers at the center of it all will engage in candid conversations on the most pressing issues of the day.

Spotlight Health kicks off June 23 and will feature conversations on the cutting-edge health issues of our times. The Festival begins June 26 and will feature ten topic tracks, diving into such areas as the 2016 elections, national security, reimagining capitalism, crime and punishment, sex in America, the future of food, and the changing landscape of higher education. A complete agenda for both is available at AspenIdeas.org.

A limited number of press passes are still available. To apply, please fill out the form here: <http://www.aspenideas.org/festival/press>. To inquire about video coverage, please be in touch with Douglas Farrar by email at douglas.farrar@aspeninst.org

For those not able to attend in person, there are a variety of ways to join in on the Aspen Ideas Festival conversation online. A feature of this year's Festival, *The Atlantic* and the Aspen Institute will host daily interactive **Facebook Live** discussions with many of the Festival's most interesting speakers. Other ways to engage with the Festival include:

- **Twitter:** Follow [@AspenIdeas](#) and [@Atlantic LIVE](#), and tweet your thoughts using [#SpotlightHealth](#) and [#AspenIdeas](#). (Spotlight Health will run from June 23-26 and the Aspen Ideas Festival will take place June 26-July 2.)
- **Facebook:** Like us at [Facebook.com/AspenIdeas](https://www.facebook.com/AspenIdeas) and [Facebook.com/TheAtlantic](https://www.facebook.com/TheAtlantic), and follow [Facebook.com/AtlanticLIVE](https://www.facebook.com/AtlanticLIVE) and [Facebook.com/AspenInstitute](https://www.facebook.com/AspenInstitute).
- **Instagram:** See our behind-the-scenes photos and videos, plus show us your point of view using [#SpotlightHealth](#) and [#AspenIdeas](#). [Instagram.com/AspenInstitute](https://www.instagram.com/AspenInstitute) and [Instagram.com/AtlanticLive](https://www.instagram.com/AtlanticLive)
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- **LinkedIn:** Get advice from speakers, hear from leading Institute experts, and more on the official LinkedIn Aspen Ideas Festival channel: <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/channel/aspenideas>
- **Reddit:** Ask our speakers anything during our AMAs with Festival speakers. Look for notifications of AMAs on twitter [@AspenIdeas](#)
- **Periscope:** Follow the Aspen Institute and Atlantic Live for behind-the-scenes footage and interviews with speakers throughout the week by downloading the Periscope app on your mobile device.
- **Podcasts:** Listen to memorable moments from the Festival with the Aspen Ideas To Go podcast. <http://as.pn/ideastogo>
- **Websites:** Video, audio, and transcripts from Aspen Ideas can be viewed at www.aspenideas.org and select sessions will also be made available on www.theatlantic.com/live.

Throughout Spotlight Health and the Aspen Ideas Festival, *The Atlantic*'s reporters will be providing insight and analysis of Festival topics, ideas, and speakers in its annual "**Ideas Report**" at TheAtlantic.com. Copies of *The Atlantic*'s new July/August 2016 magazine issue, online now, will be available throughout the campus. The issue is led by the cover story, "How American Politics Went Insane," an exploration into the upheaval of U.S. politics.

Other media outlets currently planning to report and present from the Festival include the following (watch for local listings and airtimes): **CNBC's "Closing Bell," Bloomberg TV, PBS's "Point Taken" with Carlos Watson, Sirius XM's "Stand Up! with Pete Dominick" on channel 121, "The Perri Peltz Show" on channel 109, and "Aspen Institute Radio" on channel 121, CCTV America, Minnesota Public Radio, and Aspen Public Radio.**

Presenting underwriters for the 2016 Aspen Ideas Festival are Allstate, Booz Allen Hamilton, Comcast NBCUniversal, Mount Sinai Health System, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Southern Company, Toyota, U.S. Trust, Bank of America Private Wealth Management, and Walton Family Foundation. Supporting Level underwriters are the American Federation of Teachers, Consumer Reports, EY, Monsanto, Pearson and the Rockefeller Foundation. PBS is a Contributing Level underwriter. Additional support provided by Microsoft and The Wonderful Company.

Presenting underwriters for Spotlight Health 2016 are Booz Allen Hamilton, Mount Sinai Health System, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the SCAN Foundation and Welltower. Supporting underwriters include the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Children's National Health System, and Consumer Reports. American Osteopathic Association, Annenberg Center for Health Sciences, Bristol-Myers Squibb, CDC Foundation, Pfizer, the Rockefeller Foundation and Truth Initiative are contributing underwriters.

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About the Aspen Institute

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