

Porter Goss

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Security from the Inside, from an Insider. Porter Goss speaks about the importance of a clandestine intelligence agency on a global stage, the impact the CIA has had on the American way of life, and the role of ethics in both national and foreign policy. He addresses the transparency in government and how it can hinder security. He sheds light on the challenges of gathering intelligence in the 21st century, the new enemy, and how emerging technology plays a role in national security.

Ecological Welfare. Today half of the Everglades is gone and 1.7 billion gallons of water a day is directed out to sea. Some 5.5 million people now live in south Florida. Porter Goss, has helped spearhead a project that represents the largest, most comprehensive environmental restoration ever attempted. He talks about the years of neglect that have brought the Florida Everglades to the brink of disaster, and what can be done to reverse it. An advocate for the restoration, protection and enhancement of the greater Everglades ecosystem, Goss provides education and public understanding regarding all aspects of the research in the protection, restoration and enhancement, and facilitates the coordination of information resources, strategies and efforts. This is an ideal presentation for environmentally conscious and curious audiences.

Serving the United States as an Operative, as an Elected Official, as a Citizen. Porter Goss was a clandestine service officer with the Central Intelligence Agency from 1962 until 1972. After leaving the CIA, Goss settled in Sanibel, Florida, where he became a small business owner and founded a newspaper. He was served in Sanibel City Council from 1974 to 1983, including three years as mayor. He draws from the wellspring of experience and intelligence when discussing his efforts as a dedicated statesman and a proud civilian. He leaves audiences riveted and hopeful by the end of his presentation.