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MEET THE PRESS STREAMING ARCHIVES LAUNCH AT ALA MIDWINTER
65 Years of Episodes To Be Released by Alexander Street Press

January 2014 (ALEXANDRIA, VA) – For the first time ever, network TV’s longest running program—with its thousands of interviews, panels, and debates—is available via streaming online video. The newest collection from digital publisher Alexander Street Press premieres at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia, and features every surviving episode of *Meet the Press*, many of which have not been seen since they originally aired. Visitors to Alexander Street’s exhibit booth will be entered to win a free one-year subscription to this historic collection.

Alexander Street’s *Meet the Press* database will assemble more than 1,500 hours of footage—nearly the full broadcast run to date—in one convenient online interface for academic institutions. Rather than digging through archives in assorted formats and locations, hoping footage will be available, students and faculty will be able to explore this iconic series instantly from any computer or mobile device.

Since its television premiere in 1947, *Meet the Press* has cemented its position as an institution in broadcast journalism, airing interviews, panels, and debates with the newsmakers that shaped history. This collection will feature hundreds of iconic figures and moments from 1947 to present day:

- Jackie Robinson discussing Civil Rights and his NAACP involvement (1957)
- Fidel Castro during his first US visit since the Cuban revolution (1959)
- Television’s first live satellite interview, with British Prime Minister Harold Wilson (1965)
- Golda Meir’s account of continuing instability in the Middle East (1971)
- Jimmy Carter’s announcement of the US boycott of the Moscow Olympics (1980)
- Richard Nixon’s personal reflections on the Watergate scandal (1988)
- The award winning Senate Debate Series (2002–2006)
- Colin Powell’s endorsement of Barack Obama for president, which pulled in a record-breaking 9 million viewers (2008)
- Multiple appearances by Martin Luther King Jr., Indira Gandhi, Eleanor Roosevelt, John Kerry, and other recurring guests

“*Meet the Press* is unbeatable,” said Stephen Rhind-Tutt, president at Alexander Street Press. “This is a program that has defined generations. There is no end to what students, historians, and scholars can learn from this material, and we’re excited to see how patrons will use the collection to foster new connections and discoveries.”

Alexander Street Press’s *Meet the Press* collection is available to academic, public, and school libraries worldwide via annual subscription or one-time purchase. No special setup or software is required—all you need is an Internet browser. For more information or to enter to win a free one-year subscription, visit us at ALA Midwinter in booth 606.

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