

LIST OF ISSUES AND PROGRAMS
October 1 - December 31, 2012

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COX RADIO, INC.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

ISSUES AND ANSWERS

DURING THE PERIOD October 1 – December 31, 2012
THE FOLLOWING ISSUES AND PROBLEMS WERE AMONG THOSE ADDRESSED BY WSB-AM & WSBB-FM:

POLITICS / GOVERNMENT / FOREIGN AFFAIRS
CONSUMER / FINANCIAL / CHARITY
EDUCATION
CRIME / SAFETY / SCAMS
HEALTH / ENVIRONMENT / RELIGIOUS
TECHNOLOGY / ART & ENTERTAINMENT
FAMILY / SELF-HELP / RELATIONSHIP
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<u>LIST OF PROGRAMS</u> PERSPECTIVES	<u>AIRTIMES</u> SUN 6:00AM MON 12:00AM	<u>LENGTH</u> 25 MINUTES	<u>PROGRAM DESCRIPTION</u> LOCALLY PRODUCED PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAM DEALING WITH LOCAL ISSUES OR TOPICS OF PARTICULAR MINORITY INTEREST.
21st CENTURY PARENTING SOLUTIONS	SUN 12:30AM	25 MINUTES	SYNDICATED PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAM DEALING WITH FAMILY ISSUES OR TOPICS RELATING TO PARENTING.
BUSINESS IN THE BLACK	MON 1:00AM	25 MINUTES	LOCALLY PRODUCED PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAM DEALING WITH MINORITY BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY ISSUES.
HEART OF ATLANTA	MON 1:30AM	25 MINUTES	LOCALLY PRODUCED PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAM DEALING WITH LOCAL ISSUES OR TOPICS OF GENERAL INTEREST.
HEALTH TALK ATLANTA	SUN 5:00AM	50 MINUTES	LOCALLY PRODUCED PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAM DEALING WITH VARIOUS TYPES OF MEDICAL INFORMATION.
THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW	M-F 8:30AM-1PM	4.5 HOURS	LOCALLY PRODUCED SHOW ON HOT DISCUSSIONS BASED ON NEAL'S VIEWS AND THE VIEWS OF HIS CALLERS.
THE CLARK HOWARD SHOW	M-F 1PM-3PM	2 HOURS	LOCALLY PRODUCED CONSUMER AFFAIRS ADVICE SHOW. LISTENERS CALL IN TO ASK CONSUMER ADVICE.
THE SEAN HANNITY SHOW	M-F 3PM-6PM	3 HOURS	A NATIONAL DAILY CALL-IN RADIO TALK SHOW HOSTED BY R&R'S 2001 "TALK PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR." HANNITY IS A CHAMPION OF CONSERVATIVE VALUES AND POLITICS.
THE ERICK ERICKSON SHOW	M-F 6PM – 8PM	2 HOURS	LIVE AND LOCAL ISSUES ORIENTED TALK SHOW
THE ADAM GOLFEIN SHOW	M-F 8PM – 10PM	2 HOURS	LIVE AND LOCAL ISSUES ORIENTED TALK SHOW

*EXCEPT WHEN PRE-EMPTED BY PLAY-BY-PLAY SPORTS

*LENGTHS OF PROGRAMS ARE APPROXIMATE

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CHARITY PROJECTS – 4th Quarter

OCTOBER

- 10/6/12 Norcross Arts Festival in Norcross
- 10/6/12 Taste of Atlanta in Midtown Atlanta – Belinda Skelton made an appearance.
- 10/7/12 Norcross Arts Festival in Norcross
- 10/7/12 Taste of Atlanta in Midtown Atlanta – Belinda Skelton made an appearance.
- 10/13/12 Taste of Acworth in Acworth
- 10/21/12 Taste of Duluth in Duluth
- 10/27/12 Johns Creek Art Festival in Johns Creek
- 10/28/12 Johns Creek Art Festival in Johns Creek

NOVEMBER

- 11/29 Christmas Kids / Walmart – Clark Howard (Live Broadcast)
- 11/30 Christmas Kids / Walmart – Clark Howard (Live Broadcast)

DECEMBER

- 12/1 Christmas Kids / Walmart – Clark Howard (Live Broadcast)
- 12/7 Christmas Kids / Walmart – Clark Howard (Live Broadcast)
- 12/8 Christmas Kids / Walmart – Clark Howard (Live Broadcast)
- 12/9 Christmas Kids / Walmart – Clark Howard (Live Broadcast)
- 12/8 Toys for Tots - The BBQ House / Lithia Springs – Capt. Herb (Live Broadcast)

PROGRAMMING:

IN ADDITION TO THE DESCRIPTIVE PROGRAMS LISTED ON THE PREVIOUS PAGE, WSB-AM WSB-FM'S NEWS/TALK FORMAT PROVIDES A FORUM/VENUE TO ADDRESS ISSUES OF CONCERN TO ATLANTA, WSB-AM'S CITY OF LICENSE ON A DAILY BASIS.

24-HOUR NEWS COVERAGE-

WSB AIRS 4 HOURS OF NEWS EVERY MORNING AND ONE HOUR OF NEWS EVERY AFTERNOON, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY. WSB ALSO AIRS 11 MINUTES OF NEWS PER HOUR FROM 9 AM THROUGH 12 MIDNIGHT, SUNDAY THROUGH SATURDAY. WSB AIRS 5 MINUTES OF NEWS PER HOUR DURING THE REMAINING HOURS..."WHEN THE NEWS BREAKS...WE BREAK IN"

MONDAY - FRIDAY PROGRAMMING:

ATLANTA'S MORNING NEWS WITH SCOTT SLADE- 4:30AM-8:30 AM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY - IS A MIX OF NEWS, WEATHER, TRAFFIC, SPORTS, AND INFORMATION FEATURING SCOTT SLADE AND THE NEWS/TALK WSB NEWS, WEATHER AND TRAFFIC TEAM. THE PROGRAM FEATURES UPDATES ON THE TOP LOCAL AND NATIONAL STORIES, UPDATED NEWS FROM OVERNIGHT, WEATHER PROVIDED BY AN ON STAFF METEOROLOGIST, AIRBORNE TRAFFIC REPORTING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE WSB THE TRAFFIC CENTER, AND UPDATES ON OVERNIGHT SPORTS AND SCORES.

THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: 8:30 AM - 12:00PM – BOORTZ, WITH MORE THAN 40 YEARS IN TALK RADIO IS ONE OF ATLANTA'S BEST-KNOWN RADIO PERSONALITIES. FOR 4.5 HALF HOURS DAILY, BOORTZ SAYS WHAT MOST PEOPLE WON'T AS HE TALKS ABOUT THE TOP LOCAL AND NATIONAL NEWS STORIES OF THE DAY. THE DISCUSSIONS ON HIS SHOW ARE TIMELY AND INFORMATIVE AND NEAL ALWAYS OFFERS AN INTERESTING TWIST ON EACH SUBJECT.

THE RUSH LIMBAUGH SHOW: 12PM-3PM– NATIONALLY SYNDICATED ISSUES ORIENTED TALK PROGRAM WITH MAJOR EMPHASIS ON POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT HOSTED BY RUSH LIMBAUGH.

SEAN HANNITY SHOW: 3PM-5PM – NATIONALLY SYNDICATED ISSUES ORIENTED TALK PROGRAM WITH MAJOR EMPHASIS ON POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT HOSTED BY SEAN HANNITY. WE AIR THE FINAL HOUR OF SEAN'S THREE HOUR PROGRAM FROM 7PM-8PM.

ATLANTA'S EVENING NEWS WITH ERICK ERICKSON: 5PM-7PM – ERICKSON, EDITOR OF REDSTATE.COM HOSTS A TWO HOUR NEWS AND INFORMATION TALK SHOW WHERE HE DISCUSSES LOCAL ISSUES AND NATIONAL POLITICS WITH EMPHASIS ON HIS CONSERVATIVE POINT OF VIEW.WHEN BREAKING NEWS WARRANTS, NEWS/TALK WSB WILL BREAK FORMAT AND PRODUCE A SPECIAL HOUR OF NEWS PROGRAMMING SIMILAR TO AN HOUR OF ATLANTA'S MORNING NEWS WITH UPDATED NEWS, WEATHER AND TRAFFIC.

THE CLARK HOWARD SHOW: 8PM – 10PM - A PROGRAM OF CONSUMER ADVICE AND HELPFUL INFORMATION. CLARK HOWARD IS HELPING MILLIONS OF AMERICANS THROUGH EXTRAORDINARY TIMES OF FINANCIAL UPHEAVAL. HE SIMPLIFIES COMPLEX ISSUES, ALLAYS FEARS, AND OFFERS SOUND ADVICE HELPING FAMILIES THRIVE DURING FINANCIAL CRISIS.

THE ADAM GOLDFEIN SHOW: 10PM – 12AM - LIVE AND LOCAL ISSUES ORIENTATED TOPICAL TALK SHOW PROGRAM.

WEEKEND PROGRAMMING:

ONEILL OUTDOORS WITH O'NEILL WILLIAMS: SATURDAY 4 AM - 6 AM. WILLIAMS ANSWERS QUESTIONS REGARDING HUNTING, FISHING AND OUTDOOR SPORTS. PROGRAM OFTEN FEATURES GUEST EXPERTS.

LAWN & GARDEN SHOW WITH WALTER REEVES: SATURDAY 6 AM - 10 AM. REEVES ANSWERS QUESTIONS ON GARDENING, OFTEN FEATURING GUESTS WHO ARE EXPERTS IN SPECIFIC GARDENING AREAS.

HOME-FIX-IT SHOW: AIRS SATURDAY FROM 10 AM - NOON. EXPERTS IN ALL FIELDS OF HOME REPAIR AND BUILDING JOIN DAVE BAKER TO ANSWER CALLER QUESTIONS ON IMPROVING THE VALUE OF THEIR HOMES.

THE MUTUAL FUND SHOW: AIRS SATURDAY FROM NOON UNTIL 1PM. IT'S THE FIRST NATIONAL RADIO PROGRAM COVERING PRIMARILY MUTUAL FUND INVESTMENTS, AND AIRS IN OVER 65 MARKETS COAST-TO-COAST. HOST ADAM BOLD TAKES CALLS AND DELIVERS HIS INSIGHT WITH A DOWN-TO-EARTH APPROACH.

MARK ARUM: SATURDAY 3PM-6PM WITH A LIVE AND LOCAL ISSUES ORIENTED TALK PROGRAM.

DALE CARDWELL: SATURDAY 6PM – 7PM; BARTER/TRADE CONSUMER ADVICE PROGRAM;

HANDEL ON THE LAW WITH BILL HANDEL: AIRS SATURDAYS FROM 7PM-9PM; SUNDAY 5PM – 6PM; SYNDICATED LEGAL ADVICE PROGRAM HOSTED BY CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY BILL HANDEL

SEAN HANNITY WEEKEND ENCORE: SATURDAY 9PM UNTIL MIDNIGHT; RECAP OF THE BEST NEWSMAKER INTERVIEWS AND DISCUSSION FROM THE PRIOR WEEK'S BROADCAST.

ATLANTA'S MORNING NEWS SUNDAY EDITION: SUNDAY 8AM – 9AM; WEEKLY ONE HOUR MAGAZINE PROGRAM LOOKING BACK AT THE MAJOR NEWS STORIES OF THE PAST WEEK AND LOOKING AHEAD TO THE BIG STORIES COMING UP IN THE NEW WEEK. SHOW IS PRODUCED AND HOSTED BY MORNING NEWS HOST SCOTT SLADE.

MONEY MATTERS: SUNDAY 9 AM - 11AM. CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER, WESS MOSS, PROVIDES ANSWERS FOR LISTENERS ON MONEY MANAGEMENT, BUDGETING AND INVESTING.

WEEKEND PROGRAMMING:

ILYCE GLINK SHOW: SUNDAY 11AM – 1PM; REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL FINANCE EXPERT ILYCE GLINK ANSWERS LISTENER QUESTIONS ABOUT CONSUMER ISSUES, REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL FINANCE.

THE WEEKLY CHECK-UP: SUNDAY 3PM – 5PM; MEDICAL CALL IN SHOW HOSTED BY LOCAL PHYSICIAN BRUCE FEINBERG.

ALLEN HUNT SHOW: SUNDAY 6P-9P LOCALLY ORIGINATED TALK PROGRAM HOSTED BY FORMER PASTOR ALLEN HUNT WITH A FOCUSING ON EVERYDAY ISSUES FROM A FAITH BASED PERSPECTIVE.

KIM KOMANDO: SUNDAY 9P-12M COMPUTER AND TECHNOLOGY EXPERT OFFERS INFORMATION ON THE DIGITAL AGE WITH CONSUMER QUESTIONS ABOUT ELECTRONICS, COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY.

BULLDOG HOTLINE WITH MARK RICHT: MONDAY 8PM-9PM SEPTEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER; PLAY BY PLAY ANNOUNCER LARRY MUNSON AND UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA HEAD FOOTBALL COACH TAKE LISTENER CALLS AND DISCUSS THE PRIOR WEEK'S GAME.

BULLDOG HOTLINE WITH MARK FOX: MONDAY 8PM-9PM NOVEMBER THROUGH MARCH; PLAY BY PLAY ANNOUNCER SCOTT HOWARD AND UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA HEAD BASKETBALL COACH TAKE LISTENER CALLS AND DISCUSS THE TEAM'S MOST RECENT GAME.

*EVENING AND WEEKEND PROGRAMS ARE SUBJECT TO PRE-EMPTION FOR LIVE PLAY-BY-PLAY SPORTS, (University of Georgia Football and Basketball)

CONTINUING RESEARCH CONDUCTED BY WSB-AM & WSBB-FM, SHOWS THAT TWO OF THE PRIMARY REASONS PEOPLE LISTEN TO THE RADIO ARE FOR WEATHER AND TRAFFIC INFORMATION. WSB-AM AIRS OVER 400 WEATHER UPDATES AND OVER 300 TRAFFIC UPDATES DURING AN AVERAGE WEEK.

News/Talk 750 WSB

Ascertainment Statement

News/Talk WSB develops on-air programming to address issues of significant concern to Atlanta and its surrounding communities.

Our news/talk format allows the radio station to address issues of concern in our city of license on a daily basis. Issues oriented programming aired daily includes the Neal Boortz Show, the Clark Howard Show, and the Erick Erickson Show.

News/Talk WSB airs 4 hours of news and information Monday through Friday morning. In addition, WSB-AM & WSBB-FM airs eleven minutes of news per hour from 9am until 12 midnight Monday through Saturday. WSB-AM & WSBB-FM carries 5 minutes of news per hour in the remaining hours.

On a quarterly basis, News/Talk WSB produces long-form special assignment reports on issues of community concern. Recent topics have included gangs, same-sex marriage, and eating disorders.

News/Talk WSB broadcasts four community affairs programs. "Perspectives" addresses multicultural issues. "Business in the Black" addresses minority issues. "21st Century Parenting Solutions" discusses parenting issues. "The Heart of Atlanta" addresses issues of interest in the city of Atlanta. "Health Talk Atlanta" addresses health issues.

Issues on these programs are ascertained through interviews with community leaders, representatives of charitable and civic organizations, and those individuals making a difference in our listening area. News/Talk WSB also solicits community input during its public affairs programming and via the radio station's website.

Producers for news/talk programs and for the community/public affairs programs are required to provide, in writing, details about each program topic, guests, and how listeners may obtain additional information about the issue.

The WSB-AM & WSBB-FM programming specialist compiles all data for the station's quarterly reports under the supervision of the assistant program director for WSB-AM & WSBB-FM who is responsible for the ascertainment process.

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POLITICS /GOVERNMENT / FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

10/1/12 9:00AM 1Hr.

THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: I'm making my listeners mad. I don't think Romney is going to win. I don't say what you want to hear. I say what I believe. You have these feelings too, but you tune in to me so that you can dispel them. When I don't you blame it on me for not saving you. It is the same with my 4th of July rant. If you were to give people their freedom they wouldn't want it anyway. We are too dependent on the government and we don't want to forgo it. Consider this, to pursue your dreams you may have to move to another country. We are reaching critical mass of people who no longer want to pursue their dreams but to be taken care of by somebody else.

10/1/12 5:00PM 1Hr.

THE ERICK ERICKSON SHOW: New Polls are out and say there are much more Democrats than Republicans. ABC News Washington post polling people – 52% likely voters swing states side with Obama. They freak that Romney is 9 points behind! Erick explains margins of error and the various polls. Erick laughs at how Washington post and ABC News try to make news of it. Pollsters are lucky to get 30% of their phone calls answered. So who's answering? The Obama-phone people!

10/2/12 9:00AM 1Hr.

THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: Number of jobs created by start-ups has fallen sharply under Obama. Some people actually think Obama could do a better job than Romney with the economy. That is because to them...the economy is how easy it is for me. When he is going to give them a free house, free phone, and free food of course they are going to pick Obama. Romney Doesn't need this job. He needs to get people to understand he is doing it to help. Why can't he say that the Olympics came to me and I turned it around. Now I'm coming to you to help turn the country around.

10/2/12 5:00PM 1Hr.

THE ERICK ERICKSON SHOW: Joe Biden today said, "The middle class has been buried over these last four years ". He didn't say 8 years ago, he said last 4 years. He was trying to say Republicans want to raise taxes on the middle class. When Romney was Gov. of Massachusetts, he sent letters to corporations telling them during a mid-year election that there were fee increases coming to businesses because of a state law. Romney said if you will avoid paying the fee until after the election we will reimburse you any cost charged for not having paid for the penalty. He wanted to boost the results for the Republicans. It is the law that sequestration will happen at the first of the year. It is the law. It is not a hypothetical scenario. As of right now, it is absolutely, positively the law. Defense contractors will be seriously impacted by the sequestration cuts. No one doubts this. It is the law. It is also actually, absolutely, and positively the law that certain employers, including defense contractors, must warn employees of potential layoffs within sixty days of those layoffs. This is due to the Bill Clinton era WARN Act. Because it is law that defense cuts will absolutely happen under present law within sixty days of the election, defense contractors must comply with the WARN Act and notify employees of potential layoffs.

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POLITICS /GOVERNMENT / FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

10/3/12

9:00AM

2Hrs.

THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: The Debate – To those who have a preference toward either Romney or Obama nothing will change. The difference between Obama and Romney is so stark that if you haven't yet made up your mind you're either not very bright or not very informed. Maybe it is that you have always voted democrat. I'm black he's black that's it. I rely on government. Security rules, I can recognize that. Maybe you hate the rich. You think the only way to get rich is to cheat somebody out of money. The national debt is money our government actually owes to somebody else. All that money must be paid back. We are not like Egypt and all these third world countries where we forgive their debt. China is not going to forgive our debt. The money generally has to be paid back with money. The only person who creates money in this country is the individual. Either through physical or mental labor. Under Obama, by 2016 our national debt will be \$20 trillion. When Obama started it was \$9.3 trillion. It is now \$16 trillion. And you are undecided.

10/3/12

5:00PM

1Hr.

THE ERICK ERICKSON SHOW: Tucker Carlson of the Daily Caller released a Race video starring Barack Obama. It came from 2007. The video didn't get much coverage but in it Obama blamed racism for New Orleans not getting the Stafford Act lifted like NY did for 9/11 and Miami did for Hurricane Andrew. Erick on CNNs AC360 said it's a shame that Obama opens deep wounds in American history by using rhetoric like that. Liberals are saying Conservatives are hearing dog whistles. Also, Obama voted to waive the Stafford Act 10 days before he gave the speech – calling out the Bush administration for not caring about black people in NO. The one sentence Romney should use to win the whole debate – as said by Dr. Barbara Bellar – Obamacare in one sentence.

10/4/12

9:00AM

2Hrs.

THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: Couldn't believe what I was seeing in the debate last night. To start out I was very nervous. Obama is so good at rhetoric and words. His elegant and has great speech writers. He knows the audience has no idea what the hell he's talking about. I was about 10 minutes in and I started not believing what I was watching. I was so surprised I couldn't send out a tweet about Romney beating the pants off Obama. No doubt now Romney was the victor. If that debate had gone 5 minutes longer Obama would have bit a chunk of Romney's ear. Bottom line, I went to sleep last night feeling a little bit better about the future of the country. Obama's appeal is to the economically illiterate and moochers. It is tough getting information to these people they understand. They know what the know and don't care about anything else. Bill Mahr even sent out a tweet saying maybe Obama really does need a teleprompter. They are not blaming it on Obama though, they are putting it on Jim Lehrer.

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POLITICS /GOVERNMENT / FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

10/4/12

5:00PM

2Hrs.

THE ERICK ERICKSON SHOW: Erick's profound thing: Last night Obama lost the debate. Obama spent the time looking down at the podium. Romney had the courage to look the President in the eye -- even when Obama criticized him. That shows the presidency -- Obama has looked away every time something didn't go his way. He looked away at the economy and looked at healthcare. Libya -- Obama looked away and blamed YouTube. CNN does a poll -- determines 68% of watching registered voters thought Romney won the debate. So James Carville started to dispute the sample! Liberals last night were in total meltdown over Obama's performance. Clint Eastwood's empty chair will be in for Obama's next debate! Obama at a rally today told the crowd he didn't know who that man (Romney) was.

10/5/12

9:00AM

1Hr.

THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: Dems are saying Obama should be allowed to have a teleprompter in the next debate. Unemployment numbers are down. You should not root for high unemployment. You should not want the negative results for other people. I believe if you are having negative actions and thoughts they will come back to haunt you. I am always rooting for you to find a job. Some people are saying the numbers are cooked. I'm just warning you because the democrats are going to say now is not the time to change the administration. However, 600,000 of the new jobs are meaningless part-time jobs.

10/8/12

10:00AM

1Hr.

THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: It's been days since the first presidential debate, and it seems the libs and progies are still fretting. They are beside themselves, unable to comprehend Obama's poor performance in the debate. There's a really simple explanation as to why. Obama was not vetted in 2008 by the Obama Media, and he has received little resistance from the Obama Media during his administration. In other words, he hasn't really been challenged.

10/9/12

9:30AM

45Min.

THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: Some of you may not like me for pointing this out, but where are the cries over polling bias now that Mitt Romney is doing better in the polls? Let's face it, before the debate last week, Romney didn't have a lot going for him in the eyes of the public. But then the debate happened, and Obama's performance was so pathetic that even the Obama Media had a hard time coming up with excuses for him (though they tried and are still trying). Be that as it may, Mitt Romney is now seen as a viable option, a formidable candidate. And most importantly to a lot of Americans, he was a winner.

10/10/12

9:00AM

1Hr.

THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: There is another story about voter suppression that the Obama Media is largely ignoring. The REAL voter suppression is going on right now on military bases around this country and around the world. It's the military vote that's being suppressed. It's a plain, clear and obvious as it can be. The Obama Administration does not want our men and women in the military to vote or to have their votes counted. Simple as that.

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THE ERICK ERICKSON SHOW: There's a cover-up in Benghazi. Today Jake Tapper asked Jay Carney if Obama was guilty of shooting first and aiming later with his release of misinformation about what happened in Libya that left a US ambassador and 3 other Americans dead. Charlene Lamb of the State Dept. testified today on what happened in Benghazi. Within 24 hours the State Dept. knew it was a terrorist attack by al Qaeda, yet the administration up until now said it was all over a YouTube video. Ms. Lamb refused to call the attackers "terrorists". Obama played the media for fools. The bloom is off the rose.

10/10/12

5:00PM

1Hr.

10/11/12

9:00AM

1Hr.

THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: This week in the presidential campaign has been shaped by two things: Big Bird and Libya. Unfortunately for Dear Ruler, neither work in his favor. As I wrote yesterday, Big Bird is nothing more than a lame distraction from Obama's pathetic debate performance, and it seems as though Americans agree that the focus on Big Bird is shallow, to say the least. But then there is Libya. This issue continues to grow.

10/12/12

9:00AM

1Hr. 30min.

THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: The one person who came out looking good in last night's vice-presidential debate was Jim Lehrer, the moderator of last week's first Romney – Obama battle. He had to be smiling big time when this was all over. I was very willing to give Martha Raddatz the benefit of the doubt. But if you had ANY doubt that she was in the tank for Obama, all of that doubt should be gone now. Last night was not defined by the message of either candidate. It was defined by two things: Martha Raddatz's insistence on making herself the star of the show and Joe Biden's grinning and boring and buffoonish behavior.

10/15/12

5:00PM

1Hr.

THE ERICK ERICKSON SHOW: Things aren't turning out well for the Democrats after Joe Biden's performance at the VP debate last Thursday. Romney leads Obama by 5 points among likely voters in the nation's battleground states and has growing enthusiasm among women. Even Martha Raddatz, the moderator, said Biden was too big for that debate. Dems thought Biden knocked it out of the park. NBC's Chuck Todd says that there has been a structural shift tom Mitt Romney. If Obama blows it at the debate tomorrow he won't be able to come back. No matter what happens tomorrow, your average media person will declare it a win for Obama. Stephanie Cutter says Obama will be more aggressive tomorrow – he will have to be real careful.

10/16/12

9:00AM

1Hr.

THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: There's much buzz this morning about Hillary apparently taking the blame for the Benghazi mess. People wonder why she is protecting Obama on this. Come on folks, do the math. Hillary wants to be president. If Romney wins Hillary may have to wait through two terms. That would make her 77 years old. That isn't going to fly. So Hillary's best chance to move back into the White House is to make sure Obama wins this election, no matter how much she and her husband despise him. That's why she's covering for his ineptness right now.

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10/16/12

5:00PM

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THE ERICK ERICKSON SHOW: It's Presidential debate night live to Long Island, New York and JAMIE DUPREE talks about the debate, the format and how the undecided voters attending this town hall style debate are chosen. The President is expected to reach out to women voters after taking a hit since the VP debate last week. There's an enthusiasm edge for the Republicans right now since the first Presidential debate. As Republicans we must get down on our knees as we have been spared an endorsement by Honey Boo Boo! Obama has successfully lowered debate expectations. They had the coin toss for the staging – where they'll stand, introductions, first questions, introduction of wives. The only one that matters in a town hall debate is the first question.

10/17/12

9:00AM

1Hr.

THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: There was a debate last night. At the end of the day, what did the average voter take away, that's really the question here. Who came across as more presidential? Did anyone do something or say something that truly changed the course of this election? After last night, I don't think much will change. Obama needed a decisive win. He didn't get it. Don't get me wrong, he did very well, but so did Mitt Romney. So because of that, Obama will not get a big rebound from this in the polls. He may not lose as many voters as he did after the last debate, but I would guess that most of the people he wooed last night were people who voted for him in 2008 but were probably not going to vote this time around.

10/17/12

5:00PM

2Hrs.

THE ERICK ERICKSON SHOW: A disaster in the making for the Obama campaign - The Obama team is losing big time in the post-debate discussion because of Candy Crowley playing referee instead of moderator. The question about Libya at last night's debate didn't really get an answer. Obama won superficially in the polls. The problem in the underlying data: Most people were giving Obama a pass simply because he showed up. We have reached the emperor has no clothes moment. At best Obama will slow the momentum for Romney – but he can't swing the momentum back his own way. He's beyond the point of no return. Man asked Obama – It's been 4 years since I voted for you. What have you done for me? Romney took good care of that answer.

10/18/12

10:00AM

45Min.

THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: Democrats must have pretty small minds because it seems as though they are only capable of latching onto the most mundane of details in these presidential debates. Denver debate: Big Bird. New York debate: Binders. Yes, binders. The "binders full of women" comment has certainly made the rounds. Seriously? We have the most important presidential election arguably in the history of this nation and the Democrats are all bunched up over Romney's use of the word on Twitter?

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THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: Barack Obama has changed his campaign stump speech. Apparently al Qaeda is no longer “on the run” and Mitt Romney’s “binders full of women” comment has made its way into every Obama speech since Tuesday’s debate. Not sure on the status of “Big Bird,” but I’m betting “binders” gets more mentions than does Libya, as was the case with Big Bird. Why the obsession with “binders”? Because it is just another way that the progies can continue this manufactured GOP war on women.

10/19/12

9:00AM

1Hr.

10/19/12

5:00PM

2Hrs.

THE ERICK ERICKSON SHOW: Birdie whispered in Erick’s ear. Republicans will be winding down absentee ballot deal in VA, they think they have it in the bag. Pennsylvania used to be a swing state – Republicans are pulling ahead in early voting. Nationwide the early voting used to benefit the Democrats. This has the Democrats in a panic. Ohio doesn’t report such numbers, so Erick explains how he knows this. Also explains Why Obama is winding down in Colorado and in Florida.

10/22/12

9:00AM

1Hr.

THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: We’ve made it to the third and final presidential debate. Really, this shouldn’t matter nearly as much as it does. Our founding fathers made it clear that, in times of peace, 95 percent of all governance should come from the local level. Now doesn’t that make sense? Most governance should come from the politicians you elect on the local level, people you see at the coffee shop on the way to work in the mornings, who are having lunch across the room from you, and who you run into at the little league game or the movie theatre in the evening.

10/22/12

5:00PM

2Hrs.

THE ERICK ERICKSON SHOW: Obama had been up 3, now up 1 – Romney 52, Obama 46. The two meet tonight in Boca Raton FL for their final debate on foreign policy – Erick doesn’t think tonight’s debate is going to matter. Ambassador Steven’s own diary chronicles the al Qaeda uprising, the al Qaeda flag had been flying everywhere over there. They are trying to write a Qaeda out of the story, and they will try to again tonight. Democrats have pulled back Kasim Reed as an Obama surrogate – they say he’s not effective at beating up Romney. Erick thinks the pollsters are polling badly. University polls have Romney ahead by 19 points among independents. If you average the polls Romney is ahead by 12 points. It’s becoming impossible for Romney to lose and Obama and company are going hysterical.

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THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: If you watched last night’s debate, and I’m not thinking the audience was nearly as large as the previous two debates, it was clear that the real issue driving this campaign is the economy. For a debate that was supposed to be about foreign policy, the candidates clearly eager to pivot (stole that from Obama) to the economy whenever they could. Obama even managed to score several class warfare lines, including two in his closing stump speech alone! But when it did come to foreign policy, it was really tough for me to come up with a clear winner.

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THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: At this point, unless you are a fool, you shouldn't just be disappointed with Obama; you should be completely disgusted with Obama. He is a vile, disgusting man. We know that now. The latest revelations are simply this: Obama's cover story of the Benghazi attack is completely falling apart. Obama has been exposed. Jay Carney has been exposed as someone who will tell us lies in order to protect Barack Obama. Susan Rice has been exposed, openly and overtly lying to protect Obama.

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THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: So Gloria Allred is out there trying to get some Massachusetts divorce records unsealed. Apparently Mitt Romney testified in this divorce. His testimony is said to have involved the value of a company, Staples, Inc., which comprised part of the marital assets. Allred thinks that if she can get these divorce records unsealed she can find something in Romney's testimony that might be embarrassing to him just days before the election. She's only following the example set by her hero Barack Obama.

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THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: For such a worthless organization, the United Nations has made a lot of headlines lately. First we had the UN official telling us not to elect Mitt Romney because this would mean a "democratic mandate for torture." Then we have United Nations monitors coming in to the United States to oversee our elections to make sure that evil conservative groups aren't suppressing the vote. Yesterday we had a top United Nations human rights official say that world leaders need to find ways to ensure freedom of expression doesn't equate to violence. Read: Limit freedom of speech.

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THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: Obama won't get the youth vote like he did in the last election. Don't get me wrong, he will still win more young votes than Mitt Romney, but it will not at unprecedented levels as we saw in 2008. There are some that argue that Obama's ability to get younger voters to the polls in 2008 made the difference in that race. This year will not be like that. The reason is fairly simple, if you try to think like a 20-something year old. Here's the real question: What's in it for them? It's no longer "cool."

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THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: Arguably, the Obama Media is more thrilled for the arrival of Hurricane Sandy than Barack Obama. While Obama gets the chance to act presidential (as he should, considering the nature of this storm), the Obama Media will finally have a legitimate excuse NOT to cover Benghazi, the failures of the administration to secure our diplomats abroad and the subsequent cover-up of the Obama administration. The NYC/DC press corps loves a good story, that's for sure, as long as the good story doesn't threaten the reelection of their creation, Barack Obama.

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THE ERICK ERICKSON SHOW: Romney has gone back up in the Real Clear Politics polls. NPR has Romney up, Gallup is expected to resume tomorrow. Everything is shifting to Romney's favor by at least a point. The Dems know they are losing and they are coming out with some insane new advertising that reek of desperation. The Detroit Free Press and every major paper in Ohio and Iowa have endorsed Mott Romney. This is not good for Obama. MoveOn.org and Michael Moore put out an ad with foul-mouthed old people supporting Obama. With ads like these...This is not how winners play.

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THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: I choked back my gag reflex and listened to a bit to Obama speaking at the Red Cross Headquarters. He was standing there before the cameras – at the Red Cross, not at a government relief office – telling the government that he would tolerate no red tape, no bureaucracy, and no excuses. All I could think of when I heard this pompous and arrogant failure blowing smoke about the tremendous federal response was ... "Hey, Obama. Why didn't you work as hard to get resources moving to rescue Ambassador Chris Stevens and those three brave men who tried to save his life as you are trying to rescue your hideously failed presidency?"

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THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: This is the type of mindless, bureaucratic policies that we can expect from an administration not unlike the one currently occupying the White House. Are you ready for this? Private oil companies that want to do any drilling in our waters off of our coast (if they can even get a lease from the Obama administration) will be required to employ marine mammal and sea turtle monitors, "to watch for whales, dolphins, and similar sea creatures and to advise on minimizing the underwater noise created by offshore drilling, which can affect the sea mammals." Just one of the many barriers erected by big government.

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THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: If you'll recall, after the presidential debates became history, there were a lot of disappointed progies. It wasn't just because their guy, Barack Obama, did such a poor job in the first debate. It was because for the first time in over twenty years, climate change or global warming was brought up during any of the presidential debates. Then Sandy came along, and in the words of Rahm Emanuel, "Never let a good crisis go to waste." So the progies have jumped at the opportunity to bring their cause to the forefront once again.

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THE ERICK ERICKSON SHOW: Erick wants to talk Amendment 2 on the GA ballot. GA Amendment 2 – The government lease amendment. Erick voted in favor of it, but doesn't care how it turns out. It would allow government to sign longer term leases. They have to sign short-term leases, paying higher lease rates. If Amendment 2 passes, the state could save a lot of money. The only downside is the possibility of cronyism. But Erick thinks we could catch the corruption if it were to happen.

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THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: Last Friday, Dear Ruler summed up his presidential campaign in three little words: Vote for revenge. He really said that! Obama told a crowd of supporters in Ohio that “voting is the best revenge.” Well, there you have it. Here we are, 229 years after thirteen colonies won their independence from British rule; and 224 years after our Constitution was ratified and the United States of America was officially born ... and we have a president of those United States telling his followers that you vote for revenge.

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THE ERICK ERICKSON SHOW: Erick has no idea what’s going to happen tomorrow. Erick has a beet that Romney crisscrossed FL today and they should have it in the bag already. It’s a sign that Romney campaign is flying blind. The polls are real, real close. The late polls are showing Obama going up. Erick senses a tie and that it’s all going to come down to Ohio. The Obama campaign thinks they have this thing won. But Erick says not so fast. If FL goes Obama it’s over. If FL goes for Romney all eyes go to Virginia. And so on...Wisconsin could go GOP and so could Colorado. If they do, Romney is a winner. The bases are turning out but the Dems aren’t turning out what they need.

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THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: Well we made it. Today is the day. Election Day. Today America faces its greatest domestic threat, the uneducated voter. We simple fact is the uneducated voter is the greatest threat to freedom, liberty and to America itself, and sadly I think the uneducated voter is going to rule this day. Societies such as ours die because people eventually find out that they can go to the ballot box and use their vote to get their hands on somebody else’s money. This is exactly what many of these Obama voters will be doing today: Voting to do through the government what would be a crime if they did it themselves.

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THE ERICK ERICKSON SHOW: If Romney is going to win, we will know early. Biden made a last-second surprise trip to Ohio today, the day after ridiculing the Romney/Ryan campaign about it saying it was a sign of desperation. We may know early from KY and Indiana also – Their polls close in 90 minutes. The urban areas of those states tend to show up for Obama. Erick explains exit polls and the fact that they can be unreliable and why. Now they are more issue oriented.

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THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: It’s not always great being right and boy did I call this one. I hit the sack a lot earlier last night than I thought I would. I was ready for the marathon, watching the returns roll in until the wee-wee hours of the morning to see who was going to eke this one out, but it really didn’t take long at all. The first hint, Romney didn’t take a quick lead in Virginia. Wisconsin goes to Obama, Florida looks iffy ... time for bed. Why suffer.

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THE ERICK ERICKSON SHOW: It's hard to beat an incumbent President. Erick spent 5 years saying Mitt Romney couldn't win until he had a debate where he beat Obama. Romney did not run as a conservative. He said he was going to "manage us" as we go off the financial cliff. Obama said we are going to go off the fiscal cliff and tax the rich while we do it. People didn't reject conservatism they just voted for the status quo. Romney's campaign was pathetic. They had a horrible ground game. Conservatives got outnumbered. 12 million people who voted in 2008 did not vote in 2012. Erick addresses people who want to throw social conservatives under the bus. Conservatives did not run on abortion – the war on women things was nothing. Who is the most prolife? Hispanics. Republicans need to make their case to the Hispanics. The generic ballot has favored Republicans. The Obama coalition brought together blacks, women, gays using his cult of personality. This was supposed to be an election based on bid ideas. Obama was organized in a way Romney wasn't and anytime Romney tried to talk big ideas would get cut down by Obama every time he tried.

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THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: The Republican Party needs an exorcism. It needs to rid itself of these abortion-centrist nutcases who are chasing away voters, particularly women. This is about as clearly as I can say it: Abortion is NEVER going to be illegal. Get over it! The sooner you come to terms with this, the sooner you will be able to regain credibility with the voters. Your boys Todd Aiken, Richard Mourdock and John Koster chased away millions of female voters with their idiotic remarks about abortion, and they cost us two seats in the Senate.

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THE ERICK ERICKSON SHOW: Embrace the socialism! Obama won so we are now socialist! Get a grip people. You know who else needs to get a grip? You people who think we need to get off the pro-life kick. Just because two people said something stupid (Murdock and Akin) we have to sell out 50% of the Republican party. So who are you going to throw in after you throw out social conservatives? You're falling for the rhetoric. Are you going to fall for amnesty now? You don't grow your party by throwing out half of the party. Go for abortion in the case of rape, incest or life of the mother. You should be against the Republican class telling us to play by the same play book they've used for the past 20 years. Our old playbook failed – the Dems knew we'd use it and they played against it and won. 12-million stayed home this election, 73% bothered to vote for Romney. Married women went for Romney. If you throw social conservatives out of the party, you are throwing out Erick. Go right ahead and he'll take half of the voters with him.

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THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: Mitt Romney was defeated on Tuesday. So was Capitalism. You may not realize this, but capitalism – economic liberty and free enterprise – was every bit as much on trial as was Romney, and capitalism lost. We have just reelected a president who despises free enterprise and who once referred to the free market as "the enemy." Like it or not, capitalism is on the decline in America. The idea that someone who is willing to work longer, harder and smarter should be allowed to become wealthy through those efforts is increasingly unpopular.

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THE ERICK ERICKSON SHOW: First and foremost – the Republicans had a horrible candidate – and if you can't accept that you have to accept that his campaign was poorly run. Both campaigns did micro-targeting. Do you use consumer data or voter data? Answer – you should look at their voter data. Here's the punch line. The Obama campaign used voter data and the Romney campaign used consumer data. The Romney campaign knew who leaned which way, and who was independent – but the problem was their supposition. If you use voter data you get "this person votes". After the Obama campaign figured out who votes they looked deeper into those people and their consumer data. Romney used old technology. He used Karl Rove's old, tired playbook. There are those who think we lost the country. Well – you have nothing else to lose. This is Obama's coalition and they will fracture as 2014 and 2016 candidates fight for them.

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THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: Veterans Day really should be one of the most important holidays we celebrate every year. The week after next we celebrate something called Thanksgiving. When it comes to giving thanks, Veteran's Day should trump Thanksgiving. Ditto for Memorial Day. So, to the men and women out there who have served in your military – and that includes my father (WWII, Korea and Vietnam, USMC), my mother (WWII, U.S. Navy), and my brother (Navy), our undying gratitude.

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THE ERICK ERICKSON SHOW: There are many arguments against creating exchanges. First, states are under no obligation to create one. Second, operating an Obamacare exchange would be illegal in 14 states. Alabama, Arizona, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Montana, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Utah, and Virginia have enacted either statutes or constitutional amendments (or both) forbidding state employees to participate in an essential exchange function: implementing Obamacare's individual and employer mandates. Third, each exchange would cost its state an estimated \$10 million to \$100 million per year, necessitating tax increases. Fourth, the November 16 deadline is no more real than the "deadlines" for implementing REAL ID, which have been pushed back repeatedly since 2008. Fifth, states can always create an exchange later if they choose. Sixth, a state-created exchange is not a state-controlled exchange. All exchanges will be controlled by Washington. Seventh, Congress authorized no funds for federal "fallback" exchanges. So Washington may not be able to impose Exchanges on states at all. Eighth, the Obama administration has yet to provide crucial information that states need before they can make an informed decision. Ninth, creating an exchange sets state officials up to take the blame when Obamacare increases insurance premiums and denies care to the sick. State officials won't want their names on this disastrous mess. Tenth, creating an exchange would be assisting in the creation of a "public option" that would drive domestic health-insurance carriers out of business through unfair competition. Finally, rejecting an exchange reduces the federal deficit. Obamacare offers its deficit-financed subsidies to private health insurers only through state-created exchanges. If all states declined, federal deficits would fall by roughly \$700 billion over ten years.

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THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: My dear listeners are all abuzz over the fact that citizens in 20 states are petitioning the federal government to consider their request for secession. Actually, I rather like this talk of secession. It's not going anywhere, at least not yet, but the more people who sign those petitions the clearer the message to those self-important politicians in Washington that the people out here in the hinterlands are royally pissed and frightened about the future of their country. Plus, in my reading of the Constitution I see absolutely NOTHING that speaks against states – and they call them sovereign states for a reason – withdrawing from the union.

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THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: Sometime this morning, Princess Pelosi is supposed to hold a press conference to announce to the world whether or not she will remain as House Minority leader. If I were a betting man, I would say that she ain't going anywhere. First of all, we aren't that lucky. Secondly, the most powerful woman in Congress doesn't just step down from that position lightly. Democrats will be able to achieve a lot in Washington over the next few years, and there is no way that Pelosi is going to miss out on any of that action.

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THE CLARK HOWARD SHOW: The fiscal cliff is looming. Can the White House and Congress reach a deal before it's too late? Or are higher taxes, more job losses, less hiring, additional stock market tumult, and the threat of another recession all but written in stone for you? If we drive off the fiscal cliff, we will have another recession. There's no doubt about it. But the harm is already occurring no matter what the outcome of the fiscal cliff debate. That's because it's already having a chilling effect on small business owing to all the doom and gloom media coverage of this timely issue. So businesses are hunkering down because of the uncertainty at the same time that consumers are continuing to spend and hold up the economy. Yet the reality is there were two issues not settled in election that have everything to do with the fiscal cliff. 1. How much tax are we willing to pay in the U.S.? 2. How much do we want the government to do for us? Let me say this: You could tax the top 2% of income earners at 100% of their income and it wouldn't come close to dealing with the promised obligations of Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security. You can't just soak the rich. There's much more to talk about with the fiscal cliff, but I believe that's the crux of it.

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THE CLARK HOWARD SHOW: With the fiscal cliff looming, there are two ways I see to get a handle on things. First, we need to fix the tax code. What we're currently doing with tax policy in the United States is broken. Our tax code is a jumbled, corrupt mess, more like what you'd find in a Third World country with all the tax preference items that politicians put in to help their key contributors. We have a system business owners can't possibly understand. As a business owner, you only cope with tax code, not master it. We need to eliminate games, gimmicks, and even deductions. Steve Forbes, a former presidential candidate, was believer in a flat tax. Others like my friend Neal Boortz are in favor of a national sales tax that's branded as the Fair Tax. Second, we can't afford the promises we've made for Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security even with higher taxes. So that means we have to make the social network a little less generous.

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THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: Yesterday, Israel "opened the gates of hell" after killing Hamas' head military leader, a terrorist by the name of Ahmed yaba-daba ding dong al-Jaabari. It took place during an Israeli air strike in the Gaza Strip and the reaction from radical Islamic goons is exactly what you would expect. Things are going to get worse before they get better. The international ripple effects can already be felt. As for the United States, it will be interesting to see what Obama does (or doesn't do) in the coming days and weeks.

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THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: We now have 439,000 new jobless claims for the first full week after the disastrous reelection of our Dear Ruler. Pennsylvania and Ohio led the pack. Two union states. Two crucial states won by Obama. The Obama crowd is trying to put the best possible spin on these numbers --- saying that they're due to layoffs from Hurricane Sandy. Nonsense. Layoffs in Ohio? Pennsylvania? Heavy union states? No, what we're seeing here is a direct reaction to the idiot voters of this country reelecting this anti-business failure to the presidency for another four years.

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THE ERICK ERICKSON SHOW: Adam Goldfein fills in for Erick. The United States is predicted to become the world's leading oil producer by 2020, according to the International Energy Agency's 2012 World Energy Outlook. The U.S. would overtake Saudi Arabia and Russia, largely due to increased production from unconventional oil resources, such as shale oil and tight oil. Additionally, the U.S. would become the world's leading natural gas producer, overtaking Russia, by 2015. These expansions could lead the Western Hemisphere to energy independence. However in reality, the global nature of the oil industry makes the notion mostly irrelevant. Disruptions in supply in any area will affect prices worldwide. Additionally, Brazil or other countries may choose to export to China, or Iraq (projected to become the world's second largest oil producer) might export to the U.S. for purely commercial reasons. With this in mind, the U.S. will still have a significant interest in the Middle East and open trade. All in all, the picture for American energy production looks good. The boom it would provide the economy would be a game changer, shifting the center of energy from the Middle East to the Western Hemisphere. At current rates of consumption, global oil can last us another 300-400 years, meaning that "peak oil" is nowhere in sight. Considering that 100 years ago we didn't have airplanes, our long term energy outlook is excellent.

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THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: House Democrats have pulled out the race card and the gender card in their pathetic defense of UN Ambassador Susan Rice. Rice has been criticized for her what we now know to be false PR campaign on the Sunday talk shows, trying to play off the terrorist attack in Benghazi as the "spontaneous" response to a YouTube video. Leading the charge against Susan Rice and a potential nomination as Secretary of State has been John McCain.

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THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: For years I've harped on our government's phony baloney poverty statistics. Well now the Obama administration has managed to take these statistics from phony to absurdly inaccurate. The Obama administration has started calculating what it calls "supplemental" poverty. This measure of "poverty" takes into account government benefits and regional cost of living. But here's the real catch: This level of poverty is not measured by those who are truly destitute but relative to others in their community in other words, the new measurement of "poverty" under the Obama administration measure inequality, not poverty.

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THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: Just last week I warned you that the Obama administration will be using his (illegally appointed) National Labor Relations Board in order to thank the unions for their work in getting him re-elected. The latest is that Obama's NLRB asked a judge to force the Connecticut nursing home to re-hire the workers involved in the labor dispute, including those who were involved in sabotaging and jeopardizing patients' health. Obama's America. Unions so powerful that a union goon can do something like this and end up being protected by the Obama Administration. Unbelievable.

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THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: I don't really like saying it, but my most honest assessment is that this country is in a state of continual decline and there's not much out there that portends a reversal of that trend. If I had to put my finger on one central cause of this decline, a unified theory, if you will, it would be our government schools. There is absolutely NOTHING on the horizon that would indicate we are going to be able to turn this around. We have four more years of this hideous president, and those four years will be dedicated to expanding government dependency as much as possible. Government dependency creates Democrat voters. Simple as that.

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THE ERICK ERICKSON SHOW: Erick is being encouraged to run against Saxby Chambliss. He is in "prayerful consideration". Saxby Chambliss is talking now about deserting his no tax hike pledge with Grover Norquist at Americans for Tax Reform. Erick used to work for Saxby Chambliss – his signature on that pledge was framed, hanging on the wall of his office. Every time the signature would fade, Saxby would resign it. In the seventeen years Saxby Chambliss has been in Congress, expenditures have outpaced revenue in all but four of those years. Those years happened to be during the Clinton years during the height of the dot-com bubble people forget when talking about Clinton tax rates. Since that time, and for the entirety of the time the Republicans controlled Congress, outlays have exceeded receipts. But Saxby and the GOP stuck to their no new tax pledge.

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THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: Now that Barack Obama has been re-elected, there is truly no sense of urgency to grow our economy, nor was there any promise that he would do so to begin with! Obama's presidential campaign boiled down to one thing: Wealth envy. He campaigned on making the rich pay their fair share, keeping the Republicans away from your entitlements and more government spending, particularly on teachers and jobs training programs. That's it!

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THE ERICK ERICKSON SHOW: There's a push by John Thune to kick the can of the fiscal cliff down the road another 6 months. We're hearing about a kabuki dance of "reasonableness". Erick doesn't want the arbiter of Obamacare being the arbiter of fairness. Erick says they need to hold the line and be willing to shoot the hostage. They need to prove they are serious. Erick doesn't even know what Republicans stand for anymore. Then there are people who talk Reagan. The people that were in the heyday back when Reagan was President are now in their 70s. Most people alive today don't really have an accurate impression of who Ronald Reagan was. You just hold an R next to your name and say "I just love Ronald Reagan". They have no clue. He was a conservative. Erick has listened to all the talk shows today say they think it's them (American people) and not us (conservatives). Romney's strategist today said Romney won the middle class. He did not – he lost lot into a candidate who was nothing they made him to be (a conservatives). Romney's strategist today said Romney won the middle class. He did not – he lost the middle class and everybody else. He ran a crappy campaign. He was also a crappy candidate. And because you are so invested in the fact that Romney was so awesome you think the problem is American people.

11/29/12 9:00AM 1Hr.

THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: Right now the conversation is about the deficit – how much more we spend every year than we take in – and our debt – now over \$16 trillion dollars. This \$16 trillion national debt they talk about? That's chump change compared to what we REALLY owe. These phonies – from both sides of the aisle – in Washington are going through this dog and pony show over our deficit and debt, but you won't hear them say squat about the real problem ... the \$86 trillion PLUS our children and grandchildren are going to have to pay.

11/29/12 5:00PM 2Hrs.

THE ERICK ERICKSON SHOW: Politifact is more liberal than the liberal opinion columns in the most liberal newspapers in America. Erick is so upset that AJC uses them. In today's truth-o-meter – Michael Cannon of the CATO Institute was labeled false. He said operating a health care exchange would be illegal in GA and other states because of legislation passed in those states. What they're labeling false isn't what Michael Cannon said. What Michael Cannon wrote in the AJC is that GA like other states has passed a law that the state government will not implement a health care exchange? Politifact asks is it true? They say federal law trumps state law. They are full of garbage on this. Politifact rates the claim false because "federal law trumps state law". Erick says the writers for Politifact are ignorant. There are 2 separate exchanges – and when a state fails to create a state exchange the federal government has to set one up.

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THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: I think that it may be time for Republicans to collectively put on their nose-clamps and prepare for the plunge. Go over the cliff. Don't give into these clowns, because you give in now and then you won't have any credibility over the next four years as they continue (and they will) to insist that they need even MORE taxes from the rich to pay for their proggie policies and constituents. Giving in on tax increases would essentially render you impotent.

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THE ERICK ERICKSON SHOW: Erick will not run for the Senate. It's time for Saxby Chambliss to come home and if doesn't the voters need to help him do it. Erick actually considered it, but he just isn't going to do it. Erick wasn't to present and talk about ideas. Erick talks about years ago when his wife was dying, and the level of conversation he had with her back then. She told Erick he was a catapult – and he believes that is his job – to find good people and put them in the arena. He does not believe he is meant to be in the arena himself.

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THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: The federal government has now borrowed more money during Barack Obama's time as president than it did in the period lasting from the time President George Washington took the oath office until July 2nd, 2001 more than five months into the first term of President George W. Bush. From George Washington into George Bush's administration...that is the legacy of Barack Obama. It's not the legacy that we want, but it is the legacy that we will get thanks to Americans and their willingness to vote for entitlements and more government which is exactly what Obama has promised them.

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THE ERICK ERICKSON SHOW: Not quite two weeks removed from Thanksgiving, it is worth giving thanks to John Boehner, Eric Cantor, and Kevin McCarthy. I really am thankful for them. Yesterday the three of them purged fiscal conservatives from committees as punishment for being authentically fiscal conservatives. Mick Mulvaney of South Carolina was put on the Financial Services Committee to show fiscal conservatism had nothing to do with removing Congressmen Justin Amash and David Schweikert, but that just causes me to question Mick Mulvaney's conservative bona fides now. Congressmen Schweikert, Amash, and Congressman Tim Huelskamp now removed from the Budget Committee have been punished for daring to defy John Boehner during the debt ceiling fight, etc. They pointed out what would happen with John Boehner's deal. They were the Cassandras of the fiscal cliff, predicting we'd be exactly where we are and they voted against getting us here. They have now been punished. Herman Cain would crush Sen. Saxby Chambliss in a Republican primary if the pizza mogul were to run in 2014, according to a poll released Tuesday.

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THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: The IRS has released 159 pages of new rules for investment income taxes on the rich as a result of Obama care. While Obama has a strong hand he is over playing it. Republicans have some leverage. The fiscal cliff is not the problem. The real crisis is the ticking time bomb of entitlement programs and the welfare state. At some point America will experience Greek-style fiscal collapse if these programs are not reformed.

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THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: Erick Erickson fills in for Neal today. Larry O'Donnell wants higher taxes. The Republicans have talked about increasing tax rates IN ADDITION to closing the loopholes. David Gergen on CNN says the Dems are trying to humiliate the Republicans with the fiscal cliff negotiations. They want to go off the cliff. Erick says Republicans should let that happen! Back in July Howard Dean said raising tax rates would hurt the economy. Last night on MSNBC Dean said we have no choice but to raise taxes. The fiscal curve as MSNBC calls it? No it's a cliff! And we need to go over it! It's a stupid bi-partisan compromise. We were never supposed to have the cuts. It was designed to fail. If we don't go off the cliff we will have a stagnant economy. If we do, the economy will dip and then grow again. Tim Geithner, who couldn't pay his own taxes, went on CNBC saying he is prepared to go over the fiscal cliff if the Republicans won't raise taxes. Republicans are willing to compromise, even sell themselves out – but Dems are fighting over the mechanism.

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THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: Erick Erickson fills in for Neal today. In a meeting with leadership staff, Rob Nabors reiterated the administration's hard line that tax rates on top earners must go up, according to Republican sources with knowledge of the meeting. The White House is also insisting that Congress give it power to raise the debt limit on its own. Furthermore, in a development that could signal a step closer to the fiscal cliff, Nabors said the White House's offer stands on mandatory spending on entitlement programs, the sources said. But another source familiar with the discussion offered a conflicting take, saying Nabors repeated that Obama isn't wedded to every detail of his plan. Nabors also conveyed that, once Republicans move on rates, "they can get a deal very quickly," the source said. Why are the tax rates so important Obama? The idea is to get Boehner to cave and let the Republican civil war begin. Why is Obama trying all of this right now and not wait until 2014? Because there is no evidence that the coalition that got Obama elected and reelected is the Democrat's coalition.

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THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: Herman Cain fills in for Neal today. The political class has hijacked our lives – to make us work our anchorovies off to pay for them. Then they get reelected to live their fancy lifestyle while we keep working to pay their bill. They are the 536 non-leaders. There isn't much leadership going on in DC right now. Can you say fiscal cliff? We are getting the shaft. The political class has been separated from We the People. Remember the story of a frog in a pot of boiling water. We are the frog because our "leaders" aren't showing leadership with our problems. Conservatives stayed home in November and Obama won. We can change things. We need to stay informed, stay involved and take action in 2013! We Are America – Your vote and your voice makes a difference. Just because Obama is president doesn't mean he's right. His policies have had more negative impact than positive. How did he get re-elected? Some people thought the fact themselves would be enough to defeat him. But they were not. We have to do a better job of informing more people about the facts. Watch Out you just might learn something!

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THE ADAM GOLDFEIN SHOW: Two years after the start of the Arab Spring, no newly formed government has been successful at passing a new constitution. Progress in Tunisia has stalled. In Egypt, opposition groups are protesting what is seen as an Islamic leaning draft constitution. The new Libyan government is making progress but also dealing with internal militant and terrorist threats, such as those responsible for the Benghazi consulate attack. Syria is still embroiled in open civil war. The process of transition is underway, but it is far from clear what the ultimate outcome of the Arab Spring will be. Many eyes are focused on Egypt where a declaration from newly elected President Mohammed Morsi gave him almost unlimited powers. He has since withdrawn part of the decree, but only after the Judiciary was prevented from dissolving the constitutional drafting committee. As a side effect of the change in Egyptian government, Hamas leader Khaled Meshal was able to visit Gaza for the first time. Born in the West Bank and living in exile for many years, the 25th anniversary of Hamas marks the first time he has been able to get into the blockaded Gaza strip without fear of assassination. He delivered a speech in which he said, "We are not giving up any inch of Palestine." He also refused to recognize Israel's legitimacy.

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THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: Herman Cain fills in for Neal today. We've only done one show and Herman is already getting feedback that he is annoying Obama supporters. Whoopee! A lot of Obama supporters take it personal when you criticize the failed policies of President Obama. Herman is not a fan of Obama. It's not personal. Herman will, however, expose the truth. So buckle your seatbelts - we are going to share the facts, jack. The reason why Romney didn't win: Facts don't matter. Here are the facts that don't matter to liberals or to conservatives who stayed home: Economy will continue to decline – and another recession is very likely; The unemployment rate is over 14%; Under Obama, The federal government has hired an average of 100 new employees a day; A lot of medium to small businesses will downsize or shut their doors altogether; Median household income will continue to decline; Taxes will go up on families, investors, and businesses that survive.

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THE CLARK HOWARD SHOW: With the fiscal cliff looming, we're beginning to see some real ways it's impacting the economy right now. Three quarters of consumers says they are following developments closely. Just a month ago, the issue of the fiscal cliff was noise to people. But now we're seeing a big decline in consumer confidence as a result of consumers tuning into the issue. Businesses, meanwhile, have started cutting back on business investment. Big businesses are not opening new facilities or buying new equipment. Small businesses, meanwhile, are seeing hiring plunge to a record low. A new Gallup says almost 1 in 4 small businesses expect to reduce the number of employees they have over the next 6 months. That's the highest number ever recorded, even in the aftermath of the Great Recession. It all adds up to lump of coal from Washington. But, I think, there is likelihood of an interim deal on the fiscal cliff followed by a pretty good possibility of a long-term deal. If it's real, and not just smoke and mirrors, it will deal with our nation's long-term issues based on demographics.

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THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: Herman Cain fills in for Neal today & talked about "Structural ignorance". We teach our kids not to call people stupid – but we have some undeniable ignorance in DC and it's because of ignorant people that put them there! They are ignorant of what it takes to solve a problem. Ignorance is not knowing or understanding something. Stupid is the inability to learn or understand something. Ignorant people have the capability of learning what they don't know or understand. If they are open to learning they can become enlightened. Our leaders keep pushing problems down the road – social security, Medicare, Medicaid, welfare assistance all need to be restructured. Without restructuring we are faced with total economic collapse. Republicans are playing "small ball" with political agendas, gridlock, etc. If we don't get off this trajectory, we will look like Greece or worse. Greece is looking to Germany for a bailout, but who would bail us out? Nobody! We have no sugar daddy! Restructuring programs means fixing programs. Rather than putting them off. The tax code is a good example.

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THE ERICK ERICKSON SHOW: Name that Party: In the Menendez sex offender story, the AP doesn't label as a Democrat. U.S. Sen. Robert Menendez employed as an unpaid intern in his Senate office an illegal immigrant who was a registered sex offender, now under arrest by immigration authorities. Luis Abraham Sanchez Zavaleta, an 18-year-old immigrant from Peru, who entered the country on a now-expired visitor visa from Peru, is facing deportation and remains in custody. The news outlets do not want to tell us that Menendez is a Democrat, but it wouldn't be the same if it were a Republican.

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THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: Herman Cain fills in for Neal today. Budget deficit widened – America on path to 5th straight \$1T+ deficit. 180 economists signed a petition OPPOSING tax hikes. Obama yesterday said taxes will go up one way or the other. He wants a TIT: Tax Income Trophy! Unemployment rate is projected to stay elevated until late 2015. Plan to spend \$60.4-B on Hurricane Sandy relief. Herman knows there is pork attached to this stuff. It's not all dedicated to helping the victims. We don't trust the government with all this money. Google cut its tax bill in half by sheltering part of its business in Bermuda. It's an example of why we must replace the tax code! These aren't "loopholes" they are messed up rules in the tax code!

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THE ERICK ERICKSON SHOW: Susan Rice, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations who drew heavy criticism from Republicans over her statements after the September attacks on a U.S. diplomatic mission, withdrew her name from consideration for secretary of state. Obama said in a statement that he accepted her decision and regretted “the unfair and misleading attacks” on Rice, who was considered a front-runner to replace Hillary Clinton as the nation’s top foreign policy official.

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THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: Herman Cain fills in for Neal today. The political class has made it more difficult to achieve the American Dream, but it is still doable, because it’s the PROMISE of America. Not the promise of the political class, but the opportunity derived from the principles that created and built the USA...Liberty, Economic freedom to pursue happiness, Representative Government. Our Representatives are failing us. We have a lot of unresolved problems. That’s no reason to fail ourselves and give up. It’s just going to be harder. The American Dream is not just getting by or barely surviving. It’s the desire to thrive. Not everybody has that desire, or wants to make the sacrifice. But for those of us that do, get out of our way. And that includes a bloated and bureaucratic GOV. Politicians need to stop telling people the achievement of their dreams depends on who wins elections. No, it depends on YOU and government getting smaller not bigger. There is no Department of Happy in Washington, D.C!

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THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: Herman Cain fills in for Neal. France taxes US taxpayers! Yep! Here’s how France is getting in your pocket. You pay city taxes, county taxes, etc. NOW we have to pay a small sneak-a-tax to France. France passed the “Robin Hood Tax” – Herman calls it the “Robbing Hood” Tax. It’s a tax on anything with French jurisdiction – If you have an investment in your portfolio that has anything to do with France you will pay them a tax. When they collect the tax, they plan to give a portion collected to third world dictators. The camel’s nose is under the tent. Now the UN is discussing a global tax. Before you say it’s no big deal – it becomes a big deal!

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THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: Herman Cain fills in for Neal. Nancy Pelosi said we had to pass the healthcare bill to find out what’s in it. More Obamacare Taxes hitting on Jan 1, 2013 including: Medical device tax, Special needs kids tax, Surtax on investment income, Cap Gains 15% to 23.8%, Dividends 15% to 43.4%, Medical Itemized Deductions “haircut” (must exceed 10% not 7.5%); Medicare payroll tax hike (2.9% to 3.8%).

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THE NEAL BOORTZ SHOW: Erick Erickson fills in for Neal today. Erick is disgusted by everybody in Washington. House Republicans today intend to vote on John Boehner's plan B which will raise taxes on everybody making over \$1-million. Boehner wants to establish that the GOP will support tax hikes and decoupling, then he will come back and negotiate the actual deal. When we protest that it's a tax hike, he will point to this vote and say, "Excuse me?" The spin from Speaker Boehner's Office on the plan shows you every single reason why this plan is embarrassing and Republicans should be ashamed to support it. The first bullet point is that "Plan B" "does not raise taxes." Really? How then does that reconcile with the second bullet point that notes, "Plan B" "permanently extends income tax rate cuts for Americans making less than \$1 million, which protects 99.81 percent of all taxpayers"? Only among the mendacious cast of clowns in Washington can those two bullet points be reconciled together. John Boehner's plan does raise taxes. But it only does so on people who earn one million dollars or more. He obfuscates this because taxes are set to automatically go up in January. Therefore, by preventing taxes from going up on 99.81% of Americans and letting a tax increase happen anyway, he can claim his plan "does not raise taxes."

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THE ADAM GOLDFEIN SHOW: The U.S. Supreme Court is currently deliberating on a case which will have vast implications for years to come, Fisher v. the University of Texas at Austin. The case involves a white woman who is alleging that the University's acceptance process discriminated against her based on her race, in violation of the 14th Amendment, by giving preferential treatment to minority races. It should be noted that Justice Elena Kagan has recused herself from the case because she had worked on the case prior to her ascension to the Supreme Court in her job as Solicitor General. This leaves open the possibility of a 4-4 tie, which would allow the University's policy to stand while setting no precedent. The case relies on the precedent set in 2003 by Grutter v. Bollinger which affirmed that a quota system designed for racial balancing was unconstitutional, but a university may consider race in obtaining a "critical mass" of student diversity. What constitutes such a "critical mass" has not been defined, and the validity of the metric has come under fire from conservative judges, such as Chief Justice John Roberts. In questioning Roberts said, "... you won't tell me what the critical mass is. How am I supposed to do the job that our precedents say I should do?"

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THE ADAM GOLDFEIN SHOW: With the legalization of recreational marijuana in Colorado and Washington, several important questions have arisen. First of all, should marijuana be legal. Deeper than that, though, are questions of appropriate medical uses for marijuana, under whose authority should marijuana be regulated or banned, and what are the societal and financial costs of both legalization and prohibition? For better or worse, Americans smoke pot. Roughly 100 million Americans admit to trying marijuana at least once and 11.5% of Americans have smoked marijuana in the last year. Usage seems especially high when considered in light of the controlled substance schedule marijuana is classified under. Marijuana is a Schedule 1 substance, the most restrictive classification. Substances in this schedule have no currently accepted medical use in the United States, a lack of accepted safety for use under medical supervision, and a high potential for abuse. Others included in this schedule are heroin and LSD. Comparatively, oxycodone, cocaine, methamphetamine and methadone are all under Schedule 2. Prohibition of any good comes at a high price. Taxpayers must fund law enforcement, judicial proceedings, and incarceration. One report from Harvard University estimates that legalizing marijuana would save \$7.7 billion per year in government expenditure on enforcement of prohibition. They also forgo any potential tax revenue. Legalization would yield tax revenue of \$2.4 billion annually if taxed at normal rates and \$6.2 billion annually if taxed at rates comparable to those on alcohol and tobacco, according to the report. On the other hand, legalization may come with hidden costs, such as increased healthcare costs if usage increases and leads to ill health effects.

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THE ADAM GOLDFEIN SHOW: "Political Language is designed to make lies sound truthful and murder respectable." George Orwell. When reading the list of the names of bills introduced by the 112th Congress, one can't help but ask: What exactly are any of these things about? Bill naming has gone from simple and to the point to ridiculous partisan pandering. In the House alone, the word "protection" is used in eight different titles. "Fairness" and "Improvement" also deserve honorable mention. There were even two different "American Jobs Acts" proposed, each having little in common with the other. What happened to the days of the Agriculture Adjustment Act, the Slave Trade Prohibition Act or the Civil Rights Act? These names were simple, short and devoid of qualitative language designed to sell the contents. What's more, they actually had to do with the contents of the bills. Now there are even organizations, such as the Blank Rome Government Relations LLC, dedicated to coming up with catchy names. It's all about branding and selling an image. Still, this language manipulation is not without drawbacks. George W. Bush wrote that his one regret about the USA PATRIOT Act, originally called the Antiterrorism Act, was its name. Interestingly, Chris Cylke, who came up with the USA PATRIOT Act acronym, went to a high school where the sports teams were named the Patriots. The change to more creative names seemed to start with one such inside joke. One of the first creative names might be the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO), which may have referred to Johnny Rico in the 1931 gangster film "Little Caesar."

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THE CLARK HOWARD SHOW: Toys R Us and Target each have their own strategies to compete with both Wal-Mart and Amazon this coming Christmas season. Toys R Us used to own Christmas, but that has changed. Amazon was the game changer. They're unique as a capitalist enterprise because it seems they never care if they make money, they just want more and more market share -- and then later they'll figure out how to make money on it! So Toys R Us has announced they're going to price match advertised prices from traditional retail stores this entire season up to Dec. 24. But they won't match Amazon. Target, meanwhile, is going to have a number of toys that are exclusives this Christmas season to compete with Wal-Mart. They won't have to worry about matching somebody else's price that way. Target has told vendors they want unique product model numbers and features on their stock so the Red Retailer can't be "show roomed." The only prices that will come up when you try to showroom a particular bar code will be Target's own! Amazingly, there is precedent for all this. Because we have four vibrant competitors, if you do your homework, this will be very good Christmas to find deals for the kids!

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THE CLARK HOWARD SHOW: A new self-inflating tire is being rolled out to truck fleets with the eventual goal of making the technology available to consumers. The benefit to truck fleets will be twofold. They will save money by reducing accidents and save money on fuel expenses. The Plain Dealer reports Goodyear received a \$1.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to develop the new tires. Whenever gas prices go up, local reporters around the country always do stories about getting junk out of your trunk and properly inflating your tires. But almost nobody remembers to do that. So having this functionality built into a tire automatically is great.

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THE CLARK HOWARD SHOW: If you like to eat out, a website called Savored.com offers great deals at premier restaurants by using yield management techniques. It seems like everywhere you turn there are restaurant deals. You have sites like Restaurant.com that offer significant discounts via gift certificates. Then there are also a variety of "deal a day" such as Groupon, LivingSocial, Plum and ScoutMob that offer great savings. The Internet now makes it possible for Savored.com to get into the market with its unique business model. Say an eatery knows they have a lull in business every Wednesday at 5 p.m. or every Saturday at 8 p.m. or what have you. The restaurateur can then work with Savored to make limited reservations available when they want. The typical discount amounts to 30 percent. No coupon is necessary. You simply have to book your discounted reservation through Savored. That's the idea behind dynamic demand pricing (aka yield management). This business model is similar to what airlines do when they offer sales on seats based on demand. Savored is only available in major metro areas at this time. That includes Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Denver, Los Angeles, Miami, New York City, Philadelphia, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C.

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THE CLARK HOWARD SHOW: Gas in California has skyrocketed to more than \$5 a gallon because of some unique market conditions. Could it happen in your state too? Several states and even some municipalities have special seasonal cocktails of gasoline. For example, places like Denver and Utah's Salt Lake Valley have air inversions that trap pollutants during the cold months and require a special winter cocktail for fuel. However, in most of the rest of the country, the real issue is summer. Yet the problem is the more customized each region makes its gas, the harder it is to overcome hiccups in the marketplace. California's fuel cocktail for summer is so unique there are only a small number of refineries that can make it. Unfortunately, one refinery is having maintenance done while another had a fire. That created this terrible shortage. The answer, of course, is simple. Just have a small variety of fuel cocktails. Have one national standard for your winter mix that's agreed upon by the states and the oil companies. Have another blend for summer for California, some Texas cities, and places like Atlanta and others that require a clean burn. And then have one blend for standard fuel for everybody else. But to have all these variations creates market disruptions that people suffer from, and it's your wallet that gets eaten up by this.

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THE CLARK HOWARD SHOW: Satellite TV subscribers in 19 cities almost saw major channels go dark over the weekend in yet another dispute between programmers and a new ad-skipping product called the Hopper that has caused war in the TV industry. With the Hopper, you simply select the commercial-free option and the service uses artificial intelligence to identify programming and then automatically skip the commercials. So you no longer have to use your skip button on your remote after you've DVR'd a show. But the Hopper has been a nightmare for networks and content producers. If you eat up the ad revenue, how will you have money to produce new shows? I say the Hopper is great from a convenience standpoint, but I'm not sure if this is a war we as television watchers are going to win. Ultimately, programming must be paid for in some way. Weaving in products is going to be a part of it. In fact, if you go way back into TV history, every show was sponsored by a particular company. It was the 'So and So Hour Sponsored by Whatever Company.' Well, we're going way past that now because stuff has got to be paid for. If it were up to me, product placement in shows would be one way to go. I think it's more fun than stopping the show for commercials -- except for those SuperBowl ads, of course!

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THE CLARK HOWARD SHOW: The major soft drink manufacturers have banded together for a new initiative to forestall more actions like what went on with New York City's recent ban of soft drinks larger than 16 ounces. Under the new initiative, when you buy a soda out of a vending machine, you will see the calorie counts prominently posted. This effort ties in nicely with the industry's overall effort to have more low calories choices and water in vending machines than in the past. Coke, Pepsi, and Dr. Pepper getting together on this initiative is almost unprecedented. But that gives you an indication how seriously they're all taking this. Yes, we do have a weight problem in this country. A new report from Allstate estimates that obesity causes us to waste \$1 billion in gas each year, as I read in The Chicago Tribune. I think that's kind of a cheap shot, but you get the point. The thing is, you having info about calorie counts and making the choice is what we should be about. Not having government prohibitions!

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THE CLARK HOWARD SHOW: Kodak is exiting the printer business after their attempt to subvert the industry's typical business model failed. Printers are the kind of purchase that people make based on price sensitivity. Few understand that the real cost of a printer is not its upfront expense, but rather the cost of replacement ink over its lifetime. Most printer manufacturers have adopted the Gillette shaver business model. Gillette takes a loss on every handset and makes it profit on replacement blades. Hewlett-Packard -- the dominant printer company -- exemplifies this approach. They lose on every HP printer they sell just to make a handsome profit on ink cartridges. Kodak tried to do the opposite: Make money on its printers by selling them for around \$150 and then sell ink at rock-bottom prices. That unique approach only won Kodak about two percent market share in the printer business. Fortunately, Kodak's loss can be your gain. Now that the company is in bankruptcy, they've decided to exit the printer selling business yet continue selling ink at reasonable prices. So look for the Kodak printers themselves to go on discount. They should now be offered at comparable prices like you'd find from Brother, HP, and Samsung. Think of it as a twofold of savings for your home and office -- savings on the printer and on the ink!

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THE CLARK HOWARD SHOW: What you pay for your water bill is rising in many places around the country, but you don't just have to take it. The real problem is you're paying for upgrades to older water systems that may date back to the early 1900s. USA Today reports many metro areas have seen water bills triple in the last many years. It's not unusual to have a water bill that can exceed your power bill in some municipalities. Many places are under court order to improve their water and sewer systems, while others have to do it simply because the delivery system is so old there's no other choice. But there are ways to reduce your water bill even at a time when the cost of service is going up. I had a low-flow toilet put into my house. I went from using 3.5 gallons/flush to 1.1 gallons/flush. Some toilets even have two buttons -- one that delivers a 1.1 gallon/flush and another for 1.6 gallons/flush. You can also install low-flow showerheads that use a blast of air to simulate a strong stream of water. And in some places, you can get a government rebate if you outfit your home with water-efficient devices. Check with your municipality to see if they participate.

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THE CLARK HOWARD SHOW: There have been so many recent reports about the burden of college loan debt. For those who have already graduated, there is a high rate of delinquency and default. For those who are in college, the level of debt and the percent of students taking on loan debt are hitting record numbers. Now comes word from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau that private student loans stink. Just like I've always said! Let me speak directly to parents first on the student loan issue. Do not feel guilty that the expenses of providing for your family are preventing or have prevented you from saving for your children's college education. Let go of that guilt. It's more important to save for your own retirement, because there are no scholarships, loans or work-study programs for that! If you're a grandparent, do not sign for student loans for your grandchild. It's not a good way to show your love for your grandchildren. Now a few words for the students; do not convince yourself that a degree is worth any level of borrowing. If you must borrow, never borrow more for a 4-year degree than the entry level salary you expect to earn after having received that degree. If all of what I've just said above still falls on deaf ears and you're still intent on borrowing, hear this: Never borrow any private student loan money. Only borrow what's permissible under the federal student loan program. Do not go to private lenders. Period.

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THE CLARK HOWARD SHOW: If your car breaks after it's out of warranty, social media affords you more ways to put the pressure on dealerships to get a fix in place at a reduced price. You can go to a site like AutoSafety.org and post your problems, see what others are posting, and start to see if what you're experiencing is a known manufacturer defect. Cars.com and TrueCar.com also offer similar capabilities. But the new angle now is social media. If you're getting the runaround, exasperation and frustration can come through in 140 characters on Twitter like you wouldn't believe! The Wall Street Journal reports GM has a team of 30 people continuously monitoring posts about the brand on social media. If you have a gripe with a dealership, start with the service manager. If that doesn't work, you have to escalate your complaint and get a face-to-face meeting with the factory rep for your area. Bring all the info about known defects you've discovered on the Internet.

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THE CLARK HOWARD SHOW: It's distressing to me how few people with young kids have life insurance. The problem is the insurance that's best for people with dependents is not touted by the industry as a general rule. Stay-at-home spouses have a special need for life insurance. Should a stay-at-home spouse pass away, the remaining parent would have to suddenly pay for childcare and everything else a stay-at-home parent does on a day to day basis. That's why it's essential the parent at home have a policy. Buying what's called "level term insurance" is simple and costs practically no money at all. SmartMoney reports a 45-year old man can get a \$500,000 level term policy with a coverage period of 20 years and only pay about \$50 a month. Women's coverage is even cheaper because they generally go to the doctor and take care of themselves! If a stay-at-home spouse is a woman, you generally want to buy a level term policy for 15 or 20 years, depending on the age of your children. Shopping for level term coverage is easy on the Internet. You can comparison shop for quotes at any of a number of sites like Insure.com and AccuQuote.com, or we have a handy tool for you to get the job done.

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THE CLARK HOWARD SHOW: Yelp has a new way to deal with bogus reviews on its site. There are now more than 30 million reviews on Yelp, according to The New York Times. But many questions about the site's credibility have arisen. What can you do when reviews that are being presented as the best collective wisdom are actually a farce? Going forward, when Yelp finds out about a false review, they will now post a red flag warning message to users. Say you're looking for Italian restaurants. One comes up on the list that's faking reviews. What you will see in bold type is CONSUMER ALERT. Then the accompanying language will go on to state, "We caught someone red handed trying to buy reviews for this business." That's like a scarlet letter. It's very effective public shaming. Businesses will now know the consequences of cooking the books to get false reviews will be too painful.