

Introduction of Bill Bradley

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Senator Bill Bradley has been a “man for all seasons” with a distinguished career in so many different areas including politics, sports, academics, business, and philanthropy that it is hard to know where to begin in introducing him. Perhaps it is best to start by noting that Bill has been a good friend to our Presidency Conference Series from the very beginning. He has spoken to us in 2000 and again in 2004. 2020 is the third time he has addressed us. He understands that psyche and polis or psychology and politics are intertwined in every possible way. What came to my mind as a way to properly introduce Bill for this particular event surprised me. I found myself thinking about a book Bill wrote in 1998 on playing basketball which he titled, *Values of the Game*. Perhaps it is time for us to revisit *Values of the Game* because our current American values of the game—in sports, in politics, in civic discourse and in the very living of our individual and collective lives-- are in need of radical re-vision. It seems timely to cite the chapter headings of Bill’s primer both as a way of introducing what he stands for and as a way of stating what our leaders and all of us as citizens need to embrace in a reaffirmation of who we Americans are as a people. These are the essential values that Bill cites in *Values of the Game*:

Passion

Discipline

Selflessness

Respect

Perspective

Courage

Leadership

Responsibility

Resilience

Imagination.

It is a great honor to introduce Senator Bill Bradley.