

Senior Institute Fellows Speak at 2009 Scholar-Statesman Award Dinner

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Brief Analysis

On October 14, 2009, The Washington Institute honored former president William Jefferson Clinton with its 2009 Scholar-Statesman Award at a gala dinner in New York City. Following President Clinton's remarks, attendees enjoyed a special "ask the experts" discussion moderated by Institute executive director Robert Satloff. Senior fellows and panelists Soner Cagaptay, Patrick Clawson, John Hannah, and Matthew Levitt touched on a range of pressing issues in U.S. Middle East policy, including counterterrorism, radicalization, and Iranian politics and nuclearization.

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