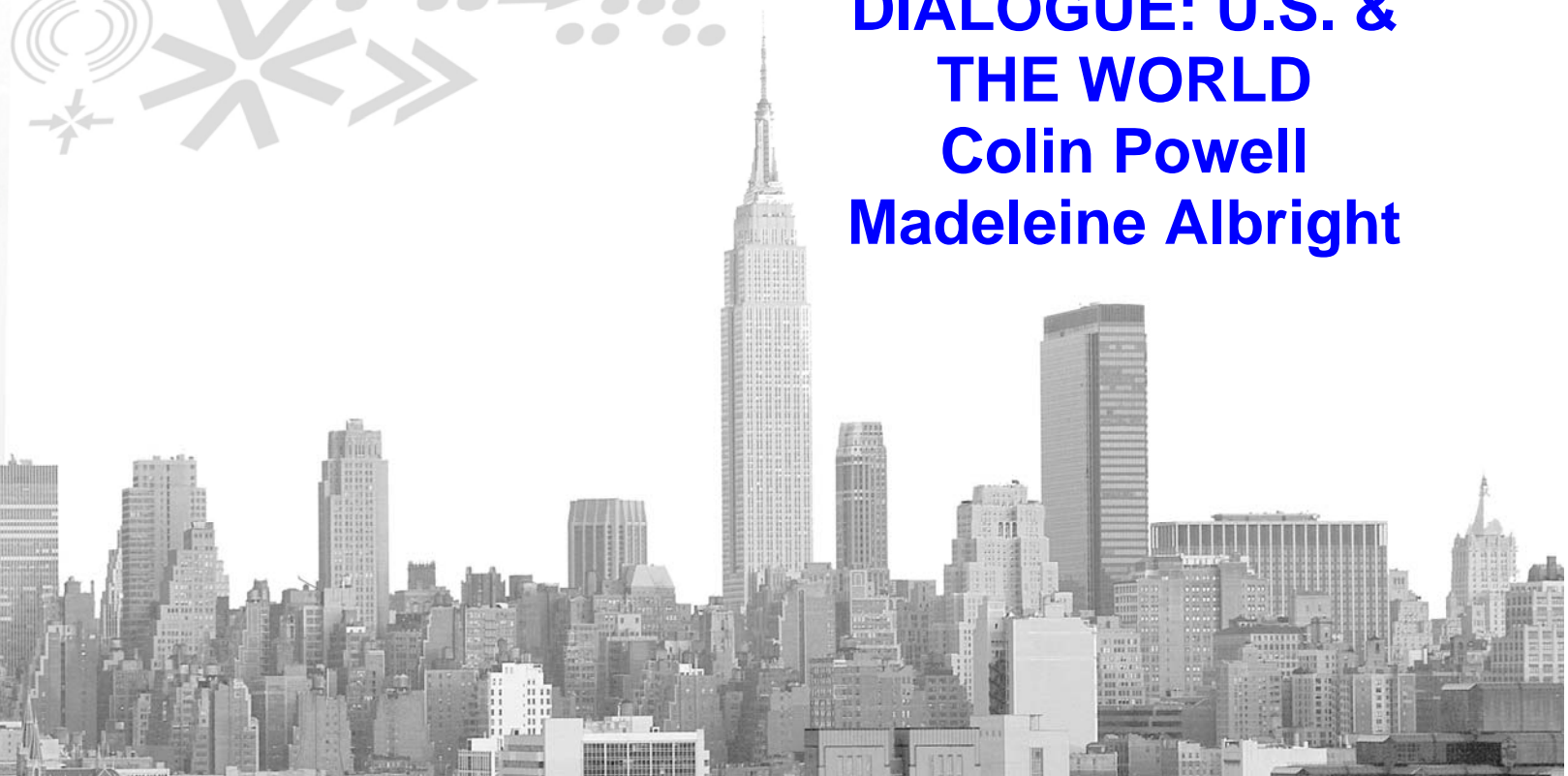


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**DIALOGUE: U.S. &
THE WORLD
Colin Powell
Madeleine Albright**



Moderator: focus on real problems and not the mindset of the past

- **Powell:** accept globalization, international trade, and understand the need to change energy to the needs of climate change. .
- Political leaders have to wait for the people to lead change.

Moderator: how to collaborate with different ways of thinking

- **Albright:** use the tool of education to both look forward and get a sense of what the past is like and of international relations.
- change the thinking through education, within our own country and assistance abroad.

Moderator: Internationally, do we need new structures for thinking?

- **Powell:** . The structures that have emerged in recent years tend to be economic structures, bilateral trade agreements, NAFTA.
- With respect to education, youngsters are now competing with billions of people around the world.
- It's education and economy, and if you're not inside, ultimately you will get left behind.

Moderator: where to go to contribute to the NGO partnership

- **Powell:** The State Dept. is active in matching corporations with countries. The chamber of commerce is active with marrying corporations with the needs of the world....the [Clinton] Global Initiative.
- **Albright:** It is not just out of altruistic reasons, as the role of the U.S. is not as popular as it was abroad, it is good for the bottom line to say my company has helped in developing a poverty project.
- **Powell** ...living in an entirely different age, an age of information, where they see information as knowledge, going around the world at the speed of light...interested in getting rich but also in service, and giving back, and what's happening in other parts of the world.

Moderator: Isn't it that political systems will be less important and the media will drive a unified world?

- **Albright:** ...there is globalization and a greater way to communicate which has positives, it has several negatives. .
- If pride means hatred of the other group, it's about how to take advantage of the commonality and getting away from the hatred.
- a growing gap between the rich and poor, and now the poor know what the rich have.
- **Powell:** Rich people can't ignore the poor.
- the media will put more pressure on politicians and hold them more accountable.
- ... blogging,...Wikipedia has changed the way we have knowledge available. It's the speed that changes the world.

Moderator: Should we have a more electronic gov't?

- **Powell** Politicians are under greater pressure to keep on the pulse of the people, I think it's good.
- **Albright:** The question is whether our brains are absorbing quickly enough and secondly, whether you actually make that decision correctly. It's incremental, it may be based on not enough or incorrect information.

Moderator: What are the two or three priorities you both agree on that have to be on the election agenda?

- **Albright:** We just had a forum of 5 Secretaries of state, we all agreed that Guantanamo should be closed and we should talk to Iran.
- **Powell:** Guantanamo should be closed this afternoon
- With Iran, you have to talk to your enemies.
- Talk about Iraq and rate of withdrawal, we can all agree on the danger of Pakistan and Afghanistan.
- Would not be that hard to turn around the negative attitude towards America, and restore confidence of the American people in themselves.
- American people will look to the president to do something about the economy, We can't keep a national debt in the trillions.

- **Albright**: Fight terrorism without creating more terrorists, nuclear weapons, deal with negative aspects of globalization, energy, environment, food prices and the financial crisis.
- It's about the international economy.
- And the price of energy which creates this issue, and then the difficulty of persuading people that the environment is an immediate issue.
- **Powell**: America has to remain a welcoming nation, we want people to come here, go to universities, hospitals, and see the diversity.
- We cannot let the terrorists change who we are, we will have to rebuild and mourn, we can't let them change us, by changing the nature of our society, or they have won.