



RELEASE

"AMERICA AT A CROSSROADS" TO AIR ON WPSU-TV

Series to air nightly, April 15 – April 20, at 9 p.m. on WPSU-TV

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. (April 9, 2007) — A national TV event examining the war on terrorism, conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq, the experience of American troops, and schisms within the Muslim world comes to WPSU-TV. "America at a Crossroads," a new groundbreaking series will launch on Sunday, April 15 and run through Friday, April 20, airing from 9 – 11 p.m. each night.

The series of 11 documentaries explore a wide range of topics and viewpoints and examines the challenges confronting the world post 9/11. Distinguished journalist Robert MacNeil hosts the series.

"These independently produced documentaries speak in distinct voices about the challenges we face as a nation post 9/11," said John Boland, PBS Chief Content Officer. "The depth and perspectives of the programming—and the diversity of the issues and voices explored—serve as a fresh lens on some of the most challenging complexities of our time."

On Monday, the episodes profile a handful of Army soldiers filmed during the spring and fall of 2005 in some of the most dangerous areas in and around Baghdad. It offers searing firsthand accounts of American troops through their own words—fiction, verse, letters, essay, and personal journals. As the week continues, the programs explore the Muslim-American experience today and the new policies adopted by the United States after 9/11 to prevent terrorism at home. One episode event follows former Assistant Secretary of Defense Richard Perle as he travels the globe articulating, defending, and debating the neo-conservative case for an assertive American foreign policy.

A complete listing of the documentaries can be found at: <http://www.pbs.org/crossroads>

Aimed at creating a national dialogue surrounding the crucial issues explored in the series, an extensive media and outreach campaign in more than 25 cities accompanies the series. The campaign features the filmmakers and their subjects in discussions with United States military personnel, leading policy experts, leaders of the Muslim American community, scholars from across the country as well as members of the public. Integrated Web and educational initiatives, along with local programming, further extend the campaign.

WPSU serves central Pennsylvania with programming, educational services and community outreach. Its public media services produce, acquire and distribute programs that address local interests and reflect the diverse cultural, political, geographic and demographic characteristics of an audience within central Pennsylvania.

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