

**QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS LIST**  
**FOR**  
**KMTR-TV, Eugene, Oregon**

The Issues-Programs List Herein

Covers the Period

Oct 1, 2018

Through

Dec 31, 2018

Following are the programs aired by KMTR-TV that the station believes provided the most significant attention to the community problems, issues, and needs for the fourth quarter of 2018.

KMTR News, Monday-Friday, 5-7 a.m.; 7:25 a.m.; 7:55 a.m.; 8:25 a.m.; 8:55 a.m.; 5-5:30 pm; 5:30pm-6pm; 6:30-7p.m.; and 11-11:35 p.m.

KMTR News Saturday, 6:30 -7 p.m. and 11-11:30 p.m.

KMTR News Sunday, 6:30-7p.m. and 11-11:30 p.m.

**ISSUE: Public Safety\***

*With limited budgets, police departments and sheriff's offices are trying to figure out how to protect the public. In some cases, citizens are working to find new ideas to help. In addition to police departments, cities, counties and the State of Oregon address many other public safety issues.*

**Springfield Cougar Sightings:** Several reported cougar sightings near homes and schools.

**Scheduled Date of Broadcast:** Oct 3 & 4

**Time of Broadcast:** 5pm, 5:30pm, 6:30pm

**Segment Length:** Approx. 1 - 2 min.

**Early Warning System:** University of Oregon helps develop early warning system for earthquakes and tsunamis. But development hampered by lack of funding.

**Scheduled Date of Broadcast:** Oct 18

**Time of Broadcast:** 5pm, 5:30pm, 6:30pm, 11pm

**Segment Length:** Approx. 1 - 2 min.

**Guardian Trailers:** Eugene police set up mobile cameras to monitor crime downtown and in other areas of Eugene.

**Scheduled Date of Broadcast:** Oct 19

**Time of Broadcast:** 5pm, 5:30pm, 6:30pm, 11pm

**Segment Length:** Approx. 1:30 min.

**OSP Staffing:** Oregon State Police push for extra funding to add state troopers to our highways.

**Scheduled Date of Broadcast:** Nov 2

**Time of Broadcast:** 5pm, 5:30pm, 6:30pm

**Segment Length:** Approx. 1 – 2 min.

**Task Force to California:** Firefighters from our area head to California to help crews battle wildfire that destroyed the town of Paradise.

**Scheduled Date of Broadcast:** Nov 9

**Time of Broadcast:** 5:30pm, 6:30pm, 11pm

**Segment Length:** Approx. 2 min.

**New Command Center:** City of Eugene wants to relocate its emergency operations center to a new building site in West Eugene-- to mobilize first-responders, staff and resources in case of earthquakes and other disasters.

**Scheduled Date of Broadcast:** Nov 20

**Time of Broadcast:** 5:30pm, 6:30pm

**Segment Length:** Approx. 1:30

**Earthquake Preparedness:** Follow up to Alaska quake. Are Eugene schools built to withstand an earthquake? The 4J District plans to construct three new schools that are up to safety standards.

**Scheduled Date of Broadcast:** Dec 3

**Time of Broadcast:** 5pm, 5:30pm, 6:30pm, 11pm

**Segment Length:** Approx. 1 - 2 minutes

**Home Vacation Check:** Eugene police sends out volunteers to check on homes of people on vacation.

**Scheduled Date of Broadcast:** Dec 6

**Time of Broadcast:** 5pm, 5:30pm, 6:30pm, 11pm

**Segment Length:** Approx. 1 – 2 minutes

**Guardian Trailers:** Eugene police install mobile cameras to monitor and prevent crime in downtown Eugene. Update on whether the “Guardian Trailer” program is making a difference.

**Scheduled Date of Broadcast:** Dec 10

**Time of Broadcast:** 5pm, 5:30pm, 6:30pm, 11pm

**Segment Length:** Approx. 1 – 2 min.

**Highway 99 Safety:** Oregon Department of Transportation is planning to install barriers to improve safety on Highway 99 between Eugene and Junction City. That stretch of highway is known for a high rate of accidents.

**Scheduled Date of Broadcast:** Dec 17

**Time of Broadcast:** 5pm, 5:30pm, 6:30pm, 11pm

**Segment Length:** Approx. 1 – 2 min.

## **ISSUE: Environment\***

*Stories ranging from climate change to recycling.*

**Ocean Hypoxia:** Special report on a phenomenon known as hypoxia which reduces oxygen levels for fish and crab in ocean. Meteorologist Travis Knudsen looks at the science behind it and the effect on fisheries.

**Scheduled Date of Broadcast:** Oct 31

**Time of Broadcast:** 6:30pm

**Segment Length:** Approx. 2:30 min.

**Climate Change Lawsuit:** University of Oregon student along with 20 other young plaintiffs take federal government to court over alleged inaction in dealing with climate change. Plaintiff's lawyer reacts to Trump Administration's effort to delay the trial.

**Scheduled Date of Broadcast:** Nov 7

**Time of Broadcast:** 5:30pm, 6:30pm, 11pm

**Segment Length:** Approx. 1 min.

**Breathable Air:** Meteorologist John Mayer looks at what causes our poor air quality—from wildfires in California to woodstoves in Oakridge. What Lane Regional Air Protection Agency is doing to monitor air quality and what homeowners can do to help improve the air we breathe.

**Scheduled Date of Broadcast:** Nov 19

**Time of Broadcast:** Scheduled to air 6:30pm

**Segment Length:** Approx. 2 min.

**Climate Change Report:** Oregon State University research discusses climate change and its effect on Oregon's snowpack, agriculture and wildfire season.

**Scheduled Date of Broadcast:** Nov 27

**Time of Broadcast:** 5pm, 5:30pm, 6:30pm, 11pm

**Segment Length:** Approx. 1-2 min.

**Strawless Movement:** Eugene middle-schooler starts petition campaign to ban plastic straws to protect marine life.

**Scheduled Date of Broadcast:** Dec 13

**Time of Broadcast:** 5pm, 5:30pm, 6:30pm

**Segment Length:** Approx. 1-2 min.

**Clean Energy Jobs:** Wind, solar and other clean energy businesses are on the rise in Oregon.

**Scheduled Date of Broadcast:** Dec 17

**Time of Broadcast:** 5pm, 5:30pm

**Segment Length:** Approx. 1-2 min.

### ***ISSUE: Elections\****

*Coverage of races and measures in the November Election*

**Beyond the Podium:** Recorded five-minute studio interviews with Lane County Commissioner candidates Heather Buch and Gary Williams. Aired during 6pm newscast on Sunday Oct 7.

**Scheduled Date of Broadcast:** Oct 7

**Time of Broadcast:** 8pm (postgame newscast)

**Segment Length:** 10 min.

**Beyond the Podium:** Recorded five-minute studio interviews with 4<sup>th</sup> District Congressman Peter DeFazio and his Republican opponent Art Robinson. Aired during 6pm newscast on Sunday Oct 14.

**Scheduled Date of Broadcast:** Oct 14

**Time of Broadcast:** 8pm (postgame newscast)

**Segment Length:** 10 min.

**Election Night Coverage:** Live coverage of state, county, city races and measures in Western Oregon.

**Scheduled Date of Broadcast:** Nov 6

**Time of Broadcast:** 5pm, 5:30pm, 6:30pm, 11pm plus primetime cut-ins

**Segment Length:** Approx. 40 – 50 min. total

### ***ISSUE: Education\****

*A look at new school construction, funding and educational resources.*

**School Report:** State of Oregon grades local schools on student test scores and graduation rates.

**Scheduled Date of Broadcast:** Oct 25

**Time of Broadcast:** 5pm, 5:30pm, 6:30pm

**Segment Length:** Approx. 1 - 2 min.

**Eugene 4-J Bond Passes:** Eugene school board moves to the next stage of planning after voters approve funding for three new schools.

**Scheduled Date of Broadcast:** Nov 7

**Time of Broadcast:** 5pm, 5:30pm, 11pm

**Segment Length:** Approx. 1 - 2 min.

**Higher Ed Budget:** Oregon State University officials and students raise concern about Governor's Higher Ed budget plan and its effect on tuition costs.

**Scheduled Date of Broadcast:** Nov 30

**Time of Broadcast:** 5:30pm, 6:30pm, 11pm

**Segment Length:** Approx. 1 - 2 min.

***ISSUE: Government Spending\****

*State, City and county decisions that affect local public services, businesses and taxpayers.*

**Future of City Hall:** Eugene City Council passes on option to buy utility headquarters building for the new city hall. Councilors favor constructing a new building at the "Butterfly Lot" site across from the courthouse.

**Scheduled Date of Broadcast:** Nov 8

**Time of Broadcast:** 5pm, 5:30pm, 6:30pm, 11pm

**Segment Length:** Approx. 2 min.

**Cottage Grove Development:** City of Cottage Grove expecting to receive \$10-million grant to upgrade sidewalks and lighting downtown.

**Scheduled Date of Broadcast:** Nov 29

**Time of Broadcast:** 5pm, 5:30pm, 6:30pm

**Segment Length:** Approx. 1-2 min.

**Lane County Courthouse:** County wants to build a \$252-million courthouse on the former Eugene City Hall lot. Lane County Commissioners plan to ask voters to pass a bond measure to pay most of the cost.

**Scheduled Date of Broadcast:** Dec 19

**Time of Broadcast:** 5pm, 5:30pm

**Segment Length:** Approx. 1-2 min.

**ISSUE: Health\***

*A look at some of the health issues facing our viewers and their families.*

**Down Syndrome Month:** Special report on Springfield family's effort to spread awareness and dispel myths about Down Syndrome in children.

**Scheduled Date of Broadcast:** Oct 29

**Time of Broadcast:** 6:30pm

**Segment Length:** Approx. 2:30 min.

**Concussion Safety:** Special report on efforts to diagnose and reduce head injuries among student athletes.

**Scheduled Date of Broadcast:** Nov 7

**Time of Broadcast:** 6:30pm

**Segment Length:** Approx. 2 min.

**UO Breathing Study:** UO researcher studies divers in Croatia in effort to find ways to prevent respiratory diseases.

**Scheduled Date of Broadcast:** Oct 11

**Time of Broadcast:** 5pm, 5:30pm, 6:30pm, 11pm

**Segment Length:** Approx. 1 - 2 min.

**White Bird Expansion:** Clinic in Eugene plans to expand to provide medical and dental services to low-income and homeless people.

**Scheduled Date of Broadcast:** Nov 1

**Time of Broadcast:** 5pm, 5:30pm

**Segment Length:** Approx. 1 - 2 min.

**Thanksgiving Food Safety:** Tips on avoiding salmonella and other food-borne illnesses while preparing Thanksgiving meal.

**Scheduled Date of Broadcast:** Nov 20

**Time of Broadcast:** 5pm, 5:30pm, 6:30pm, 11pm

**Segment Length:** Approx. 1 - 2 min.

**Suicide Hotlines:** White Bird mental health counselor discusses the warning signs of depression, anxiety and suicidal behavior during the holidays.

**Scheduled Date of Broadcast:** Dec 11

**Time of Broadcast:** 5pm, 5:30pm, 6:30pm, 11pm

**Segment Length:** Approx. 1-2 min.

***ISSUE: Hunger and Homelessness\****

*Efforts to help people in need.*

**Homeless Decision:** Homeless people camp across the street from the county courthouse after a Federal Appeals Court restricts local efforts to evict street people.

**Scheduled Date of Broadcast:** Oct 15

**Time of Broadcast:** 5pm, 5:30pm, 6:30pm, 11pm

**Segment Length:** Approx. 1 - 2 min.

**Homeless Camp:** Eugene City Council approves a plan to create a temporary homeless camp in a vacant downtown lot that used to be city hall.

**Scheduled Date of Broadcast:** Oct 23

**Time of Broadcast:** 5pm, 5:30pm, 6:30pm, 11pm

**Segment Length:** Approx. 1 - 2 min.

**Homeless Camp Reax:** Local businesses voice opposition to city plan to open a temporary homeless camp in downtown Eugene.

**Scheduled Date of Broadcast:** Oct 30

**Time of Broadcast:** 5pm, 5:30pm, 6:30pm, 11pm

**Segment Length:** Approx. 1 - 2 min.

**Homeless Camp Plan Dropped:** City of Eugene changes its mind and cancels plans to build a temporary homeless camp in the vacant city hall lot downtown.

**Scheduled Date of Broadcast:** Nov 1

**Time of Broadcast:** 5pm, 5:30pm, 6:30pm, 11pm

**Segment Length:** Approx. 1 - 2 min.

**Butterfly Lot Camper Removal:** Lane County closes downtown Eugene lot and evicts homeless campers, sending them to a homeless camp off Highway 99 in north Eugene.

**Scheduled Date of Broadcast:** Nov 14  
**Time of Broadcast:** 5pm, 5:30pm, 11pm  
**Segment Length:** Approx. 1 - 2 min.

**Eugene Mission Thanksgiving Preps:** Local mission prepares Thanksgiving meals for homeless people.

**Scheduled Date of Broadcast:** Nov 21  
**Time of Broadcast:** 5pm, 5:30pm  
**Segment Length:** 1 - 2 min.

**Homeless Schooling:** Special report on the life of a homeless student, her struggles to get an education and what one local group is doing to help.

**Scheduled Date of Broadcast:** Nov 21  
**Time of Broadcast:** 6:30pm  
**Segment Length:** Approx. 2:30

**Highway 99 Camp:** Lane County plans to expand homeless camp on Highway 99, using two nearby buildings as permanent shelters.

**Scheduled Date of Broadcast:** Dec 4  
**Time of Broadcast:** 5pm, 5:30pm  
**Segment Length:** Approx. 1 - 2 minutes

**Camp 99 Update:** City of Eugene plans to expand homeless services at two locations along Highway 99.

**Scheduled Date of Broadcast:** Dec 18  
**Time of Broadcast:** 5pm, 5:30pm, 6:30pm, 11pm  
**Segment Length:** Approx. 1 - 2 minutes

*\*Note: We also aired most of these stories in our weekday morning newscasts the following day.*

## 2018 4TH QUARTER MEET THE PRESS TOPICS

Chuck Todd is NBC News Political Director and the moderator of "Meet the Press," the flagship Sunday Morning public affairs program and longest-running broadcast in television history.

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**MTP EXCLUSIVE: SEN. CHRIS COONS SAYS 'IT'S PREMATURE' TO TALK ABOUT IMPEACHING JUSTICE BRETT KAVANAUGH**

***ALSO: Sen. Coons (D-Del.) Says President Trump Mocking Dr. Christine Blasey Ford "Was a Low Mark in His Presidency"***

***EXCLUSIVE: Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.) on Dr. Ford's Testimony: "Every Sexual Assault Case is Usually 'He Said, She Said,' Except in This Case it's 'He Said, She Said, They [Witnesses] Said'"***

***EXCLUSIVE: Alyssa Milano Says we "Lost a Political Battle" but "are Winning the Cultural Battle"***

***PLUS: Tarana Burke on #BelieveSurvivors: "It's not Believe Them Without Investigation, Believe Them Without Interrogation"***

OCTOBER 7, 2018 – In an exclusive interview this morning on *Meet the Press*, **Sen. Chris Coons (D-Del.)** told moderator Chuck Todd "it's premature" to talk about impeaching newly-confirmed Supreme Court Associate Justice Brett Kavanaugh. "There's only been one justice that's been impeached, and I think talking about it at this point isn't necessarily healing us and moving us forward," Coons added. "The Senate's role in our politics is not to just reflect the country, but to help heal and lead the country."

On the presumption of innocence in the Kavanaugh hearings, Coons said: "This is a confirmation hearing. No one is entitled to a seat on the Supreme Court. It's not a criminal trial, it's more like a job hearing. It's more like a job interview."

On President Trump's comments on Dr. Christine Blasey Ford, Coons said: "I think one of the biggest tragedies of this past week was to watch the president of the United States publicly mocking and ridiculing Dr. Ford. His initial response, which was to say that her testimony was credible and compelling was where he should have stopped. But to instead turn it into a campaign rally event where he was mocking her, I think really brought this entire conversation down and really was a low mark in his presidency."

Coons responded to Sen. John Kennedy's statement earlier this week on how the process changed dramatically when Michael Avenatti got involved, taking us "into the foothills of the preposterous," and

said “I do think that he's correct, that there was a widespread response, certainly on the Republican side, that these were not credible allegations.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

**Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.)** also joined the broadcast in an exclusive interview, telling Todd that “every sexual assault case is usually ‘he said, she said,’ except in this case it’s ‘he said, she said, they said,’” adding: “the ‘they’ were the witnesses that she said were there all said it either didn’t happen or they didn’t remember it. One of whom is one of her best friends.”

“I thought she was credible,” Alexander said of Dr. Christine Blasey Ford’s testimony, adding: “If listening to her was all I had to do, I would’ve said, ‘She seems to believe what she believes.’ But that’s not all I had to do.”

On Justice Kavanaugh’s testimony, Alexander said: “If you had a group of people deliberately trying to destroy your reputation with accusations that you know aren’t true ... you’re not going to just sit there calmly and take that. You’re going to defend yourself against people deliberately trying to damage and destroy you ... and I think the fact that he did that is the reason he’s on the court. I think if he’d just sat there and taken it, that people would, would’ve been very suspicious.”

On concern of the public confidence in Justice Kavanaugh, Alexander said: “It’d be hard to have public confidence, if you go through an inquisition, like he did, arranged by the Democrats.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

One year after the #MeToo movement re-ignited with a tweet from actor and activist **Alyssa Milano**, she and activist **Tarana Burke** joined the broadcast to discuss the movement one year later and the repercussions of the Brett Kavanaugh confirmation.

Milano said: “We may have lost a political battle, but I do think we are winning the cultural battle. And often I don’t fight for the win, I’m fighting so that generations don’t have to deal with the abuses of power that we’ve had to deal with.”

Burke opened up about the “believe survivors” mantra, saying: “It’s not believe them without investigation, believe them without interrogation ... So the mantra ‘Believe Survivors’ is about, can we start with the premise that people do not often lie about the pain and the trauma of sexual violence. If we start with that premise, if you believe that it’s true, then you can have an investigation, you can have an interrogation of the facts and that kind of thing. This is not to say believe people blanket and don’t investigate and don’t do anything else besides believe them.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

NBC News Presidential Historian and author of *Presidents of War* **Michael Beschloss**, Republican strategist **Al Cardenas**, NBC News’ **Kasie Hunt** and AEI’s **Danielle Pletka** [joined the broadcast’s roundtable](#) for insight and analysis on the week in politics.

The *Meet the Press Film Festival with American Film Institute (AFI)* [kicks off](#) its two-day event in Washington, D.C. tonight, and most of the films are now available for a month-long showcase [on nbcnews.com](#), on demand, and on streaming platforms.

**MTP: SEN. MARCO RUBIO SAYS US 'MORAL CREDIBILITY' AT STAKE WITH DISAPPEARANCE OF JOURNALIST JAMAL KHASHOGGI**

***ALSO: Former CIA Director Brennan Says Saudi Arabia's Denials On Khashoggi "Ring Hollow" And It's "Inconceivable" Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman Wouldn't Have Known***

***PLUS: Georgia Democratic Gubernatorial Candidate Stacey Abrams Says "I Am" Confident The November Election Will Be Fair***

***EXCLUSIVE: Missouri Senate Candidate Josh Hawley Says Missouri Voters Motivated By Kavanaugh Hearings And "Mob Behavior That We're Seeing All Over The Country"***

OCTOBER 14, 2018 – In an interview this morning on *Meet the Press*, **Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.)** told moderator Chuck Todd that the United States' "moral credibility" will be "undermined and compromised" if we don't call out Saudi Arabia in response to the disappearance of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, adding a response from Congress if proven true will be "swift."

"Our moral credibility, our ability to call Putin a murderer because he is, our ability to call Assad a murderer because he is, our ability to confront Maduro in Venezuela or any of these other human rights atrocities like what we see in China, all of that is undermined and compromised if we somehow decide that because an ally who is important did that we're not going to call it out ... If this is proven to be true, there is going to be a response from Congress. It's going to be nearly unanimous. It's going to be swift. And it's going to go pretty far."

Rubio also responded to President Trump recently saying he will take canceling arms deals with Saudi Arabia off the table, saying: "There's advantages to arms sales that have nothing to do with money...Arms sales to Saudi Arabia are important not because of money but because he's [Trump] right when he says they'll buy it from somebody else." [Watch the full interview.](#)

"Their denials ring hollow ... It would be inconceivable that such an operation would be run by the Saudis without the knowledge of the day-to-day decision-maker of Saudi Arabia. That's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman." says former CIA Director and one-time Saudi Arabia station chief **John Brennan** on Khashoggi's disappearance, also a senior national security and intelligence analyst for NBC News.

Brennan also questioned King Salman's mental acuity, telling Todd, "There have been princes in the royal family, in the past, who have been held to account for some transgressions of the law, including executions. So I think it's going to be up to King Salman, if he has the mental capacity right now and the political strength ... He is aging. And there are indications that he has failed a bit." [Watch the full interview.](#)

**Georgia Democratic Gubernatorial Candidate Stacey Abrams** joined the broadcast as well this morning, and told Todd that the stalling of voter registrations from African American voters by her opponent Brian Kemp was "absolutely" intentional. Abrams continued: "It's part of a pattern of behavior where he [Kemp] tries to tilt the playing field in his favor or in the favor of his party."

But Abrams added she expects the contest to be a fair one, explaining: "My organization, working with the Democratic Party, we've put together the largest voter protection effort in the state's history. And we have national organizations that are also paying attention. And I think we can make this work." [Watch the full interview.](#)

**Missouri Attorney General and Republican Senate candidate Josh Hawley** also joined in an exclusive interview, telling Todd that the Brett Kavanaugh hearings motivated GOP voters in Missouri: "I do think

that the debacle with Justice Kavanaugh, what the Senate Democrats did in that case, is hugely motivating to Missouri voters. They cannot believe the conduct of these Senate Democrats. They can't believe the smear campaign that they launched, and by the way, how they drug (sic) Dr. Ford through the mud, as well, and now, this mob behavior that we're seeing all over the country. It is motivating folks." [Watch the full interview.](#)

The New York Times' **Peter Baker**, The Hoover Institution's **Lanhee Chen** and NBC News' **Carol Lee** and **Andrea Mitchell** [joined the broadcast's roundtable](#) for insight and analysis on the week in politics.

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**MTP EXCLUSIVE: SEN. THOM TILLIS SAYS THE SAUDIS' EXPLANATION OF JAMAL KHASHOGGI'S KILLING IS NOT CREDIBLE; "WILL BE VERY PROBLEMATIC FOR OUR RELATIONSHIP GOING FORWARD"**

**EXCLUSIVE: Sen. Dick Durbin: "The Crown Prince Has His Fingerprints All Over This"; U.S. Needs to "Expel the Saudi Ambassador from the United States"**

**ALSO: Former White House Comms Director Anthony Scaramucci's First Interview on Book Tour: Gen. John Kelly "Hurt the Morale Inside" the White House, "He's Hurt the President"**

**NEW: NBC News/WSJ Poll Shows Democrats Hold Nine-Point Advantage for Midterm Elections**

OCTOBER 21, 2018 – In an exclusive interview this morning on *Meet the Press*, **Sen. Thom Tillis (R-N.C.)** told moderator Chuck Todd that the Saudi government's explanation of the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi is not credible: "You do not do something of this magnitude without having clearance from the top." He added, "I think it'll be very problematic for our relationship going forward." Sen. Tillis said that it looks like the crown prince ordered the killing and "there has to be a consequence for it" and those "who committed this horrible act" must be held "accountable."

On President Trump's suggestion that he might propose a middle class tax cut before the midterm elections, Sen. Tillis said, "I think that there is a way to rationalize that this tax cut will pay for itself through sustained economic growth. If we don't make the numbers, it won't. But if we do, and we're already seeing it early into this cycle, then I do believe that we create the net incremental revenue. It's not going to be enough to come anywhere close to retiring our \$21 trillion in debt. That's where we're going to have to look at tough choices." [Watch the full interview.](#)

Senate Minority Whip **Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.)** also joined the broadcast in an exclusive interview, telling Todd that "the only person on earth outside of the Saudi kingdom who appears to accept it [the Saudi government's explanation] is President Donald Trump." He [added](#) that "the crown prince has his fingerprints all over this and the fact that he is heading up the investigation makes it totally incredible." Durbin also said that the United States needs to "expel the Saudi Ambassador from the United States until there is a completion of a third party investigation."

On the Senate Democrats' handling of Justice Brett Kavanaugh and its impact on the midterm races, Sen. Durbin said, "We were dealt cards, in the Senate Judiciary Committee, we never anticipated. The fact that there'd be a letter coming forward from Dr. Ford, which eventually became public, which led to a hearing, which we had not even planned. All of those things were unforeseen. This was not some strategy that was laid out. It unfolded this way. We did the best we could under the circumstances. I still

believe that we did the right thing in voting against Brett Kavanaugh for the Supreme Court.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

Former White House communications director **Anthony Scaramucci** joined the show in his first interview to promote his new book, “Trump, the Blue-Collar President.” On Gen. John Kelly, Scaramucci said “there was a better way to fire me. But he was trying to make a spectacle out of it...he got the spectacle that he wanted.” He added President Trump “needs a chief of staff that really likes him and gets his personality.”

Scaramucci also said that Gen. John Kelly has “hurt the morale inside the place [White House]. And he's hurt the president, and he has hissy fits. You know, he left last week after the report that he had with Ambassador Bolton. That's his personality.” Scaramucci told Todd that he now feels “vindicated” because he believes Gen. Kelly is “demonstrating his personality now the way he really is.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

New NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll numbers debuted on this morning's broadcast showing that two weeks before the 2018 midterm elections, Democrats hold a nine-point lead among likely voters over Republicans in congressional preference. [Read more.](#)

CBN News' **David Brody**, The Wall Street Journal's **Peggy Noonan**, The Washington Post's **Eugene Robinson** and NBC News' **Katy Tur** [joined the broadcast's roundtable](#) for insight and analysis on the week in politics.

**MTP: PITTSBURGH MAYOR WILLIAM PEDUTO SAYS THE ANSWER TO GUN VIOLENCE IS NOT “SOLVED BY HAVING OUR SYNAGOGUES, MOSQUES AND CHURCHES FILLED WITH ARMED GUARDS”**

**PLUS: Anti-Defamation League CEO: “Anti-Semitism has moved from the margins into the mainstream”**

**ALSO: NRCC chairman Steve Stivers calls GOP ad in Minnesota attacking George Soros “factual,” adding “it also has nothing to do with calling for violence.”**

OCTOBER 28, 2018 – In an interview this morning on *Meet the Press*, Pittsburgh Mayor **William Peduto** spoke to moderator Chuck Todd the morning after 11 people were murdered at Tree of Life Congregation synagogue in his city, saying: “I don't think that the answer to this problem is solved by having our synagogues, mosques and churches filled with armed guards or our schools filled with armed guards. I think we're dealing with an irrational person who acted irrationally. And trying to create laws around that is not the way that we should govern. We should try to stop irrational behavior from happening at the forefront. And not try to create laws around irrational behavior to continue.”

On President Trump possibly attending a vigil for victims, Peduto said: “That's really up to the families themselves. You know, we're going to be working together as we have. We've had good cooperation from the state and the governor. And, you know, this is a Conservative synagogue. So the funerals will be very quickly. As soon as tomorrow. So that's really up to the families and whether they would want the president to be here.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

CEO and National Director of the Anti-Defamation League **Jonathan Greenblatt** also joined the broadcast this morning, telling Todd “We are seeing an environment in which anti-Semitism has moved from the margins into the mainstream as political candidates and people in public life now literally repeat the rhetoric of white supremacists. And they think it's normal and permissible to talk about Jewish conspiracies, manipulating events or Jewish financiers somehow controlling activities. And that is awful.”

Asked about recent political ads attacking Democratic donor George Soros, who is Jewish and also a target of one of the mailed pipe bombs this week, Greenblatt said: The attacks on George Soros are appalling. And the continued invocation of classic anti-Semitic themes. I mean, to see the way this man is mischaracterized online is just repulsive. Now, I don't agree with every donation he makes. But I also don't agree with every donation Sheldon Adelson makes. But you see it from the left and sometimes from the right. And it is all incredibly troublesome." [Watch the full interview.](#)

NRCC Chair **Rep. Steve Stivers (R-Ohio)** and DCCC Chair **Rep. Ben Ray Lujan (D-N.M.)** also joined *Meet the Press* this morning in a joint interview with Todd. Stivers responded to a question about an NRCC ad in Minnesota targeting George Soros, explaining: "Our independent expenditure arm is independent. But, you know, that ad is factual. And, you know, it also has nothing to do with calling for violence. That ad is a factual ad."

On yesterday's shooting in Pittsburgh, Lujan told Todd: "It's not too much to expect leaders to bring us together, to unite our country, to find a way to reach out to us to our greater good and make sure that we rise above all of the accusations and the hate and the finger pointing, Chuck. So I am certainly hopeful that we'll see that out of the leader of the free world and that we'll see that out of each and every one of us individually as well as our colleagues." [Watch the full interview.](#)

The Resurgent's **Erick Erickson**, NPR's **Joshua Johnson**, The Cook Political Report's **Amy Walter** and NBC News' **Kristen Welker** [joined the broadcast's roundtable](#) for insight and analysis on the week in politics.

**MTP: STACEY ABRAMS ON TRUMP'S ASSESSMENT SHE'S 'UNQUALIFIED': I FIND IT TO BE "VAPID AND SHALLOW"**

**EXCLUSIVE: Gov. Bill Haslam (R-Tenn.): "I don't think any race is entirely on the president, win or lose."**

**PLUS: Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.): "We do have a narrow path to a Senate Democratic majority."**

**NEW: NBC News/WSJ Poll Shows Democrats Hold Seven-Point Edge**

**Lester Holt, Savannah Guthrie and Chuck Todd Anchor "The Vote: America's Future" at 8 p.m. ET/ 7 p.m. CT This Tuesday Live From NBC News World Headquarters in New York**

**NOVEMBER 4, 2018** – In an interview on *Meet the Press*, **Stacey Abrams** said President Trump's assessment that she is "unqualified" is "vapid and shallow."

The Georgia Democratic gubernatorial candidate, running against current Georgia Secretary of State Brian Kemp, also said that she does believe it will be a fair election.

"We have seen unprecedented turnout in this race from people who normally do not engage and do not vote. Some of that has been driven by the conversations of voter suppression because one of the best ways to encourage people to use something is to tell them that someone is trying to take it away. Luckily we've had two court decisions against Brian Kemp."

Brian Kemp declined an invitation to appear on *Meet the Press*.

Watch the [full interview](#).

In addition, Republican Tennessee Governor **Bill Haslam** joined Chuck Todd for an exclusive interview to discuss Tuesday's midterm election stating that no "race is entirely on the president, win or lose."

Haslam also remarked on if Georgia Secretary of State Brian Kemp and Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, both gubernatorial candidates for their respective states, should recuse themselves from the vote-counting process on Tuesday stating, "I don't think so. Again, I don't know the specifics of exactly how the process works in their states. But I know how it works in our state, and the secretary of state's role in it. And while he oversees the process, there are a lot of people involved in that. Again, if our secretary of state was running, I wouldn't ask him to step down because there are so many checks and balances in the process that I just don't have any fear about the integrity of the ballot." Watch the [full interview](#).

Chairman of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee **Sen. Chris Van Hollen** (D-Md.) joined the broadcast to discuss Tuesday's midterm elections saying Democrats "do have a narrow path to a Senate Democratic majority."

"Everything comes down to turnout. And we've got more than seven Senate races that are, you know, down to the wire and the margin of error. So, it's all about turnout ... you can't go 0-4 in [Missouri, Tennessee, Texas, and North Dakota], that's right. And that's not going to happen." Watch the [full interview](#).

Republican Senate candidate **Josh Hawley** was slated to appear on *Meet the Press* but canceled yesterday citing scheduling conflicts.

New **NBC News/Wall Street Journal** poll numbers debuted on this morning's broadcast showing that Democrats hold a Seven-point edge among likely voters ahead of Tuesday's elections. [Read more](#).

Democratic strategist **Cornell Belcher**, NBC News' **Tom Brokaw** and **Kasie Hunt**, TODAY co-anchor **Savannah Guthrie** and radio host **Hugh Hewitt** joined the broadcast's roundtable for insight and analysis on the week in politics. Watch the [full panel](#).

**MTP EXCLUSIVE: Rep. Adam Schiff (D-Calif.): If Acting AG Matthew Whitaker doesn't recuse himself, "any role that he plays will be exposed to the public."**

**ALSO: Sen. Gardner (R-Colo.) on protecting the Mueller probe: "Why protect something that's actually continuing?"**

**PLUS: An exclusive, joint interview with newly-elected Congresswomen Lauren Underwood (D-Ill.) and Elissa Slotkin (D-Mich.)**

**NOVEMBER 11, 2018** – In an exclusive interview on *Meet the Press*, **Rep. Adam Schiff** told moderator Chuck Todd that if Acting Attorney General Matthew Whitaker doesn't recuse himself from the Russia probe, "any role that he plays will be exposed to the public."

Rep. Schiff, (D-Calif.), the Ranking Member of the House Intelligence Committee, also discussed his support for Nancy Pelosi for Speaker of the House stating "we need the strongest general that we have. We need the best tactician, we need the best organizer ... and that's her. There's no one else honestly that comes close." **Watch the [full interview](#)**.

When asked about President Trump's comments on the California wildfires, Rep. Schiff responded: "People are losing their lives, losing loved ones, losing their homes. ... [F]or the president, at a time when people are facing utter disaster, to be making a statement like this, making a threat like this, this just goes to show how little he understands the job he has."

In addition, NRSC Chairman Sen. Cory Gardner (R-Colo.), joined the program and said the “Mueller is not going to be stopped. It’s going to continue, and [the investigation] should continue” but stopped short of saying it should be protected by the Senate, “Why protect something that’s actually continuing?”

Gardner also responded to President Trump’s remarks regarding the California wildfires where he threatened to withhold federal funding, saying he doesn’t think it’s “appropriate.” **Watch the full interview.**

In an exclusive, joint interview Chuck Todd sat down with newly elected Congresswomen **Lauren Underwood** (D-Ill.) and **Elissa Slotkin** (D-Mich.) where they discussed if they’d be willing to support Nancy Pelosi as Speaker of the House.

“I never want to be disrespectful for anyone who has served, especially a woman who has broken glass ceilings,” said Slotkin. “In my district you need to hear what people are telling you. And they want, on both sides of the aisle, a new generation of leadership.” Underwood said, “I’m looking forward to having a conversation with her and whoever else might end up being on the ballot for speaker.” **Watch the full interview.**

New York Times Columnist **David Brooks**, Washington Free Beacon Editor-in-Chief **Matthew Continetti**, **Former Rep. Donna Edwards (D-Md.)**, and POLITICO National Political Reporter **Eliana Johnson** joined the broadcast’s roundtable for insight and analysis on the week in politics. **Watch the full panel.**

**MTP EXCLUSIVE: SEN. GRAHAM: 'IMPOSSIBLE TO BELIEVE' SAUDI CROWN PRINCE WAS UNAWARE OF KHASHOGGI KILLING**

***ALSO: Graham on shutting down Mueller probe: “It would be a disaster for the Republican Party”***

***PLUS: Sen. Brown on possible run for President: “I have no real timetable”***

**NOVEMBER 18, 2018** – In an exclusive interview on *Meet the Press*, **Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.)** told moderator Chuck Todd it is “impossible to believe” the Saudi Crown Prince was unaware of Khashoggi’s killing.

The Republican senator from South Carolina called the Crown Prince “irrational” and “unhinged,” but stopped short of saying he should be sanctioned for now. “He’s done a lot of damage to the relationship between the United States and Saudi Arabia, and I have no intention of working with him ever again.”

When discussing Special Counsel Robert Mueller’s probe, Graham said it would be a “disaster for the Republican Party” to shut it down. “Let’s see what he finds. I can understand why the president doesn’t like the investigation. He feels wronged by it. I remember the Clinton-Ken Starr episode pretty well. This is sort of standard practice. But I think most Republicans on Capitol Hill, and Democrats, believe that Mr. Mueller should be allowed to do his job. And I have no indication he’s going to be interfered with at all.”

On President Trump’s criminal justice reform bill, Graham urged Sen. Mitch McConnell to bring the bill to the floor, “It’ll get 80 votes. Mr. President, pick up the phone and push the Republican leadership. The Republicans are the problem here, not the Democrats.” **Watch the full interview.**

In addition, **Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio)** joined the program where he stood by his remarks last week that the Georgia governor’s race was “stolen” saying Governor-elect Brian Kemp “did everything he could to put his thumb on the scale and won that election, quote unquote, ‘won’ that election by only about a point.” He continued, “Because a former secretary of state, like me, said that about this election, which clearly is an effort to suppress the vote, not of people that look like you and me, Chuck.”

When asked about a potential run for President in 2020, Brown responded by saying “I have no real timetable. It’s really, as I said, it’s personal. It’s sitting down with Connie and my family and really figuring things through.” **Watch the [full interview](#).**

White House Correspondent for PBS NewsHour and NBC News Contributor **Yamiche Alcindor**, CNBC Editor-at-Large **John Harwood**, NBC News Chief White House Correspondent **Hallie Jackson**, and National Review Editor **Rich Lowry** joined the broadcast’s roundtable for insight and analysis on the week in politics.

**MTP EXCLUSIVE: SEN. MIKE LEE ON JAMAL KHASHOGGI’S KILLING: “I DISAGREE WITH THE PRESIDENT’S ASSESSMENT”**

***ALSO: Rep. Elijah Cummings Exclusive: Asylum Seekers Should Be Allowed to Cross the Border, “That’s the Law”***

***PLUS: Exclusive with Tom Steyer on a Potential 2020 Presidential Run: “I Haven’t Decided Yet”***

**NOVEMBER 25, 2018** – In an exclusive, live interview on *Meet the Press*, **Sen. Mike Lee (R-Utah)** said he disagreed with President Trump’s assessment of Jamal Khashoggi’s killing saying “it’s inconsistent with the intelligence” he’s seen.

Additionally, Sen. Lee told moderator Chuck Todd that the war in Yemen is an “unauthorized, unconstitutional war.” He urged Congress to halt the efforts in Yemen, saying “This is not an ally that deserves this kind of military intervention, especially because there has been no connection between the safety of the American people and our involvement in this war.”

When asked about President Trump’s recent criticisms of court rulings and the judiciary, Sen. Lee, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said “It’s not entirely unprecedented for a president of the United States or another public official to criticize court rulings, in some cases, Supreme Court rulings.” He continued, “I try to express disagreement about the courts without impugning the court’s motives whenever I can.” **Watch the [full interview](#).**

In addition, **Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-Md.)** joined the program for an exclusive, in-studio interview and said he would not support President Trump’s potential deal with the incoming Mexican government on asylum seekers: “They should be allowed to come in, seek asylum, that’s the law.” Cummings also said he would not support changing the law: “No, I think we have a system that has worked for a long time. This president’s come in, wants to change it, that’s up to him. But now the Congress has got to stand up and hopefully they will.”

As the incoming Chair of the House Oversight Committee, Cummings said “no” when asked if he’d grant subpoena power to the committee’s ranking Republican member, “It’s our opportunity. I will consult with them. I will work with them, unlike they did with me. But no.” **Watch the [full interview](#).**

Plus, businessman **Tom Steyer** sat down for an exclusive interview and said he hasn’t decided yet whether to run for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2020. He said if another Democrat ran who included his ideas he would be “a part of that movement ... one way or the other.”

When asked if impeaching President Trump should be a priority in this next Congress, Steyer replied, “I think it’s an absolute first step to getting towards a positive vision for the country ... I think there’s no question that this president has both met the grounds for impeachment and that it’s urgent to get him out of office ...” **Watch the [full interview](#).**

Pentagon correspondent for *The New York Times* **Helene Cooper**, *TIME* Contributor and NBC News Political Analyst **Elise Jordan**, presidential historian and author of *Leadership: In Turbulent Times* **Doris Kearns Goodwin**, and SVP of Foreign and Defense Policy Studies at the American Enterprise Institute and NBC News Contributor **Danielle Pletka** joined the broadcast's roundtable for insight and analysis on the week in politics.

**MTP EXCLUSIVE: REP. JERROLD NADLER: "WE MUST DO WHATEVER WE CAN TO PROTECT THE MUELLER INVESTIGATION FROM INTERFERENCE BY THE PRESIDENT"**

**ALSO: Exclusive interview with Sen. John Barrasso: Democrats have been "crying wolf for two years that Mueller's going to be fired"**

**PLUS: Former Vice President Dick Cheney and former Secretary of State James Baker honor the legacy of President George H.W. Bush**

**DEC. 2, 2018** – Rep. **Jerrold Nadler** (D-N.Y.) said today on *Meet the Press* "We must do whatever we can to protect the Mueller investigation from interference by the president" when asked about holding up the government funding vote until the Mueller protection bill is brought to a vote.

"We are dependent on that investigation to get to the bottom of the corruption in the campaign, of the Russian role in the campaign, of the Trump campaign, the president's role in colluding with the Russians if he did," Nadler told moderator Chuck Todd during an exclusive interview. "We know his campaign did. The question is, did he personally? So, we have to do whatever we can to protect that investigation."

Nadler, the Ranking Member of the House Judiciary Committee, also said "The time when [President Trump] can get away with lying to the American people all the time and evading accountability is, is coming to an end." **Watch the [full interview](#).**

Also, **Sen. John Barrasso** (R-Wyo.), Chairman-Elect of the Senate Republican Conference, joined the program for an exclusive, live interview where he disagreed with Rep. Nadler's approach to the Mueller investigation.

"I want the Mueller probe to end and I want the American people to see what is in it. There are people that are trying to do legislation on it. They've been crying wolf for two years that Mueller's going to be fired," Barrasso said. "This is wasted energy to try to do this and for [Rep. Nadler] to say maybe we should not fund the government over protecting Special Counsel Mueller, I think is the wrong way to go." **Watch the [full interview](#).**

In addition, former **Vice President Dick Cheney** and former **Secretary of State James Baker** joined the program to honor the life and legacy of President George H.W. Bush.

Cheney, who served as President George H.W. Bush's Secretary of Defense and President George Bush's Vice President, said both "were great guys to work for. I'm very proud of what I was able to do with both of them. The fact that I was asked to serve, those were remarkable years. And there were difficult times, no question about it, in both administrations. But it was a, well – the highlight of my career."

Baker shared on the program that Bush would "no doubt ... be remembered as our most successful one-term president."

When asked about President Bush losing his 1992 reelection bid, Baker said, "The loss was really hard for him in '92 but you know he realized that you win some, you lose some. He didn't get bitter. He was not that kind of person. He was a very warm, caring, compassionate, generous person who was always

so thoughtful and kind to others. And that's the way he was in victory. And that's the way he was in defeat."

Watch the [full interview](#) with former Vice President Cheney and [full interview](#) with former Secretary of State Baker.

Chief correspondent at *The Washington Post* **Dan Balz**, former governor **Pat McCrory (R-N.C.)**, distinguished senior fellow at Demos and Demos Action and NBC News contributor **Heather McGhee**, and NBC News chief foreign affairs correspondent and anchor of MSNBC's *Andrea Mitchell Reports* **Andrea Mitchell** joined the broadcast's roundtable for insight and analysis on the week in politics.

## **MTP: SEN. ANGUS KING SAYS THERE'S NOT ENOUGH PUBLIC EVIDENCE TO IMPEACH PRESIDENT TRUMP BUT 'WE MAY GET THERE'**

***EXCLUSIVE: Sen. Rand Paul Says Some of AG Nominee William Barr's Views are "Very, Very Troubling"***

***EXCLUSIVE: Wisconsin Gov.-Elect Tony Evers on Legislature That Would Limit his Power: "It's a Hot Mess, and I Believe he [Gov. Scott Walker] Should Veto the Entire Package"***

DECEMBER 9, 2018 – **Sen. Angus King** (I-Maine) joined *Meet the Press* this morning telling moderator Chuck Todd that there's not enough public evidence at this point to impeach President Donald Trump: "I don't think that there's evidence yet available to the public where there would be, more or less, a consensus that this was an appropriate path." "We may get there, but we are not there now," the Maine independent said.

King added: "My concern is that, if impeachment is moved forward on the evidence that we have now, at least a third of the country would think it was just political revenge and, and a coup against the president. That wouldn't serve us well at all. The best way to solve a problem like this, to me, is elections."

King also addressed Friday's filings by federal prosecutors and said: "The Cohen ones are pretty disturbing because the key phrase to me is 'directed by Individual-1,' which everyone knows is President Trump. 'Directed by' implicates the President in a felony."

King added: "I think the filing last week that should be most troubling to the White House weren't the ones made on Friday but the ones made in regard to General Flynn earlier in the week because number one Robert Mueller felt that his cooperation has been of such an extent that he recommended no jail time, a kind of prosecutorial pardon if you will. Nineteen meetings with the special counsel and a lot of redacted pieces in the filing that was made last week." [Watch the full interview.](#)

**Sen. Rand Paul** (R-Ky.) also joined the program this morning in an exclusive interview and addressed President Trump's nomination of William Barr for attorney general, telling Todd: "I haven't made a decision yet on him, but I can tell you the first things I've learned about him being for more surveillance of Americans is very, very troubling."

The Kentucky Republican also described Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation as "prosecutorial abuse" and said: "This has been my overall complaint about...having the special prosecutors, is that really they find a person, and they look for a crime ... With a special prosecutor, you decide, 'We're going after someone, the president. And we're gonna squeeze as many people as we can until we can try to get a person.' ... I think they're a huge abuse of government power."

"We should not have special prosecutors going after one person. And if we get this way, and if we're going to prosecute people and put them in jail for campaign finance violations, we're going to become a banana republic ... where they have every president gets prosecuted and everybody gets thrown in jail when they're done with office," Paul added.

Additionally, Paul defended President Trump's ability to pursue a business deal in Russia while simultaneously running for president: "I guess I don't quite understand it because I don't know what's illegal about trying to build a hotel in Russia," Sen. Paul said. "So this is pretty common. And I see no problem with someone running for president trying to build a hotel somewhere." [Watch the full interview.](#)

In an exclusive interview, **Gov.-Elect Tony Evers** (D-Wis.) told Todd he had spoken to current Gov. Scott Walker to ask him to veto bills by the Republican-dominated Wisconsin legislature that would limit his power and the power of the newly-elected Democratic Attorney General: "I made that pitch, and he was noncommittal. I know publicly he's said in other areas that he plans to sign most or all of it. So I'm not particularly encouraged at this point in time." He continued: "The entire thing is a mess. It's a hot mess, and I believe he should veto the entire package."

Additionally, Evers said that if Gov. Walker does sign this legislation into law, he's leaving all options "on the table" in terms of legal recourse: "I'm not making any promises one way or the other, but we're looking at all issues, all the options at the table. I need to stand up for the people of Wisconsin. There's 2.6 million people that voted in this last election. And they expect me to do that. So we're going to pursue this." [Watch the full interview.](#)

*The Boston Herald's Kimberly Atkins, Eddie Glaude, Jr. of Princeton University, National Review's Jonah Goldberg and The Wall Street Journal's Peggy Noonan* joined the [broadcast's roundtable](#) for insight and analysis on the week in politics.

**MTP EXCLUSIVE: SEN. SCHUMER ON "WAY-OUT-OF-THE-MAINSTREAM" HEALTH CARE RULING: "OUR FIRST STOP IS THE COURTS, WE BELIEVE THIS SHOULD BE OVERTURNED. IT'S AN AWFUL, AWFUL DECISION"**

**ALSO: EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH SEN. ROY BLUNT: "MEDICARE FOR ALL MEANS MEDICARE FOR NONE"**

**PLUS: EXCLUSIVE ONE-ON-ONE WITH REP. ADAM SCHIFF: DEUTSCHE BANK HAS A "HISTORY OF LAUNDERING RUSSIAN MONEY"**

**NEW: NBC NEWS/WSJ POLL: 62 PERCENT SAY TRUMP ISN'T TELLING THE TRUTH IN RUSSIA PROBE**

**DEC. 16, 2018** – Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) said today on *Meet the Press* that the recent "way-out-of-the-mainstream" ruling against the Affordable Care Act in Texas is an "awful, awful decision" and that the first thing he plans to do is "put a vote on the floor urging an intervention in the case."

The Senate Minority Leader told moderator Chuck Todd in an exclusive, live interview that the "first stop is the courts" and that it "puts a lot of our Republicans in a box because they sort of were ones that, you know, were two-faced."

Sen. Schumer also stopped short of endorsing 'Medicare for All,' saying instead: "I'm going to support a plan that can pass and that can provide the best, cheapest healthcare for all Americans."

On President Trump's proposed border wall, Sen. Schumer said "President Trump should understand. There are not the votes for the wall. In the House or the Senate, he is not going to get the wall in any form." **Watch the [full interview](#).**

**Sen. Roy Blunt** (R-Mo.) also joined the program for an exclusive, live interview on set to discuss the recent ACA lawsuit ruling and encouraged people to remember that the ruling has "no immediate impact."

"Nothing changes yesterday. Nothing changes tomorrow," Sen. Blunt said. "This will be another area where healthcare will be used as a political issue way beyond the ramifications of one district judge making a ruling that has no immediate impact."

When asked about 'Medicare for All,' Sen. Blunt said, "The one thing I think we would be able to unite on is 'Medicare for All' would wind up meaning 'Medicare for none.' If Democrats want to take that view to the American people, and seniors, particularly, people who are now covered by Medicare, understand the ramifications of that. There is no way that will happen. And there's no way voters will let it happen."

In response to investigations into the Trump inaugural committee, Sen. Blunt, who served as chair of the separate Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies, said that Trump Inaugural Committee Chair Tom Barrack "was always very good to deal with" but noted, "I have no idea what they did." **Watch the [full interview](#).**

In addition, **Rep. Adam Schiff** (D-Calif.), incoming chair of the House Intelligence Committee, shared with Chuck Todd in an exclusive interview why the Deutsche Bank records are important in relation to the Trump Organization, stating that the bank has a "history of laundering Russian money. They paid hundreds of millions of dollars in fines to the state of New York because they were laundering Russian money."

Rep. Schiff continued, "What do we make of what the president's sons are reported to have said, about not needing to deal with U.S. banks because they got all of the cash they needed from Russia or disproportionate share of their assets coming from Russia. If this is a form of compromise, it needs to be exposed."

When asked about how far the Mueller investigation should extend, Rep. Schiff responded, "The president has wanted to draw a red line and say, 'You can't look at my business.' But if the president's business is trying to curry favor with the Kremlin, we can't ignore that. And the president should not be in a position to say, 'You can't investigate certain things, only other things that I don't care as much about.'

"If Mueller is not looking into this, and I don't know whether he is, someone needs to because otherwise we are being derelict with our security." **Watch the [full interview](#).**

Plus, in a new NBC News/Wall Street Journal Poll, six-in-10 Americans say President Donald Trump has been untruthful about the investigation into Russia's interference in the 2016 presidential campaign, while half of the country says the investigation has given them doubts about Trump's presidency. **Read more about [the poll](#).**

CBN News Chief Political Analyst and co-Author of "The Faith of Donald J. Trump: A Spiritual Biography" **David Brody**, POLITICO National Political Reporter **Eliana Johnson**, *Washington*

Post columnist and NBC News and MSNBC Political Analyst **Eugene Robinson**, and NBC News Correspondent and Host of MSNBC Live **Katy Tur** joined the broadcast's roundtable for insight and analysis on the week in politics. **Watch the full panel**.

**MTP EXCLUSIVE: SEN. PAT TOOMEY: PRESIDENT TRUMP'S VIEWS ON FOREIGN POLICY ARE "VERY, VERY DISTINCT FROM THE VAST MAJORITY" OF REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS**

**ALSO: EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH SEN. DICK DURBIN: "ABSOLUTELY" OPEN TO INCREASING FUNDING FOR BORDER SECURITY AS LONG AS IT'S NOT FOR A BORDER WALL**

**PLUS: EXCLUSIVE ONE-ON-ONE WITH JULIAN CASTRO: PRESIDENT TRUMP IS "NOT BEHAVING LIKE HE'S FIT FOR OFFICE"**

**DEC. 23, 2018** – Sen. Pat Toomey (R-Pa.) told moderator Chuck Todd on *Meet the Press* that he is disturbed by the resignation of Defense Secretary Jim Mattis. "I think General Mattis has put his finger on where the president has views that are very, very distinct from the vast majority of Republicans and probably Democrats, elected and unelected."

"I think the president does not share, I would say, my view that the Pax Americana of the post-war era has been enormously good for America," Toomey shared on the program during an exclusive interview. When asked about what he is looking for in the next secretary of defense, Toomey stated that it would be someone that shares "a more traditional view about America's role in the world."

On President Trump's decision to withdraw troops from Syria, Toomey shared that he strongly disagrees with the decision and said "senators should speak out" when they have differences with the President. "We were elected separately from the president. We don't report to the President. We should cooperate where we can. And where we need to disagree, we should be willing to do that." **Watch the full interview**.

**Sen. Dick Durbin** (D-Ill.) also joined the program for an exclusive interview and told Chuck Todd that he is "absolutely" open to increasing funding for border security as long as it's not for what he called President Trump's proposed "medieval" border wall.

Durbin said the border wall is not an issue of border security, it's an "issue of his own political insecurity. When the right-wingers start screaming at him, he just backs off and dissembles in front of us. We now have reached a depth of dysfunction that I've never seen in Washington."

On Defense Secretary Jim Mattis' resignation, the Democratic Whip said, "I was one of many senators who privately sat down with General Mattis and said please stay. Stay as long as you possibly can. We desperately need your mature voice, your patriotism in the room when this president's making life-or-death decisions about national security." He continued, "We counted on him to be there and to stop this president from his worst impulse."

When asked about President Trump's fitness for office, Durbin shared on the program, "I can tell you every day I question whether or not we can endure another two years. I think we can, I think this Constitution is strong. The American people are strong. But I'm hoping that my Republican colleagues will step up and join us in a bipartisan effort to put this government back on track." **Watch the full interview**.

In addition, former Housing and Urban Development Secretary **Julian Castro** joined the program in an exclusive interview and said President Trump is "not behaving like he's fit for office. He's behaving extremely erratically. He's not giving the American people or our allies around the world any sense that there's a rationale for the decisions that he's making."

When asked about President Trump's decision to pull troops out of Syria, Castro responded, "I think that many folks recognize that it was time for us to pull out of Syria. However, here's the thing. Once you're there, you have to make sure that you have a plan for your operations there and, also, for your withdrawal."

On a potential 2020 presidential run, Castro said he has "no doubt" that there is enough room for him and Beto O'Rourke in the race stating, "There are going to be a whole bunch of folks that are running this time. And so you know, he's a very talented, very impressive guy. My brother, Joaquin, and I were proud to support him, when he ran against Ted Cruz. And I think that, that there are probably going to be 20 people up on that first debate stage."

Watch the [full interview](#).

White House Correspondent for PBS NewsHour and NBC News Contributor **Yamiche Alcindor**, Host of *The Hugh Hewitt Show* and NBC News Contributor **Hugh Hewitt**, Host of NPR's 1A and NBC News Contributor **Joshua Johnson**, and National Editor of The Cook Political Report **Amy Walter** joined the broadcast's roundtable for insight and analysis on the week in politics. [Watch the full panel](#).

## **SPECIAL EDITION OF "MEET THE PRESS WITH CHUCK TODD": AN IN-DEPTH LOOK AT THE CLIMATE CRISIS**

### ***EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEWS WITH MICHAEL BLOOMBERG AND GOV. JERRY BROWN***

#### ***BLOOMBERG ON 2020: ANY CANDIDATE 'BETTER DARN WELL HAVE A PLAN' ON CLIMATE CHANGE***

**DEC. 30, 2018** – Today on *Meet the Press*, moderator Chuck Todd dedicated the full hour to exploring the critical issues and challenges of climate change – the science and politics of the climate crisis and the costs and damages to the environment.

Todd opened the special edition of the program by telling viewers, "This morning, we're going to do something that we don't often get to do – dive in on one topic." "We're going to take an in-depth look ... at a literally Earth-changing subject that doesn't get talked about thoroughly on television news, at least: climate change."

"We're not going to debate climate change, the existence of it. The Earth is getting hotter. And human activity is a major cause, period," Todd continued. "We're not going to give time to climate deniers. The science is settled, even if political opinion is not."

**Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg** (D-N.Y.), who has been on the front lines of dealing with climate change, a potential 2020 presidential contender, joined the program for an exclusive interview and shared that any future presidential candidate 'better darn well have a plan' on climate change.

"I can tell you one thing, I don't know whether I'm going to run or not, but I will be out there demanding that anybody that's running has a plan," Bloomberg continued. "And I want to hear the plan, and I want everybody to look at it and say whether it's doable."

When asked about President Trump's views on climate change, Bloomberg said, "It would be a lot more helpful if we had a climate champion rather than a climate denier in the White House. You know, I've always thought Trump has a right to his opinions but doesn't have a right to his own facts. And the truth of the matter is this country and this world is in trouble." [Watch the full interview](#).

In addition, **California Governor Jerry Brown** (D-Calif.) joined the program for an exclusive interview and shared that he feels he hasn't done enough as governor to combat climate change. "Not even close, and not close in California, and we're doing more than anybody else, and not close in America or the rest of the world," Brown said.

Brown added, "This is a revolutionary threat. And we've got to get off this idea, it's the economy, stupid. No, it's the environment. It's the ecology that we have to get on the side of. And we only do that with wisdom, with investment, and widespread collaboration and working together."

When asked about conversations he had with President Trump during his recent trip to California after the wildfires, Brown said he was not able to dissuade the President of his views on climate change. "He is very convinced of his position. And his position is that there's nothing abnormal about the fires in California or the rising sea level or all the other incidents of climate change." **Watch the [full interview](#).**

The program explored the federal response to the climate crisis and the cost to the U.S. economy and also dived into the National Climate Assessment, produced by 13 agencies inside the Trump Administration, that issued dire warnings on the threat climate change poses to both the economy and to the lives of people throughout the world. Additionally, Chuck Todd cited a new NBC News-*Wall Street Journal* poll that found two-thirds of Americans believe action is needed to address global climate change and a record-high 45 percent say the problem is serious enough for immediate action.

A panel of experts joined the program to discuss the science and consequences of climate change and explore the controversial politics of the issue including: **Kate Marvel**, scientist at Columbia University and NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies; **Craig Fugate**, President Obama's FEMA administrator; **Michèle Flournoy**, under secretary of defense under President Obama, responsible for national security threats created by climate change; **Anne Thompson**, chief environmental affairs correspondent at NBC News; and Congressman **Carlos Curbelo** (R-Fla.), co-founder of the Climate Solutions Caucus.

## Q4-2018 FULL MEASURE QUARTERLY REPORT

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Oct 7	A recycler goes to jail for crossing a corporate giant.	Lindsey Graham the SC Senator speaks FBI investigation and other topicals.	FakeNews/Brazi How social media is being used to influence politics.	Update on PLO terror suit & victims
Oct 14/THUMAN ANCHORS	ISIS-Trinidad and Tobago. A small island that exports a large number of terrorists.	Kavanaugh, the hearing and double standards on ethics	Ransoming the power grid thru bitcoin	weekahead
Oct 21	How members of Congress seem to end up wealthy	DNA Database Why you might reconsider submitting your DNA	Update report on EVD68 in the US	weekahead
Oct 28	\$s spent to find extraterrestials	The Resistance A look at the Dems who formed a resistance in 2016 fare prior to midterms	Saudi spending to influence Congress	Pulse Maine opinions from a small island
Nov 4	Statins the questions about the widely prescribed drug	Brazil. An election and impact of socialism	DogRacing a ballot initiative to remove state support for the sport	Polling prior to midterm

Nov 11	Armistice 100 anniv and report from the Battle of Belleau Wood	PentagonSex report on pervasive sex assault and harassment in military	Gab interview with the CEO of the controversial site.	weekahead
Nov 18	Marijuana how the Rocky Mountain high is not so good for all	Media Mistakes a look at the changing environment with Ruben Navarette	Texas Congressman Cuellar on DACA	Greyhound update Cholesterol update
Nov 25	How members of Congress seem to end up wealthy	DNA Database Why you might reconsider submitting your DNA	Update report on EVD68 in the US	weekahead
Dec 2	SexSlavery efforts by former military ops to save abducted girls	ChinaSpys how China steals and uses US IP	StealthFightersFlorida valuable jets left behind when a hurricane came	weekahead
Dec9	Alcohol ethics questions about industry financing alcohol studies by gov't	Monsanto glyphosate suit and who paid for the science	BorderBirthright/Mexican children born in US, who cross border for school	weekahead
Dec 16	TarnishedState issues with the Golden State, California	RepEric Swalwell a key Democrat talks about a split Congress ahead	The Pitch Lake odd place in Trinidad where tar is harvested	weekahead
Dec 23	Sanctuary Cities. A look at an anti sanctuary city in California.	PuertoRico examining the death count a year after the storm	Project Censored interview with journalist group on changing standards	weekahead
Dec 30	Tobacco the Big Tobacco settlements did nothing for individuals, who fight case by	Flood Funding the gov't program for insurance is underwater	HiEd/LowStandards Colleges giving breaks to out of state students to reap higher tuition	weekahead

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