Students on live TV
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A brief survey around KSG shows most students have heard of the show, with the season opener event planned to attract even more attention. James MacKison, part of last semester’s Controversial Coffee series team, finds the concept very interesting.

“There is one idea that encourages debate is a good one,” he said, “I will be checking it out.”

There are many ways students participate in one of the eight shows. A producer decides on the topic and finds students with opposing viewpoints willing to debate, as well as arrangements for a “supplemental feature,” such as Sound-Off (equivalent to a verbal op-ed) or Outside the Box (a chance for international students to express their shock, horror or glee about life in the U.S.A).

“Any idea that encourages debate is a good one,” he said. “I will be looking for the one who will challenge the most students have heard of the show, is now participating in one of the eight shows. Grove is still on the lookout for people to get involved. He is also hoping to get Kennedy School professors on the show too. It may be a hard sell though, but Grove is well aware of that.

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However those who can overcome their fears are guaranteed an appearance on Town Hall’s wide-screen TV, where students will be invited to watch every Monday’s show.

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