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Meet the press

Co-sponsored by the International Education Office at the college, the Chicago Council of Foreign Relations, and the International Strategy and Policy institute, a group of international journalists gathered to lead a discussion into how other nations view the United States in the year 2006.



ANWAR IQBAL

Iqbal is a Washington Correspondent and works for *Dawn*, an English-language Pakistan newspaper. He is fluent in many languages and has written for numerous publications including the *Chicago Tribune*, *The Observer*, *Asahi Shimbun*, and more. He served as Pakistan and Afghanistan bureau chief for United Press International for ten years, and has more than 20 years experience in international media.



TIMOTHY J. MCNULTY

In addition to serving as a White House correspondent and foreign correspondent in the Middle East and China, McNulty was the moderator for the discussion Monday night. He is currently the Chicago Tribune's associate managing editor of foreign news, overseeing the paper's correspondents stationed abroad.



KHALED DAWOUD

Dawoud has been a Washington correspondent for Al-Ahram, the Arab world's largest and oldest newspaper, since 2002. He has worked as a correspondent for Reuters, the Associated Press, the German News Agency, *The Guardian*, the BBC, and the Lebanese Arabic daily *Annahar*.



GUY DINMORE

Since 2003, Dinmore has been the U.S. Diplomatic Correspondent for the *Financial Times* (United Kingdom). Prior to that, he served as chief sub-editor and correspondent for Reuters Middle East and Africa desk, where he covered the Rwanda Genocide, the refugee crisis in Zaire, bus bombings in Jerusalem and more. He was rewarded in 2000 by the National Press Club in Washington with its foreign press freedom award for coverage of the Kosovo conflict and NATO bombings of Serbia.



YASEMIN CONGAR

Congar has been a weekly columnist and the Washington bureau chief of the Turkish newspaper *Milliyet* since January 1995. She is also the Washington Bureau chief of the television news network CNN Turk and is currently a regular contributor to the BBC World Service and West Deutscher Rundfunk.



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Outside insiders looking in

When asked what their readers have a hard time understanding about the United States, the journalists on the panel had a host of answers.

From cabinet members and election processes to a seemingly pervasive gun culture, there appeared to be a lot that other nations don't understand about the United States.

"When I told my 8 year old I was going to Chicago to give a speech, he

asked if I was going to get shot," said United Kingdom journalist Guy Dinmore.

As it turns out, the cultural misunderstandings that other nations have towards the United States are reciprocated, according to the panelists.

Throughout the evening, the panel discussion hit on topics such as patriotism, journalism ethics, treatment of women in Middle-Eastern cultures, terrorism and much more during the

two hours of the event, which was held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The first hour of the event had the panelists answering questions from moderator Timothy J. McNulty, while the second hour was spent fielding questions from those in attendance and engaging in discussions.

If you missed the event or would like to check it out again, a video of the event will be posted to the college website on Monday. It will be located

under the following links and will stream in multiple speeds based on your internet connection in a Windows Media format.

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