

PBS UTAH (KUED) PROGRAM ISSUES LIST

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Listed below are programs broadcast by KUED that have addressed issues and problems in PBS Utah's viewing area. Sample programs dealing with the issues are illustrative of PBS Utah's commitment to provide coverage of major issues and problems as a public service.

American History/Biography

Finding Your Roots: Born to Sing 1/02/2024 7:00PM (60 min)

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. explores the remarkable roots of singers Alanis Morissette and Ciara, using DNA analysis and genealogical detective work to travel back centuries, revealing his guest's hidden connections to history and to music.

American Experience: Nazi Town USA 1/23/2024 8:00PM (60 min)

Explore the rise of the German American Bund, a 1930s organization of American Nazis. With chapters across the country, the Bund represented what experts believe was a "very real threat of fascist subversion in the United States."

Arts

American Masters: HOPPER: An American Love Story 1/02/2024 8:00PM (60 min)

Hopper's work is the most recognizable art in America - popular, praised, and mysterious. Countless painters, photographers, filmmakers and musicians have been influenced by his art - but who was he, and how did a struggling illustrator create such a bounty of notable work? This new film takes a deep look into Hopper's art, his life, and his relationships. From his early career as an illustrator; his wife giving up her own promising art career to be his manager; his critical and commercial acclaim; and in his own words - this film explores the enigmatic personality behind the brush. Combined with expert interviews, diaries and a startling visual reflection of American life, Hopper: An American love story brings to life America's arguably most influential artist.

American Masters: Little Richard: The King and Queen of Rock and Roll 2/02/2024 8:00PM (120 min)

"When I first heard Tutti Frutti, my heart nearly burst with excitement. The music filled the room with energy and color and outrageous defiance. I had heard God." -David Bowie. It's time. Little Richard is a legend from the golden era of rock. Richard is the cultural lightning rod who influenced some of rock music's most distinguished icons who will join us to validate Richard's unquestionable role in rock history: Paul McCartney, Keith Richards, Mick Jagger, David Bowie, Elton John, Bob Dylan, Prince and Bruce Springsteen. As Richard boastfully claims, "I am The King and Queen of Rock and Roll."

Community/Politics/Government

A Citizen's Guide to Preserving Democracy 1/02/2024 9:00PM (60 min)

A Citizen's Guide to Preserving Democracy is based on Dr. Richard Haass' best-selling book "The Bill of Obligations: The Ten Habits of Good Citizens." Through interviews and real-life examples, Hari Sreenivasan and Dr. Haass explore how Americans are working towards strengthening democracy and renewing the spirit of a more informed and engaged citizenry.

Hinckley Report: Candidate Filing Deadline Approaches 1/05/2024 7:00PM (30 min)

Candidates in Utah have until January 8th to officially file to run in the 2024 election. Our panel discuss the brewing political match-ups as the deadline approaches. Plus, lawmakers announce their priorities as they gear up for the legislative session. Journalist Bryan Schott joins political insiders Kate Bradshaw and Marty Carpenter on this episode of The Hinckley Report with Jason Perry.

Hinckley Report: Candidates Finalized & Session Approaches 1/12/2024 7:00PM (30 min)

With the candidate filing period now closed, our panel examines the political match-ups coming in the 2024 elections. Plus, Utah lawmakers are preparing to tackle some controversial topics in the upcoming legislative session. Journalist Lindsay Aerts joins Democratic State Representative Angela Romero and Republican State Senator Mike McKell on this episode of The Hinckley Report with Jason Perry.

Hinckley Report: 2024 Legislative Session Begins 1/19/2024 7:00PM (30 min)

Utah lawmakers kick off their 45 day session with a bang, as Gov. Cox outlines his priorities in a wide-ranging State of the State Address. Our panel discusses what a busy first week on the hill could mean for the rest of the session. Journalist Daniel Woodruff, political insider Spencer Stokes, and Democratic State Representative Jennifer Dailey-Provost join host Jason Perry on this episode.

Hinckley Report: 2024 Legislative Session Week 3 2/02/2024 7:00PM (30 min)

Utah's legislature wraps up debate on contentious bills in the third week of the legislative session. Our panel discusses new polling showing how Utahns' opinions on major issues are shifting. Plus, big developments in sports are making news in Utah. Republican State Senator Todd Weiler, politics reporter Saige Miller, and political insider Jeff Merchant join host Jason Perry on this episode.

Hinckley Report: Legislative Session Week 4 2/09/2024 7:00PM (30 min)

Utah Gov. Spencer Cox takes a major stand at the nation's southern border as the legislature's 2024 session reaches its halfway mark. Our panel discusses how national issues could shape the final weeks on the hill. Former Governor Gary Herbert and former political reporter Glen Mills join this episode of The Hinckley Report with Jason Perry.

Hinckley Report: 2024 Legislative Session Week 5 2/16/2024 7:00PM (30 min)

With two weeks left in the legislative session, state lawmakers are racing to pass bills. Our panel discusses how new revenue numbers will impact this year's budget. Plus, what Utahns react as Congress debates tough issues. Journalist Lindsay Aerts and political insider Taylor Morgan join this episode of The Hinckley Report with Jason Perry.

Hinckley Report: 2024 Legislative Session Week 6 2/23/2024 7:00PM (30 min)

With one week left in the legislative session, lawmakers are racing to consider a historic number of bills. Our panel discusses what will be prioritized, and what may be left unresolved in the final days on the hill. Plus, election season starts to heat up in Utah. Political insiders Kate Bradshaw and Chris Bleak join journalist Heidi Hatch on this episode of The Hinckley Report with Jason Perry.

Hinckley Report: 2024 Legislative Session Week 7 3/01/2024 7:00PM (30 min)

As the legislative session draws to a close, our panel examines the significant bills passed, and how lawmakers prioritized funding in the final budget. Plus, Utahns gear up to cast their votes as Super Tuesday approaches. Journalists Sean Higgins and Ben Winslow join political insider Aimee Winder-Newton on this episode of The Hinckley Report with Jason Perry.

Hinckley Report: Super Tuesday & 2024 Legislative Session Recap 3/08/2024 7:00PM (30 min)

Following big Super Tuesday wins, Joe Biden and Donald Trump seem set for a re-match in the 2024 presidential race. Our panel discusses the results in Utah, and the headache some caucus-goers had to endure. Plus, a full recap of the 2024 legislative session. Journalist Max Roth joins political insiders Greg Skordas and Leah Murray on this episode of The Hinckley Report with Jason Perry.

Hinckley Report: Caucus and Candidate Complaints 3/15/2024 7:00PM (30 min)

With lingering complaints about Utah's recent GOP caucuses, our panel discusses the Republican Party's response and what it all could mean for future presidential races. Plus, are voters ready to embrace a third-party candidate at the top of the ticket? Journalists Doug Wilks and Robert Gehrke join political insider Maura Carabello on this episode of The Hinckley Report with Jason Perry.

Hinckley Report: Vetoes and Phone Calls 3/22/2024 7:00PM (30 min)

On the final day of his signing period, Gov. Cox vetoes seven bills. Our panel examines his unique reasonings, and whether the house and senate will override his decisions. Plus, big changes are coming to the makeup of the state legislature. Journalist Katie McKellar joins political insiders Jeff Merchant and Marty Carpenter on this episode of The Hinckley Report with Jason Perry.

Culture/Religion

Roots, Race & Culture: Utah's Black Churches 2/01/2024 9:30PM (30 min)

Roots, Race & Culture is a local series that invites viewers into open, honest conversations on identity and culture, centered around the experiences of Black and POC communities in Utah. Hosts Lonzo Liggins and Danor Gerald are joined by newsmakers, changemakers, experts, and entrepreneurs from Utah's communities of color to discuss shared experiences with a healthy dose of humor, empathy, and candor. Viewers of Roots, Race & Culture can expect to be entertained and informed and come away from the series with a deeper understanding of the wide spectrum of experiences of Black and POC communities in America, and especially the state of Utah.

NOVA: Easter Island Origins 2/07/2024 8:00PM (60 min)

The giant stone heads of Easter Island have inspired theories for centuries. Now, new research reveals intriguing evidence of the origins and inspirations of the ancient Rapanui people who created the iconic monoliths.

Roots, Race & Culture: The Upside to Lowriders 2/08/2024 9:30PM (30 min)

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Gospel Live! 2/09/2024 8:00PM (60 min)

GOSPEL Live! Presented by Henry Louis Gates, Jr. is a concert celebration honoring the legacy of Gospel music in America. As a companion to GOSPEL, hosted by Henry Louis Gates, Jr., secular and gospel artists sing their favorite gospel classics.

Amen! Music of the Black Church 2/09/2024 9:00PM (60 min)

Explore the authentic spiritual experience of African American gospel music in the one-hour performance documentary AMEN! MUSIC OF THE BLACK CHURCH. Taped before a live audience at the Second Baptist Church congregation in Bloomington, Indiana, Rev. Dr. Raymond Wise guides viewers on an educational and uplifting learning experience while leading the Indiana University African American Choral Ensemble in a performance of sacred music deriving from African traditions. The unique performances incorporate praise and worship with contemporary influences from secular genres to breathe new life into the music that played a major role in helping African Americans overcome adversity. Much of the African American experience has been encapsulated through the rich Gospel music used to express a wide range of emotions through hundreds of years of marginalization. AMEN! MUSIC OF THE BLACK CHURCH speaks to the optimism and triumph embodied in this musical genre. The film employs meaningful vignettes throughout the performances, narrative interviews with historic highlights, and stylized visuals that give context to the music featured in the program.

Gospel: The Gospel Train 2/12/2024 8:00PM (120 min)

The Gospel Train: Explore the dramatic explosion of gospel. Starting in the 40s, southern migrants fused blues and jazz sounds, taking Black religious music into the mainstream to create a genre enduring for generations. The Golden Age of Gospel: Starting in the 40s, GOSPEL's hour 2 explores the Golden Age of Gospel - the dramatic explosion of Black sacred music and the segregated highways of the American South -which took the Lord's music into the mainstream.

Gospel: Take The Message Everywhere/Gospel's Second Century 2/13/2024 8:00PM (120 min)

In GOSPEL's hour 3, gospel family dynasties dominate the charts while other children of the church use their musical prowess to influence soul music. Black pastors also distinguish their sound with prophetic voices and sermonettes. Gospel's Platinum Age reflected a new generation embracing secular rhythms to modernize the gospel sound. GOSPEL's hour 4 explores the movement that brought songs about faith to millions at clubs, on cable TV and on urban radio.

Education

POV: Brief Tender Light 1/16/2024 11:00PM (90 min)

A Ghanaian MIT alum follows four African students at his alma mater as they strive to become agents of change for their home countries Nigeria, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Zimbabwe. Over an intimate, nearly decade-long journey, all must decide how much of America to absorb, how much of Africa to hold on to, and how to reconcile teenage ideals with the truths they discover about the world and themselves.

Environment/Nature/Natural Disaster

Nature: Flyways 2/07/2024 7:00PM (60 min)

Shorebirds fly thousands of miles each year along ancient and largely unknown migratory routes called Flyways. Follow conservationists and scientists who are racing against the clock to understand and save these shorebirds.

Nature: Attenborough and the Jurassic Sea Monster 2/14/2024 7:00PM (60 min)

Follow Sir David Attenborough and a team of forensic experts as they unearth the fossil of a giant Pliosaur, the largest Jurassic predator ever known.

Immigrants/Refugees

Independent Lens: Beyond Utopia 1/09/2024 9:00PM (120 min)

The gripping story of families attempting to escape oppression in North Korea, revealing a world many have never seen.

Independent Lens: Sanson and Me 2/13/2024 11:00PM (90 min)

When authorities deny filmmaker Rodrigo Reyes' request to document a young, incarcerated immigrant, Sanson's story is shared through dramatic reenactments.

Families

Girl Unscripted: Girl at Risk 1/08/2024 11:00PM (60 min)

Bounced from foster home to foster home when she isn't living on the streets, no one knows how to deal with Jessie... especially not herself.

Girl Unscripted: Family Girl 1/15/2024 11:00PM (60 min)

Crista was abandoned by her mother and moved into public housing with her aunt. Even after her mother ruined her credit score and broke countless promises, Crista still holds out hope that her mom will step up and be a part of her life

Health/Healthcare

Independent Lens: Sister Una Lived A Good Death 2/06/2024 11:00PM (60 min)

Following a cancer diagnosis, a wisecracking Catholic nun chooses to live as she's dying. In this touching end-of-life documentary, the self-proclaimed "leader of the misfits" plans her funeral in her last nine months to live.

American Experience: The Cancer Detectives 3/26/2024 8:00PM (60 min)

In the 1950's, survival rates from cancer of any kind were low. Damaging surgery and unsophisticated radiotherapy were the main treatments, assuming the disease was detected in time for anything to be done. Cervical cancer was often asymptomatic until it was well advanced, and by that time, it was often a death sentence. This dramatic story of the fight against cervical cancer revolves around three main characters: Dr. Papanicolaou, a Greek immigrant whose single-minded pursuit of the development of a diagnostic test saved hundreds of thousands of women; Hashime Murayama, the exquisitely talented artist who became National Geographic's first inhouse illustrator, but because of his Japanese heritage, was fired, interned in a WWII camp, then released to work on the project; and Helen Dickens, a groundbreaking Black female surgeon, who overcame deep distrust between the Black community and medical professionals to save the lives of thousands of women. The work of these three true life savers slashed death rates of this previously unfigtable cancer by more than 60 percent.

Invisible Shield: The Old Playbook 3/26/2024 9:00PM (60 min)

Discover how public health has doubled life expectancy, but the system is now in jeopardy. When the world has to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic, the public health sector revisits the past to create solutions.

Media

Independent Lens: Breaking The News 2/19/2024 9:00PM (90 min)

A scrappy group of women and LGBTQ+ journalists buck the white male-dominated status quo, banding together to launch the 19th*, a digital news startup aiming to combat misinformation and include the voices often left out of the American story.

Minority/Civil Rights

The Cost of Inheritance: An America Reframed Special 1/09/2024 11:00PM (60 min)

Explore the issue of reparations for African-Americans. Building on key issues of diversity and democracy; slavery and its aftermath; and socio-economic indicators, this documentary puts real people and their family histories into the reparations debate. Personal stories, expert interviews and rich archival materials underscored by evocative music weaves a narrative around the issue of reparations today so many years after the historical understanding of the end of slavery in America. Noted speakers address the cumulative impact that Reconstruction, Black Laws, Jim Crow, modern day violence, discrimination added to divergent wealth trajectories and opportunities firmly rooted in the system of enslavement. Individuals seeking to bridge our human divide share their reparations quests and we begin to understand the myriad of initiatives already happening across the country on local, state & national levels to make reparations a reality.

Independent Lens: Racist Trees 1/23/2024 11:00PM (90 min)

A historically Black neighborhood in Palm Springs fights for the removal of a wall of trees.

National Politics/Government

The Iowa Caucus - A PBS News Special Report 1/15/2024 9:00PM (30 min)

Co-anchored by Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett from the nation's capital, coverage will include reporting from NewsHour's Capitol Hill correspondent Lisa Desjardins, and journalists on the ground in Iowa. Analysis will be provided by a group of panelists in studio, including New York Times opinion columnist David Brooks and Amy Walter, editor-in-chief of the Cook Political Report with Amy Walter.

2024 State of the State Address 1/18/2024 6:30PM (60 min)

Utah Governor Spencer Cox delivers his annual State of the State address. Followed by the Democratic response and analysis from The Hinckley Report's Jason Perry along with Saige Miller and Sean Higgins, the co-hosts of KUER's State Street podcast.

The New Hampshire Primary - A PBS News Special Report 1/23/2024 9:00PM (30 min)

Co-anchored by Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett from the nation's capital, coverage will include reporting from NewsHour's Capitol Hill correspondent Lisa Desjardins, and journalists on the ground in New Hampshire. Analysis will be provided by a group of panelists in studio, including New York Times opinion columnist David Brooks and Amy Walter, editor-in-chief of the Cook Political Report with Amy Walter.

Frontline: Democracy on Trial 1/30/2024 8:00PM (150 min)

The roots of the criminal cases against former President Trump stemming from his 2020 election loss. Amid the presidential race, examining the House Jan. 6 committee's evidence, the threat to democracy and the historic charges against Trump.

Super Tuesday 2024 - A PBS News Special Report 2/05/2024 9:00PM (30 min)

PBS and PBS NewsHour will provide live special coverage of Super Tuesday. Co-anchored by Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett from the nation's capital, coverage will include reporting from NewsHour correspondents and analysis from additional guests.

2024 State of the Union Address and Republican Response: PBS News Special Report 3/07/2024 7:00PM (120 min)

Live coverage of President Biden's State of the Union address.

Science/Technology

NOVA: Ultimate Space Telescope 1/17/2024 8:00PM (60 min)

Explore the dramatic story of NASA's James Webb Space Telescope-the most ambitious observatory ever launched-through a series of high-stakes milestones, from its conception to completion.

NOVA: Building The Eiffel Tower 2/14/2024 8:00PM (60 min)

Explore the revolutionary engineering behind Paris's iconic landmark. Completed in 1889, the iron tower smashed the record for the tallest structure on Earth, ushering in a new age of global construction that reached for the skies.

NOVA: Hunt for the Oldest DNA 2/21/2024 8:00PM (60 min)

For decades, scientists have tried to unlock the secrets of ancient DNA. Follow the dramatic quest to recover DNA millions of years old and reveal a lost world from before the last Ice Age.

War/Veterans/National Security

Frontline: Israel's Second Front 1/23/2024 9:30PM (60 min)

Amid a widening conflict, the rising support for Hamas and other forces beyond Gaza. Correspondent Ramita Navai investigates militants in the West Bank, Israel's military campaign against them, and the implications for the ongoing conflict.