Capstone Project: Video Interview Series

*Strengthening America: Our Children’s Future at CSIS*

In the lead up to the impending debate on the so-called “fiscal cliff,” CSIS and a variety of partner organizations stood up an initiative designed to advance a bipartisan dialogue on the unsustainable debt of the United States. Titled *Strengthening America: Our Children’s Future*, the program brought together a distinguished group of 35 former U.S. senators and representatives, as well as other high level experts, to advance measured, practical solutions to the political stalemate. In addition to a series of 4 public events on different aspects of the U.S. debt crisis, CSIS produced a wide variety of multimedia content designed to broaden the impact of the initiative. As a part of this multimedia push, I conducted 7 interviews with former senators and representatives who were part of the *Strengthening of America* steering committee. These interviews are housed on the CSIS web site, as well as on a course and a media collection on Apple’s iTunes U.

**Interviews Conducted** (links to videos hosted on the CSIS web site)

- **Senator William E. Brock** (R-TN), 18th U.S. Secretary of Labor
- **Senator Byron Dorgan** (D-ND)
- **Rep. Bill Frenzel** (R-MN)
- **Rep. William H. Gray** (D-PA), former President, United Negro College Fund
- **Rep. Jane Harman** (D-CA), President, Woodrow Wilson Center
- **Senator J. Bennett Johnston** (D-LA)
- **Rep. Tim Roemer** (D-IN), former U.S. Ambassador to India

**iTunes U Media Collection and Course**

In addition to posting the videos on CSIS.org, they have also been compiled with videos from public events and other materials on Apple’s iTunes U. The *Strengthening of America* course is currently featured on the iTunes U home page.

Media Collection
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