

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### **VICE PRESIDENT DICK CHENEY APPEARS ON *CONVERSATIONS WITH BILL KRISTOL***

New York, NY, October 13, 2014 – Former Vice President Dick Cheney sat down with Bill Kristol to reflect on his career and the challenges ahead for America.

In this wide-ranging conversation, Kristol and Cheney discuss momentous events in Cheney's career, including his service as secretary of defense during the Gulf War, his work as chief of staff for President Ford, his leadership in Congress during the Reagan years, as well as 9/11 and its aftermath. The *Conversation* offers a fascinating glimpse into the life of a man who has played an extraordinary role in American history.

Below are excerpts from the *Conversation*:

**[On Iran and our present dangers]** CHENEY: I worry very much that the administration is going to leave office and we'll find ourselves with a nuclear-armed Iran...You've got to be a fool to believe isolation as a strategy is the way to go...I think if the Iranians get nuclear weapons, it will only be a short period of time before others in the region also have nuclear weapons.

**[On enhanced interrogation]** CHENEY: It prevented another mass casualty attack against the United States...I'm very familiar with the program, I was actively involved in helping get it started and supporting it. And I don't think we have any apologies to make. I think if in a similar situation today, I would do exactly the same thing.

**[On the Bush 41 Administration]** CHENEY: There was a degree of trust and confidence there that I've never experienced in any other administration – not that others weren't good, they clearly were, I was part of other teams as well, too. But I've always looked back on that one as probably that was the way to do it.

[On a first job interview with Donald Rumsfeld] CHENEY: He asked me what I was doing. I explained I was working on my PhD, I was going to become a professor, go back to the University of Wisconsin...And when I got to that part, he stood up and said well, this is not going to work, thank you very much. He kicked me out.

Watch the *Conversation* here: <http://conversationswithbillkristol.org/video/dick-chene/>

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