

# A year of "Thinking in Public"

After ending "The Albert Mohler Program," a daily national radio program last summer, R. Albert Mohler Jr. returned to the public conversation in September 2010. His podcast, "Thinking in Public," features conversations about frontline theological and cultural issues with leading thinkers from across the socio-political spectrum.

"The very best conversations happen with people with whom you differ. The greatest opportunity for learning is having a conversation with a person who comes from a very different place. We got to talk to people who were very serious men and women of ideas. We were able to have honest, engaging conversations which were cordial but clear," said Mohler about his first year of the podcast. "I thought the first season demonstrated that this kind of conversation can happen. I enjoyed thinking through the interviews as they happened, I enjoyed thinking about them subsequently and, interestingly, there are ongoing conversations that came from those initial talks, which is also fun. I was excited by the first season of 'Thinking in Public.'"

The fall season of "Thinking in Public" begins Sept. 6. More details are available at [albertmohler.com](http://albertmohler.com)  
Below are those personalities with whom Mohler dialogued during his first year of "Thinking in Public":

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*"It is a thoughtful, insightful, intelligent person who has something to say and I was excited by the first season of 'Thinking In Public' because we talked to people who are serious men and women of ideas."*  
- R. Albert Mohler Jr.

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