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Incorporated in 1912, the [City Club of Cleveland](#) is the oldest continuous free speech forum in the country, renowned for its tradition of debate and discussion. As part of its mission to "to inform, connect, and motivate citizens to take action on issues relevant to our region and beyond," the City Club has held a weekly forum series where speakers are invited to discuss major issues that affect American life.



THE CITY CLUB OF CLEVELAND

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Hundreds of distinguished personalities have presented at the City Club over the years including politicians, labor and business leaders, scientists, educators, clergy and entertainers.

The City Club Forum Audio Collection, located in Special Collections at the Michael Schwartz Library at Cleveland State University, contains over 2,200 audiotaped recordings of these

speeches, including the question and answer sessions that followed, in various formats. Thanks to a grant from the City Club of Cleveland, the Michael Schwartz Library has digitized and preserved these recordings for generations to come. Over 100 of them have been made available in streaming format.

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- ⌘ [City Club photos](#) - from *Cleveland Memory*
- ⌘ [The City Club of Cleveland](#) - official website
- ⌘ [City Club of Cleveland](#) - from the *Encyclopedia of Cleveland History*
- ⌘ [Freedom's Forum: The City Club, 1912-1962, a History](#), by Thomas F. Campbell (1963)
 - ❖ [PDF version](#) from Teaching Cleveland Digital
- ⌘ [Guide to the City Club of Cleveland Forum sound recordings, 1960-1989 Collection](#)
- ⌘ [Notable Speakers Before the City Club](#) - from Cleveland.com.



City Club audience at debate. [View image.](#)

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