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Good Evening.

I would like to thank all of you for coming to this very important lecture. Tonight, we have a very distinguished and timely speaker. He will speak on “The Middle East. War on Terror..”. Tonight, I was given honor of introducing Dr. Daniel Pipes. Before I start listing his impressive record and accomplishments, I would like to say a few words about why three Turkish organizations TSA (Turkish Student Association), TASK (Turkish Association for Secularism and Kemalism) of PSU and ITSS (Intercollegiate Turkish Student Society) which is a national Turkish student association in the US are sponsoring this event along with many diverse group of PSU organizations.

As you are all aware there is terrorism in many parts of the world today and they are in headlines everyday. Terrorism particularly

attracted attention in the public here in the US after September 11. However, many countries suffered from terrorism much before the tragic atrocities of September 11 took place. Turkey is one of these countries. Many Turkish intellectuals, journalists, authors, university professors were murdered by radical Islamic terrorists. A few specific examples are : A mob after leaving Friday prayers in the city of Sivas in Turkey in 1993 burned down a hotel where a meeting of Turkish folk singers, authors, poets were taking place; murdering 37 of them. They were Moslems. Self declared Kurdish liberation Army's terrorist attacks murdered 30,000 civilians in eastern Turkey, more recently, in November 2003 , in 4 separate suicide terror attacks in the city of Istanbul terrorists murdered many Jewish, Christian and Moslem citizens of Turkey. Just a few days ago terrorist attacks in Iraq killed close to 300 people who were celebrating their Moslem holiday.

As we can see terrorism is a problem in Turkey, US and all around the world and it must be stopped. Therefore, all Turkish

associations here denounce terrorism and they are very interested in understanding the cause and ways to fight against it.

Now let me talk little bit about our speaker tonight.

I am honored to introduce Dr. Daniel Pipes who is the director of the Middle East Forum and a member of the presidentially-appointed board of the U.S. Institute of Peace, His website, DanielPipes.org, the single most accessed source of information specifically on the Middle East and Islam, offers an archive and a chance to sign-up to receive his new materials as they appear.

The *Wall Street Journal* has called him "an authoritative commentator on the Middle East." MSNBC describes him as one of the best-known "Mideast policy luminaries."

He received his A.B. (1971) and Ph.D. (1978) from Harvard University, both in history. He spent six years studying abroad,

including three years in Egypt. Dr. Pipes speaks French, and reads Arabic and German. He has taught at the University of Chicago, Harvard University, and the U.S. Naval War College. He has served in various capacities at the Departments of State and Defense, including vice chairman of the presidentially-appointed Fulbright Board of Foreign Scholarships.

Dr. Pipes frequently discusses current issues on television, appearing on such U.S. programs as ABC World News, CBS Reports, Crossfire, Good Morning America, NewsHour with Jim Lehrer, Nightline, O'Reilly Factor, and The Today Show. He has appeared on leading television networks around the globe, including the BBC and Al-Jazeera.

Dr. Pipes has published in such magazines as the *Atlantic Monthly*, *Commentary*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Harper's*, *National Review*, *New Republic*, and *The Weekly Standard*. Many newspapers carry his articles, including the *Los Angeles Times*, *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, another hundred, plus hundreds

of websites. His writings have been translated into nineteen languages and he has lectured in twenty-five countries.

He has written twelve books.

Dr. Pipes serves on the "Special Task Force on Terrorism and Technology" at the Department of Defense. He sits on five editorial boards, has testified before many congressional committees, and worked on four presidential campaigns. He has received honorary degrees from universities in the United States and Switzerland.

I just heard him on BBC this afternoon. Although I might not agree with all of his opinions I found his ideas to be thought provoking and learned a lot from them.

Ladies and Gentleman please welcome Dr. Daniel Pipes!