

TELEVISION QUARTERLY ISSUES-PROGRAMS REPORT

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ISSUE/description: 6. IMMIGRATION. Illegal immigrants, employment, schools, voting, border enforcement.

How Issue was treated (Program, PSA, etc.):

<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time/Duration</u>	<u>Program type</u>	<u>Description</u>
1. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	01/10/18	09:00PM/2 minutes	News	*
* The future of about 800,000 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients is up in the air. The program allows people who came to the United States as children illegally to live and work without the fear of deportation. On Tuesday, a federal judge blocked the Trump administration's order to end the program until legal challenges play out in court. So-called Dreamers risk losing their protected status if lawmakers fail to come up with a solution by March 5. Lawmakers are optimistic Congress can come up with a bipartisan plan for the future of these young undocumented immigrants. U.S. Representative for Florida's First Congressional District, Matt Gaetz, said good ideas need to be considered no matter where they come from. However, he still favors ending the protections. Some lawmakers want to finalize a DACA solution at the same time Congress tries to avoid a government shutdown. Rep. Gaetz disagrees. President Trump has indicated he may let the DACA protections continue as long as Congress approves funding for his wall on the southern border.				
2. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	01/18/18	09:00PM/2 minutes	News	**
** Congressman Matt Gaetz was asked about efforts on a deal on DACA. "I think there is an agreement to be had but, this wasn't an election about DACA. Donald Trump won this election because it was about border security, so I'm trying to focus the Congress on the very good measures that have passed out of the Judiciary Committee: E-verify, ending chain migration, ensuring that we don't have a Visa lottery system that stands in the place of a true merit-based system that would bring the best and brightest to the United States of America. So there are good, bi-partisan ideas, but many Congressional Democrats want to keep the controversy alive rather than actually passing legislation that deals with DACA at the same time as securing our border," Gaetz said.				
3. Channel 3 News at 9PM on WFGX	01/25/18	09:00PM/2 minutes	News	***
*** The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Agency is teaming up with more than a dozen Florida jails to detain criminal undocumented immigrants. Santa Rosa and Walton County jails are two of the facilities taking part in the pilot program. When undocumented immigrants are arrested locally, once they make bond they're released back onto the street. With this basic ordering agreement, participating jails are allowed to place a hold on those individuals for up to 48 hours, giving ICE agents time to pick them up. "When we get these people off the street that are breaking the law, it's a win-win for the county and the country," said Santa Rosa County Sheriff Bob Johnson. The move isn't a new one for Johnson, the difference now is he's not risking legal action. Walton County is also taking part in the pilot program. Sheriff Michael Adkinson said although the bottom line is public safety, the program also saves the county money. "These folks are not being arrested for being in the country illegally," said Adkinson. "They're being arrested for criminal offenses." "I don't deal in immigration, that's a federal issue," said Johnson. "These are criminal illegal aliens. The only ones we are dealing with are the ones that are in my jail because they broke the law and got arrested by one of my officers."				