



Midland, Texas

QUARTERLY LIST OF PROGRAMMING PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

April 1 – June 30, 2018
2nd Quarter

KWES-TV News Programs locally produced to provide significant coverage of community issues

The following issues were identified as significant and covered by KWES-TV to better serve the community and act in the public's best interest as required by the Federal Communications Commission.

- 1. Criminal Activity** - local issues involving crime
- 2. Oil Industry** - stories related to the gas and oil industry in West Texas
- 3. Education** - stories of interest to parents, students, faculty and staff
- 4. Water** - issues related to drought, water quality and long-term supply
- 5. Politics** - issues and concerns related to elected officials
- 6. City and County** - stories regarding various cities and counties in our 27 county coverage area including council meetings, commissioners court meetings and non-profits
- 7. Equality** - issues of importance to minority audiences
- 8. Health** - stories regarding health and care for our viewers

Programs dealing with community issues for KWES-TV, Midland, Texas

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>DAYS</u>	<u>TIMES</u>
Early Sunrise	Monday – Friday	5 a.m. – 7 a.m.
NewsWest9 @ 4	Monday-Friday	4 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
NewsWest9 @ 5	Monday-Friday	5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
NewsWest9 @ 6	Monday-Friday	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
NewsWest9 @ 10	Monday-Friday	10:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.
NewsWest9 Weekend	Saturday	6:00 –p.m. & 10:00 p.m.
NewsWest9 Sunday	Sunday	10:00- 10:30 p.m.

The above news programming is locally produced and presents news, weather and sports.

Quarterly Description of NewsWest9 KWES-TV programs providing the most significant treatment of community issues.

Crimestoppers – Sunday 10 p.m.

A weekly report that airs on Sunday night. This information is provided by the Midland Police Department and the Odessa Police Department.

Restaurant Report – Thursday 10 p.m.

A weekly report uncovering the good and bad restaurant health inspections in Midland and Odessa.

The following pages present a sampling of the local issue-related reporting in KWES’s local news programs for the quarter:

Issue	Date	Program	Segment	Summary	Duration
Criminal Activity	6/11/2018	EARLY SUNRISE	GABE MCDONALD		00:00:01
City & County	6/11/2018	EARLY SUNRISE	SCENIC LOOP COMPLEX FIRE	THE CITY OF WEATHERFORD CONFIRMED SOME SAD NEWS. A FACEBOOK POST SAYS, FIREFIGHTER RICHARD "ANDY" LOLLER, JUNIOR SUFFERED A MEDICAL EMERGENCY IN THE FIELD. HE WAS FLOWN, BY HELICOPTER, TO RECEIVE TREATMENT IN ODESSA. THE STATEMENT ADDS LOLLER DIED EN ROUTE TO ODESSA. WE'...	00:00:48
Criminal Activity	6/11/2018	EARLY SUNRISE	BARRICADED SUBJECT		00:00:00
City & County	6/11/2018	EARLY SUNRISE	SCENIC LOOP COMPLEX FIRE	IN A STATEMENT ON FACEBOOK.. THE CITY OF WEATHERFORD CONFIRMED SOME SAD NEWS... IT SAYS FIREFIGHTER RICHARD "ANDY" LOLLER, JUNIOR SUFFERED A MEDICAL EMERGENCY IN THE FIELD... HE WAS FLOWN BY HELICOPTER TO RECEIVE TREATMENT IN ODESSA... THE STATEMENT ADDS THAT LOLLER DI...	00:00:49
City & County	6/11/2018	EARLY SUNRISE	SCENIC LOOP COMPLEX FIRE		00:00:02
Criminal Activity	6/11/2018	EARLY SUNRISE	GABE MCDONALD	THE TRIAL OF GABE MCDONALD IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN TODAY IN ECTOR COUNTY. MCDONALD, NOW 19, IS ACCUSED OF KILLING HIS PARENTS, AS THEY SLEPT AT THEIR HOME, IN MARCH OF 20-16. HE'S FACING ONE CHARGE OF CAPITAL MURDER OF MULTIPLE PERSONS. HE'S BEEN IN THE ECTOR COUNTY JA...	00:00:42
Oil Industry	6/11/2018	EARLY SUNRISE	GAS PRICES	GAS PRICES HAVE DROPPED A COUPLE OF CENTS ACROSS THE NATION OVER THE PAST WEEK.. ACCORDING TO TRIPLE-A, THE NATIONAL AVERAGE PRICE PER GALLON IS ABOUT 2-92. THAT'S DOWN THREE CENTS FROM A WEEK AGO. AND THE SAME HERE IN TEXAS. THE AVERAGE PRICE IS 2-74, DOWN THREE C...	00:00:43
City & County	6/11/2018	EARLY SUNRISE	TAX PENALTIES	TAXPAYERS WHO MISSED THE APRIL 18TH FILING DEADLINE FACE A HIGHER PENALTY. AFTER JUNE 14TH, THE PENALTY FOR NOT FILING A TAX RETURN IS AT LEAST 210-DOLLARS. EXPERTS SAY EVEN IF YOU CAN'T PAY WHAT YOU OWE, SUBMITTING YOUR RETURN BY JUNE 14TH WILL ELIMINATE SOME PENALTIES...	00:00:37
Education	6/11/2018	EARLY SUNRISE	ECISD BOND ADVISORY COMMITTEE	THE ECISD BOND ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS SET TO MEET THIS WEEK, AS THEY WORK TOWARDS ANOTHER POSSIBLE BOND PROPOSAL. COMMUNITY MEMBERS WILL CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS ON A PROPOSAL, TOMORROW. THE MEETING STARTS 5:30 P.M. IN THE NEW TECH ODESSA CAFETERIA.	00:00:35

City & County	6/22/2018	KWES 5 PM	SAGEBRUSH LIZARD	THE STATE COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, COMING UP WITH ANOTHER PROPOSED PLAN TO PROTECT THE DUNE SAGEBRUSH LIZARD. THE THREATENED SPECIES WAS ON A PREVIOUS PLAN TO GET OIL COMPANIES TO VOLUNTARILY HELP LIMIT LAND TO PROTECT THE WEST TEXAS LIZARD, BUT FAILED. THE PROBLEM WAS...	00:00:53
Politics	6/22/2018	KWES 6 PM	MELANIA TRUMP BORDER	FIRST LADY MELANIA TRUMP WANTS TO HELP REUNITE MIGRANT CHILDREN WITH THEIR FAMILIES... MRS. TRUMP VISITED THE UPBRING NEW HOME CHILDREN'S CENTER IN McALLEN TEXAS... A DAY AFTER HER HUSBAND SIGNED AN EXECUTIVE ORDER HALTING THE PRACTICE OF SEPARATING FAMILIES AT THE...	00:00:50
City & County	6/22/2018	KWES 5 PM	STAR SPANGLED SALUTE	THE MIDLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL BE HOSTING ITS ANNUAL STAR-SPANGLED SALUTE FOR THE 4-TH OF JULY... THE CELEBRATION WILL START AT 10 IN THE MORNING AT HOGAN PARK WITH THE 56-TH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S SIDEWALK PARADE... REGISTRATION FOR THE PARADE WILL BEGIN AT 9.....	00:00:38
City & County	6/22/2018	KWES 5 PM	STAR SPANGLED SALUTE		00:00:00
City & County	6/22/2018	KWES 5 PM	BLAKE RACKLEY	A MIDLAND NATIVE IS MAKING SOME NOISE IN THE MUSIC INDUSTRY. BLAKE RACKLEY IS A SINGER-SONGWRITER NOW LIVING IN NASHVILLE WHO'S READY TO RELEASE HIS DEBUT ALBUM IN OCTOBER. BUT THIS WEEKEND HE'S BACK HERE IN HOMETOWN TO PERFORM AND SHARE HIS SONGS THAT HE SAYS WEST ...	00:00:43
City & County	6/22/2018	KWES 5 PM	BLAKE RACKLEY		00:00:00
City & County	6/22/2018	KWES 5 PM	MOVIE PASS SURGE PRICES	MOVIE PASS IS INTRODUCING SOME NEW CHANGES TO ITS SERVICE. MOVIE PASS, THE MOVIE TICKET SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE, IS ADOPTING SURGE PRICING. STARTING IN JULY, IT WILL CHARGE SUBSCRIBERS AN ADDITIONAL 2-DOLLAR FEE FOR POPULAR SUMMER FILMS. THE ADDITIONAL CHARGE WILL ON...	00:00:37
Health	6/22/2018	KWES 5 PM	SUMMER CAMP SAFETY	IT'S OFFICIALLY SUMMER ... AND THAT MEANS MILLIONS OF CHILDREN WILL SOON HEAD OFF TO SUMMER CAMP. BUT BEFORE THE SMORES AND SWIMMING BEGIN ... IT'S IMPORTANT THAT YOU -- AND YOUR CHILD -- ARE *PREPARED*. EXPERTS WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF CAMP NURSING SUGGEST A PRE-CAMP..	
City & County	6/22/2018	KWES 6 PM	SAGEBRUSH LIZARD	THE STATE COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE IS COMING UP WITH ANOTHER PROPOSED PLAN TO PROTECT THE DUNE SAGEBRUSH LIZARD... THE THREATENED SPECIES WAS ON A PREVIOUS PLAN TO GET OIL COMPANIES TO VOLUNTARILY HELP LIMIT LAND TO PROTECT THE WEST TEXAS LIZARD, BUT FAILED... THE PRO...	00:00:50
Criminal Activity	6/28/2018	KWES 10 PM	FBI MOST WANTED CAPTURED	ONE OF THE F-B-I'S 'TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES' HAS BEEN ARRESTED IN MEXICO... EDUARDO RAVELO WAS ARRESTED IN MEXICO ON TUESDAY.... HE WAS A RANKING OFFICER IN THE BARRIO AZTECA GANG...AND WAS WANTED ON SEVERAL CHARGES INCLUDING MONEY LAUNDERING...RACKETEERING...AND ...	00:00:29
City & County	6/28/2018	KWES 10 PM	ODESSA MISSING MAN	ODESSA POLICE NEED YOUR HELP FINDING A MISSING MAN. THEY ARE LOOKING FOR 21 YEAR OLD ELI BEN ISRAEL. HE WAS LAST SEEN ON JUNE 24TH ... AROUND MIDNIGHT ON MADERA AVENUE. ISRAEL IS 5 FEET FOUR INCHES TALL. HE WEIGHS ABOUT 150 POUNDS. ISRAEL WAS LAST SEEN WEARIN...	00:00:30
City & County	6/28/2018	KWES 10 PM	ODESSA FATAL	ODESSA POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING A DEADLY CRASH ON HIGHWAY 191... IT HAPPENED JUST AFTER 2 THIRTY THIS MORNING NEAR BILLY HEXT ROAD... POLICE SAY 32 YEAR OLD JEFFREY GONZALES...LEFT THE ROAD...OVERCORRECTED AND ROLLED HIS PICKUP IN THE MEDIAN... HE DIED IN THE CRASH... ..	00:00:18
Oil Industry	6/28/2018	KWES 10 PM	CRUDE OIL SYSTEM	MIDSTREAMER ENLINK PARTNERS WILL BEGIN WORK ON THE AVENGER... IT'S A 35 TO 40 MILLION DOLLAR CRUDE OIL GATHERING SYSTEM IN THE NORTHERN DELAWARE BASIN... THE PROJECT IS ANCHORED BY A 10-YEAR CONTRACT WITH INDEPENDENT PRODUCER... DEVON ENGERY... DALLAS BASED ENLINK SAID T...	00:00:21
Education	6/28/2018	KWES 10 PM	GOOD VIBES TEACHER CHAT	A NEW PRIVATE SCHOOL IS COMING TO THE PERMIAN BASIN... AND TOMORROW YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT IT... AH-DEE-IN-VEETA SCHOOL OF DESIGN THINKING... IS A PRIVATE SCHOOL SET TO BE LOCATED IN ODESSA... THEY ARE HAVING A MEETING TOMORROW FOR YOU TO LEARN ...	00:00:58
Education	6/28/2018	KWES 10 PM	TO INFINITY AND BEYOND	KIDS IN THE PERMIAN BASIN ARE GETTING HANDS ON EXPERIENCE IN SCIENCE. THE PETROLEUM MUSEUM IS HOSTING A SERIES OF SUMMER CLASSES FOR KIDS AGES 6 TO 8 AND KIDS AGES 8 TO 12. THIS WEEK... KIDS ARE GETTING TO LEARN ABOUT GEOLOGY AND ASTRONOMY... IF YOU...	00:00:22
City & County	6/28/2018	KWES 10 PM	POPS IN THE PARK	THE 21-ST ANNUAL POPS IN THE PARK CELEBRATION WIL BE HELD NEXT WEEK AT THE COMANCHE TRAIL IN BIG SPRING... THE EVENT IS HELD TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO SERVE THEIR COUNTRY... THERE WILL BE MUSIC PERFORMANCES BY SPUR 237.. THE BIG SPRING SYMPHONY OCHESTRA AND CHORUS... ..	00:00:26

Network programs dealing with community issues

Early Today Monday – Friday 4:30 a.m. – 5:00 a.m.

This business news and consumer show gives viewers breaking news and stock market information for the domestic and foreign exchanges.

Today Show Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

This four-hour network program provides the latest in international and domestic news, weather and sports. It includes interviews with current newsmakers from world politics, business, media, entertainment and sports news. KWES-TV NewsWest9 provides local two minute news updates at 7:26, 7:56, 8:26, 8:56, 9:26, 9:56 and 10:26.

Nightly News Monday – Sunday 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

This is NBC network programming with investigative reporting on issues facing the American public.

Texas Country Reporter - Saturday 6:30 p.m.

This syndicated program features a couple with stories of local interest on history, businesses and issues throughout the state of Texas.

EARLY TODAY Monday-Friday 4:00-4:30am

This business news and consumer driven show gives viewers breaking business news and stock market action for the domestic and foreign exchanges.

TODAY SHOW Monday-Friday 7:00-11:00am

This four-hour network program provides the latest in international and domestic news, weather reports and interviews with newsmakers from the world of politics, business, media, entertainment, and sports. WSFA provides local news updates at various times.

TODAY SHOW-Weekend Saturday, 6:00-8:00am & Sunday, 7:00-8:00am

Weekend editions continue the “Today” tradition of covering breaking news, interviewing newsmakers, reporting on a variety of popular culture and human-interest stories, covering topics related to health and finance, and presenting the latest sports and weather information.

NBC NIGHTLY NEWS Monday-Sunday 5:30-6:00pm

“NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt” provides reports and analysis of the day’s most newsworthy national and international events. It offers solution-driven programming that delves into the toughest issues facing our society today.

MEET THE PRESS Sunday 8:00-9:00am

This one-hour network news program consists of three interview segments with guests of national and international political importance, followed by an expanded roundtable discussion at the end of each broadcast.

DATELINE NBC Friday 7:00-8:00pm and Other Varying Days/Times

This network program has pioneered a unique approach to prime time news programming, with its multi-broadcast franchise. With this schedule, the one-hour news magazine enables NBC News to present its best reporting, investigative features, and newsmaker profiles in a consistent and comprehensive manner.

PSA's

NBC airs "The More You Know" 10-second PSA's Monday – Sunday on various topics ranging from prejudices, teen violence, judging, parental involvement, drugs and alcohol.

"The More You Know's" comprehensive website (themoreyouknow.com) provides in-depth referral information, in connection with the on-air public service announcements. Content includes: video of all current public service announcements, a general campaign overview, message boards, kids' pages and referral information by topic to partnering agencies referenced in the PSAs. The site includes a comprehensive list of the campaign's accolades, including Emmy and Peabody awards. In addition, a behind-the-scenes story with clips from talent interviews can be viewed.

2018 2ND 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.

"Meet the Press" is seen on the NBC Television Network from 9-10 a.m. ET in most markets. In New York City and Washington D.C., the broadcast is seen from 10:30-11:30 a.m. ET.

The program re-airs on MSNBC Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. ET/11 a.m. PT and again at 2 a.m. ET/11 p.m. PT and 4 a.m. ET/1 a.m. PT Monday. At these times, "Meet The Press" will also air on SIRIUS channel 90 and XM channel 120.

Please check local listings or the "Meet the Press" website (<http://www.nbcnews.com/meet-the-press>) for television and radio broadcast times in your area or to get transcripts of the show. Follow us on Twitter @MeetThePress and @NBCNewsPR.

March 4, 2018

MTP: COMMERCE SEC. ROSS HAS 'NO REASON TO THINK' TRUMP WILL REVERSE TARIFF PLAN, SAYS DECISION 'WASN'T SUDDEN'

Ross Contradicts Navarro on Country Exclusions, Tells Todd “We’ll See”

Ross on Trump Tariff Announcement: “I Don’t Know Why Anybody Should’ve Been So Shocked”

EXCLUSIVE: Obama Chief of Staff Says Administration’s Russia Response Was “Watered Down on the Insistence of Mitch McConnell”

EXCLUSIVE: Sen. Angus King (I-Maine): “There is Concern” About Tariff Decision

EXCLUSIVE: Putin Tells Megyn Kelly He Will “Never, Never” Extradite the 13 Indicted Russian Nationals to U.S.

MARCH 4, 2018 – When asked by “Meet the Press” moderator Chuck Todd if President Donald Trump will reverse his controversial tariff announcement this week, **Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross** wouldn’t commit: “Whatever his final decision is is what will happen.”

“The president has announced that this will happen this week. I have no reason to think otherwise,” Ross said. “The markets started recovering on Friday as it began to adjust to the realities that this is not the end of the world,” when asked if the decision will hold on Monday should the markets continue to be affected.

The secretary also addressed the timing of the announcement: “It wasn’t sudden,” he said, adding: “With a whole year of preparation, I don’t know why anybody should’ve been so shocked.”

Contrary to White House trade adviser Peter Navarro confirming “there will be no country exclusions,” Ross told Chuck: “We’ll see. The president makes the decisions.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

Sen. Angus King (I-Maine), in an exclusive interview, addressed the tariff announcement: “You can’t make a change of this significance and assume that nothing else is going to happen as a result.” He added: “There is a concern. This is a very, very important decision and it’s one that could have long-term ramifications. And it was announced in this kind of shorthand way.”

On the Senate Intelligence Committee’s Russia investigation, King said it’s “worlds apart” from the House’s investigation and the “hardest part and the most contentious part, frankly, is the final piece, which is ... to talk about connections between the Trump campaign and officials surrounding the president with, with foreign entities leading up to the election and after.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

In an exclusive interview, **Denis McDonough**, **White House chief of staff to President Barack Obama**, told Todd, “yes,” the administration’s response to Russia’s election interference “was watered down on the insistence of Mitch McConnell.” McDonough also said that he believes he “sounded the alarm enough” on Russia. [Watch the full interview.](#)

The broadcast also aired an excerpt from **NBC News’ Megyn Kelly’s exclusive sit-down interview in Russia with President Putin**, in which he does not deny that Russians and Russian companies were involved in 2016 election interference but says there was no Russian government involvement. “I know that they do not represent the Russian state, the Russian authorities. What they did specifically, I have no idea. I do not know what they were guided by,” said Putin. When asked if he would extradite the 13 indicted Russian nationals to the United States, Putin told Kelly: “Never, never. Russia does not extradite its citizens to anyone, just like the United States.” [Watch the exchange.](#) More of the interview to come in the days ahead.

NBC News' Tom Brokaw and Katy Tur, Republican strategist Al Cardenas and presidential historian Doris Kearns Goodwin joined this morning's roundtable to discuss the week in politics, with Tur noting that ["the Mueller headlines this week alone were staggering."](#)

March 11, 2018

MTP EXCLUSIVE: MNUCHIN SAYS NORTH KOREA MEETING 'ISN'T ABOUT ELEVATING ANYBODY,' DEFENDS TRUMP'S RALLY COMMENTS: 'A LOT OF FUNNY MOMENTS'

EXCLUSIVE: Treasury Secretary Mnuchin on Trump Rally Attacks: "These Are Campaign Rally Issues"

EXCLUSIVE: Arizona Sen. Flake (R) on Trump's Attacks on Free Press: "I Don't Think It's a Responsible Thing to Do"

PLUS: Massachusetts Sen. Warren (D) on Trump Meeting with North Koreans: "Worried That They're Going to Take Advantage of Him"

MARCH 11, 2018 – In an exclusive interview with "Meet the Press" moderator Chuck Todd, **Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin** says President Donald Trump meeting with North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un "isn't about elevating anybody" and "a major reason of why they're having this meeting is because the economic sanctions have had – have – a very big impact on both their economy, and their ability to get pieces of material and other things they need for their weapons programs."

Denuclearization of the Korean peninsula is "absolutely" still American policy, and "the logistics haven't been figured out yet" on the meeting location, shared Mnuchin.

When asked about the president's attacks last night in his Pennsylvania rally, including about Todd himself, Mnuchin told Todd: "These are campaign rally issues... He's using these vulgarities in the context of a campaign rally and obviously there were a lot of funny moments on that rally." [Watch the full interview.](#)

Sen. Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.) also addressed Trump's speech last night and his attacks on the press in an exclusive interview: "I don't think it's a responsible thing to do... We should never normalize this kind of behavior, particularly from the president of the United States." On the president's decision to meet with North Korea, Flake said: "It looks as if North Korea has come to a point where they believe that they can be treated as a nuclear power."

Flake ended the interview by saying he believes Trump needs to be challenged in 2020 by someone in the GOP who espouses his views: "It would be a tough go in a Republican primary. The Republican Party is the Trump party right now. But that's not to say it will stay that way." [Watch the full interview.](#)

Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), when asked multiple times to pledge serving a six-year term upon reelection this year, told Todd repeatedly: “I am not running for president.”

“I am very worried that they're going to take advantage of him,” said Warren in reference to the North Koreans meeting with Trump. The senator also responded to The Berkshire Eagle editorial calling for her to take a DNA test: “I know who I am. And never used it for anything. Never got any benefit from it anywhere.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

Joining this morning's roundtable for insight and analysis were **Matt Bai** of Yahoo! News, **Andrea Mitchell** of NBC News, **Peggy Noonan** of The Wall Street Journal and **Eugene Robinson** of The Washington Post. Mitchell offered analysis of the week's North Korea developments, telling Todd: “They've had a victory by setting the terms and by having the meeting itself, as you were pointing out. This is what all North Korean leaders have wanted. Three generations have wanted a meeting, legitimacy from an American president.” [Watch the discussion.](#)

March 18, 2018

MTP EXCLUSIVE: RUBIO: McCABE 'SHOULD'VE BEEN ALLOWED TO FINISH THROUGH WEEKEND,' 'DON'T' BELIEVE FACEBOOK HAS TOLD THE EXTENT OF USER DATA IN 2016

EXCLUSIVE: House Intel's Rep. Conaway (R-Texas) Says Committee “Was Not Charged With Answering the Collusion Idea,” Then Says “We Investigated Was There Collusion”

EXCLUSIVE: Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio) on Trump: “I Hear So Many Republican Senators Grumble About His Ethics, About His Name-Calling”

NEW: Democrats Hold Double-Digit Lead for 2018 Midterm Elections in New NBC News/WSJ Poll

MARCH 18, 2018 – In an exclusive interview on “Meet the Press with Chuck Todd,” **Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.)** [reacted to the firing of former FBI deputy director Andrew McCabe](#) on Friday: “I don't like the way it happened. He should've been allowed to finish through the weekend.”

Rubio told Todd that the Senate Intelligence Committee should “potentially” call McCabe back to testify and addressed the damage the firing does to the FBI and the Justice Department: “We need to be very careful about taking these very important entities and smearing everybody in them with a broad stroke.”

When asked if he believes Facebook has told the Senate Intelligence Committee the extent of everything that was done with their users, [Rubio replied](#), “I don't, and I think we've learned that the hard way. Every time that we've spoken to them it's kind of rolled out as more coming out.... I'm disturbed by that.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

Rep. Michael Conaway (R-Texas) of the House Intelligence Committee joined the broadcast in an exclusive interview this morning, sharing that “our committee doesn’t – was not charged with answering the collusion idea. So we really weren’t focused on that direction.” He then said: “We investigated, was there collusion between the Trump campaign and the Russians or was there collusion between the Clinton campaign and the Russians?”

When asked if he would potentially want to reopen the committee’s investigation because of the blockbuster story about Facebook and Cambridge Analytica, Conaway replied, “No, it’s a different issue.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio), who also joined the show in an exclusive interview, told Chuck Todd: “I hear so many Republican senators grumble about his [Trump’s] ethics, about his name-calling. ... At some point Republican enablers in the House and Senate are going to say publicly what they’ve been saying privately. And that’s when things change and we see a president back off this kind of name-calling, not telling the truth, sending out these tweets, all that.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

New NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll numbers debuting on this morning’s broadcast show Democrats enjoy a 10-point advantage over Republicans in congressional preference for the 2018 midterm elections, even as President Donald Trump’s job approval rating has ticked up. [Read more.](#)

NBC News’ **José Díaz-Balart**, National Review’s **Jonah Goldberg**, POLITICO’s **Eliana Johnson** and The Cook Political Report’s **Amy Walter** joined this morning’s roundtable to discuss the week in politics, including the Russia investigation. [Johnson said](#) Trump is doing “great damage to his cause because the McCabe firing, from what we know, was recommended by career politicians”: “It is making it look like a political action. ... Had the president stayed out of this, he would have had the facts on his side.”

March 25, 2018

MTP EXCLUSIVE: LEWANDOWSKI ‘DIDN’T KNOW’ BANNON’S ‘ULTIMATE ROLE’ IN CAMBRIDGE ANALYTICA, WARNER ‘QUESTIONED USE OF REALLY SKETCHY FIRM’ LAST YEAR

EXCLUSIVE: Lewandowski on Mueller Probe: “I Have Not Been Subpoenaed”

PLUS: Lewandowski: “I Don’t Believe It’s General Kelly’s Job to Manage the President. His Job is To Manage the Staff”

PLUS: Sen. Warner (D-Va.): “I Don’t Think Facebook Has Been Fully Forthcoming,” “Mr. Zuckerberg Needs to Come and Testify”

MARCH 25, 2018 – **Former campaign manager for President Donald Trump Corey**

Lewandowski addressed Cambridge Analytica's role in the campaign in an exclusive interview this morning on "Meet the Press with Chuck Todd": "I never approved Cambridge Analytica's contract. ... They did not come to the campaign until after I left," telling Todd he "knew that Steve [Bannon] had a role in the organization. I didn't know what his ultimate role was."

"I have not been subpoenaed," Lewandowski said of the Mueller probe. "I can say that during my tenure, Chuck, which is all I can speak to, I saw no Russians."

Addressing [NBC News' exclusive reporting](#) that Trump has considered firing his chief of staff this month and not naming a successor, Lewandowski shared: "I don't believe it's General Kelly's job to manage the president. His job is to manage the staff. And that's what he has been doing." [Watch the full interview.](#)

When asked if he knew of Bannon's role with Cambridge Analytica, **Sen. Mark Warner (D-Va.)**, vice chair of Senate Intelligence Committee, shared he "was aware" Cambridge Analytica had connections of "a colorful reputation."

The Virginia senator continued: "I don't think Facebook has been fully forthcoming. I called out Facebook back in December of '16. In the spring of '17, I questioned micro-targeting and the use of this really sketchy firm Cambridge Analytica." He called on CEO Mark Zuckerberg "to come and testify." [Watch the full interview.](#)

Todd traveled to Madison, Wis. this week to speak with "**Reach Out Wisconsin**," a group comprised of voters across party lines, about gun reforms ahead of yesterday's "March for Our Lives." [Watch the full discussion.](#)

PBS' **Robert Costa**, MSNBC's **Hugh Hewitt**, NBC News' **Kasie Hunt** and Democratic strategist **Heather McGhee** joined this morning's roundtable for additional insight and analysis on the week in politics, including the president's hire of John Bolton as his new national security adviser, with [Costa noting](#), "It's not so much an ideological case they're making, it's a personality mesh with the president."

April 1, 2018

MTP: FIRED VA SEC. SHULKIN SAYS HE DID NOT RESIGN CONTRARY TO WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT, HE AND TRUMP 'HAD SET UP A MEETING FOR THE VERY NEXT DAY'

PLUS: Shulkin on firing: "This was somewhat of a surprise"

EXCLUSIVE: Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.): Trump “needs to understand the effect” firing officials on Twitter “has on attracting other people”

EXCLUSIVE: Johnson is “pleased with the appointment of John Huber,” says Mueller “was appointed too soon”

EXCLUSIVE: Alan Dershowitz would not join Trump legal team if asked, wants to remain independent

APRIL 1, 2018 – In an interview with “Meet the Press” moderator Chuck Todd, fired **Veteran Affairs Secretary David Shulkin** says [he did not resign](#) and was not asked to submit a letter of resignation, contrary to a White House statement that he had “resigned from his position.”

“General Kelly gave me a call very shortly before the tweet came out,” Shulkin told Todd, referring to White House Chief of Staff John Kelly and President Donald Trump’s [tweet](#) naming Admiral Ronny Jackson to his position. Shulkin said he and the president had spoken “just a few hours before,” and “we had set up a meeting for the very next day.” “This was somewhat of a surprise,” he added. [Watch the full interview.](#)

Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) [reacted](#) to Trump’s firing of Shulkin on Twitter in an exclusive interview: “It’s not the way I’d do it. ... The president needs to understand the effect it has on attracting other people.”

Johnson shared he’s “pleased with the appointment of John Huber,” the U.S. attorney investigating claims of FBI misconduct, and that “it’s the best case for the time being” that Attorney General Jeff Sessions did not appoint a special counsel. In regard to Special Counsel Robert Mueller, “he was appointed too soon,” Johnson said. [Watch the full interview.](#)

Alan Dershowitz, professor emeritus at Harvard Law School and author of *Trumped Up: How the Criminalization of Political Differences Endangers Democracy*, and **Bob Bauer**, former White House Counsel to President Barack Obama, also joined the broadcast in an exclusive joint interview. Bauer told Todd, “Since Donald Trump may have known that the Kremlin sent emissaries to his campaign in June of 2016 to talk about support for his campaign, he might take the advice that he gave Bill Clinton in 1999: “Take the Fifth.”” When asked if he would join Trump’s legal team in any capacity if asked, Dershowitz replied, “No, I want to remain independent.” [Watch the interview.](#)

NPR’s **Joshua Johnson**, TIME’s **Elise Jordan**, AEI’s **Danielle Pletka** and syndicated columnist **George Will** joined this morning’s roundtable to discuss the week in politics, [including policy with Russia](#). “The administration has represented a stronger line on Russia policy than the Obama administration did,” argued Pletka.

April 8, 2018

MTP EXCLUSIVE: W.H. TRADE DIRECTOR: CHINESE TARIFFS ARE ‘BOTH’ A SERIOUS ISSUE & NEGOTIATING TACTIC, CALLS

REPORT ON CHIEF OF STAFF KELLY 'FAKE NEWS'

EXCLUSIVE: Navarro: "We're Moving Forward on a Measured Way With Tariffs"

EXCLUSIVE: Sen. Mike Rounds (R-S.D.): Trump "Should Act Decisively" on Syria, "He Will Make it Very Clear that He Believes that Russia is Also Responsible" for Chemical Attack

PLUS: Rounds Defends EPA Admin. Pruitt: "He's Executing What the President Wants Him to Execute"

ALSO: Cambridge Analytica Co-Founder Says Number "Could Be Higher" Than 87 Million in Facebook Data Breach

APRIL 8, 2018 – "It's both," said **Peter Navarro, director for the Office of Trade and Manufacturing Policy**, when asked by "Meet the Press" moderator Chuck Todd if the administration wants to have it both ways, telling the Chinese, "We're serious about tariffs," but then telling the public, "It's a negotiating tactic."

Navarro then said, "I don't believe if you played back what I said just a minute ago that I said was a negotiating tactic, it's not. We're listening to the Chinese." He added: "We're moving forward on a measured way with tariffs, with investment restrictions ... What we want from China is very clear: We want fair and reciprocal trade. We want them to stop stealing our stuff."

Navarro [addressed a recent report](#) from The Washington Post on White House Chief of Staff John Kelly threatening to resign on multiple occasions: "He has the confidence of the president, and he's getting the job done. When you read stuff in The Washington Post, frankly, that's fake news most of the time." Todd replied, "That's a cheap shot. The term "fake news" is not exactly a way to hold up the First Amendment." [Watch the interview.](#)

Sen. Mike Rounds (R-S.D.) joined the show in an exclusive interview, telling Todd that, on the chemical weapons attack, President Trump "should act decisively, and I think he will hold not just Syria, but I think he will make it very clear that he believes that Russia is also responsible." Chuck noted: "The Russian Foreign Ministry is saying, "this is fake news," this idea that there even was a chemical weapons attack [in Syria]."

Rounds also said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt should remain in his position "because he's following through with the policies that the president said he wanted to implement." He added: "We'll nitpick little things. He has too many people on his security detail. It may add up to more than what the previous guy did. ... We said we had to have regulatory reform. We've got it. Scott Pruitt is a big part of that. He's executing what the president wants him to execute." [Watch the full interview.](#)

Christopher Wylie, co-founder of Cambridge Analytica, told Todd the number "[could be higher](#)" than 87 million whose personal Facebook data was misused by Cambridge Analytica, and the data "could be stored in various parts of the world, including Russia."

He asked, "Why is it that Mark Zuckerberg won't actually bother to come and attend a Parliamentary inquiry here in the U.K., as everyone else is?" Wylie [also shared](#) he's been contacted and is cooperating

with congressional investigations and also law enforcement and the Department of Justice. [Watch the full interview.](#)

Charlie Cook of The Cook Political Report, **Helene Cooper** of The New York Times, presidential historian **Doris Kearns Goodwin** and **Rich Lowry** of National Review joined the broadcast's roundtable for insight and analysis, including on Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg testifying on the Hill this week. "If he had immediately gone up to Congress, it would have been bad. Now, I think it's going to be horrific," [said Cook.](#)

April 15, 2018

MTP EXCLUSIVES: ERNST SAYS TRUMP 'DOES NEED TO WORK WITH CONGRESS' ON FURTHER SYRIA ACTION, BOTH ERNST & RYAN DON'T BELIEVE TRUMP WILL FIRE MUELLER

EXCLUSIVE: House Speaker Ryan Says Comey is a Man of Integrity "As Far As I Know"

PLUS: Former CIA Director Brennan Supports Trump's "Appropriate" Actions on Syria

NEW NBC News/WSJ Poll: Democrats Have Midterm Intensity Advantage, But No 'Knockout' Yet

APRIL 14, 2018 – In an exclusive interview this morning on "Meet the Press," **Sen. Joni Ernst (R-Iowa)** addresses Friday's airstrikes in Syria, telling moderator Chuck Todd if President Trump "wishes to go any further, he does need to work with Congress."

"I am uncomfortable going forward if he [Trump] wishes to commit ground troops in the area," said Ernst. "The president does need to come to Congress," adding, "We need to have these discussions because we don't see that Bashar al-Assad will all of a sudden become a real nice guy."

Ernst also addressed upcoming legislation from Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) on protecting Special Counsel Robert Mueller from being fired, noting she'd like to "see the final text of that before I state whether I would support it or not." ["I don't believe that the president will fire Mueller,"](#) she said. [Watch the full interview.](#)

Former CIA Director and NBC News Senior National Security and Intelligence Analyst **John Brennan** told Todd he has not been interviewed by the Special Counsel and reacted to a report that Mr. Trump's personal attorney, Michael Cohen, was in Prague during the 2016 campaign despite his well-known

denials: “If these allegations are true, they are explosive from the standpoint of this provides the basis for conspiracy. Because you have to conspire with a foreign government in order for these charges to stick.”

On Syria, Brennan said, “This administration's actions against Syria were appropriate. And I tend to be a critic of this administration, but I think the way they handled this was exactly right.” He also addressed his criticism of the president on Twitter: “I believe that I have a responsibility as an American citizen to speak up when I see some wrongdoings, and I have taken issue with a lot of things that Donald Trump has done. I'll continue to do that.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

House Speaker Paul Ryan, who announced this week he would not seek re-election, spoke with Todd in an exclusive interview on Capitol Hill Friday, [endorsing House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy \(R-Calif.\) as his successor.](#) On the Russia probe, Ryan said, “I don't think he's [Trump] going to fire Mueller,” adding, “I don't think he should be fired. I think he should be left to do his job.” He says that former FBI Director James Comey is a man of integrity “as far as I know.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

New NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll numbers debuted on the broadcast, revealing that an advantage in intensity — against Trump and for voting in November — is fueling Democrats ahead of the midterm elections that take place more than six months from now. [Read more on the poll's findings.](#)

Republican strategist **Al Cardenas**, NBC News' **Carol Lee** and **Kristen Welker**, and **Mark Leibovich** of The New York Times Magazine joined the show for insight and analysis on the week in politics, [including a discussion on the FBI's raid of Cohen's office.](#) “When the news came out on the court filing that Michael Cohen's been under surveillance for months, it is notable the president spoke with Michael Cohen on Friday,” said Todd, to which Welker replied, “The White House was asked if the president continues to be in constant contact with Michael Cohen. They dodged that question.”

April 22, 2018

MTP EXCLUSIVE: SEN. COLLINS SAYS COMEY ‘SHOULD HAVE WAITED TO DO HIS MEMOIR,’ SHOULDN'T ‘CASH IN’

EXCLUSIVE: Collins “to Confirm” Pompeo as Sec. of State But Still Has “a Lot of Questions to Ask” Haspel

EXCLUSIVE: WH Legislative Director Short: “As Far as I Know, The President Has No Intention of Firing” Rosenstein or Mueller

EXCLUSIVE: Short on North Korea: The Administration Has “Cautious Optimism”

PLUS: DNC Chair Perez on Lawsuit: “It's Hard to Put a Price Tag on Preserving Democracy”

APRIL 22, 2018 – In an exclusive interview this morning on “Meet the Press,” **Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine)**, referring to former FBI Director James Comey’s book tour, told moderator Chuck Todd that Comey “should have waited to do his memoir,” adding: “I cannot imagine why an FBI director would seek to essentially cash in on a book when the investigation is very much alive.”

[“I am going to vote to confirm”](#) Mike Pompeo as the next Secretary of State, the Maine senator said but added that she hasn’t made a decision yet on President Trump’s nominee to lead the CIA, Gina Haspel: “We still have a lot of questions to ask of her.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

Marc Short, legislative affairs director for the White House, also joined the program exclusively, telling Todd: “As far as I know, the president has no intention of firing” Deputy Attorney General Rosenstein or Special Counsel Mueller but “you don’t know how far off this investigation is going to veer.”

We “have cautious optimism” about North Korea, said Short. “We’re going to keep up maximum pressure. We’re not going to stop that until they denuclearize.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

Tom Perez, chair of the Democratic National Committee, addressed the DNC lawsuit against Russia, Wikileaks, and the Trump campaign, telling Todd: “I don’t know the amount of money that it will take, but I will tell you, it’s hard to put a price tag on preserving democracy,” adding: “That’s why I concluded that it would be irresponsible of me not to do this.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

CBN News’ **David Brody**, Democratic strategist **Cornell Belcher**, The Cook Political Report’s **Amy Walter** and NBC News’ **Andrea Mitchell** joined this morning’s [roundtable](#) for additional insight and analysis on the week in politics, including Barbara Bush’s passing, with Mitchell [noting](#), “Barbara Bush broke through” the Reagan White House’s slow response to the AIDS crisis.

April 29, 2018

MTP EXCLUSIVE: COMEY SAYS HOUSE INTEL REPORT IS ‘POLITICAL DOCUMENT,’ ‘NOT MY UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THE FACTS WERE BEFORE I LEFT THE FBI’

PLUS: Comey: “I Don’t Believe” AG Lynch Was Compromised, Can’t “Talk About What Contact Was Made with the Leadership of Justice on That”

EXCLUSIVE: Sen. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) Refuses to Call for Gov. Eric Greitens to Resign Despite Report He Initiated Unwanted Sex Acts: “Voters Voted for Him”

APRIL 29, 2018 – In an exclusive live Sunday interview this morning, **former FBI Director James Comey** tells “Meet the Press” moderator Chuck Todd the House Intelligence Committee report released Friday on its controversial investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election, which led Republicans to conclude there was no evidence of collusion with the Trump campaign, is “a political document” and “not my understanding of what the facts were before I left the FBI,” adding the investigation is “just a wreck.”

Comey, author of “A Higher Loyalty,” said he does not believe Attorney General Loretta Lynch was compromised and cannot discuss “what contact with made with the leadership of Justice” about speculation she had reassured the Clintons on the email scandal.

He also disputed a Washington Examiner report that he told lawmakers that “F.B.I. agents who interviewed Flynn did not believe that Flynn had lied to them or that any inaccuracies in his answers were intentional” during his tenure as director. “An example of how you can’t believe everything you read in the media,” he added. “Not true.” [Watch the full interview](#), including Comey on the Flynn plea deal, the Mueller probe and more.

Sen. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) also joined the broadcast in an exclusive interview, refusing to call on his state’s governor Eric Greitens (R) to resign amidst reporting he initiated unwanted sex acts: “We have to let the situation play out. ... Voters voted for him. There are two ways to deal with these issues. One is the legal process going on. The other is the legislative process. There’s no reason not to have confidence in both of those.”

Blunt also addressed the Iran nuclear deal, which President Trump has threatened to pull out of on May 12, the next deadline for the U.S. to recertify Iran’s compliance: “If we stay in, I would be very much where President Macron, Prime Minister [of France] Macron was, where he said, “We ought to stay in the deal, but here are the three things that absolutely have to change.”” On the Mueller protection bill that just passed the Senate Judiciary Committee this week, Blunt says “under no circumstances” is he inclined to support the bill. [Watch the full interview](#).

The show broke down a new report from the Pew Research Center on a big disconnect in America between who we want to be as a country and who we think we actually are. [Watch Data Download](#).

The New York Times’ **Maureen Dowd**, Princeton University’s **Eddie S. Glaude, Jr.**, NBC News’ **Kasie Hunt** and The Washington Times’ **Stephen Moore** joined the program’s roundtable for insight and analysis, [including a discussion](#) on House Speaker Paul Ryan’s dismissal of the House chaplain. Dowd quipped, “Paul Ryan decided that he didn’t really need a chaplain anymore because the House Republicans have already sold their souls to President Trump.”

May 6, 2018

MTP EXCLUSIVE: DERSHOWITZ SAYS GIULIANI SHOULDN’T BE PLAYING INTO PROSECUTORS’ HANDS, HE’S

‘ADMITTING TO ENOUGH THAT WARRANTS SCRUTINY’

PLUS: Dershowitz says Mueller subpoena could include “what happened before he [Trump] was president”

ALSO: Stormy Daniels’ lawyer on relationship between Trump lawyer Michael Cohen and Daniels’ ex-lawyer: “Not at arm’s-length”

MAY 6, 2018 – “The approach last week of the Trump team plays into the hands of Mueller's tactic to try, at any cost, to find technical violations against lower ranking people,” Harvard Law professor emeritus **Alan Dershowitz** told “Meet the Press” moderator Chuck Todd this morning in an exclusive interview.

“They’re admitting to enough that warrants scrutiny,” Dershowitz said, referring to the media interviews of Rudy Giuliani, former New York City mayor and new addition to the president’s legal team. “This is the way prosecutors operate. But Giuliani knows it too, and he shouldn’t be playing into their hands.” He explained a subpoena from Special Counsel Robert Mueller could include “what happened before he was president,” which could be fought “on Judge Ellis’ grounds, that it has nothing to do with the mandate that was given to the special counsel. That’s a high bar.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

“I don't think there's any question that the relationship between Keith Davidson and Michael Cohen was not arm's length. ... We're still trying to get to the bottom of exactly what happened there,” said **Michael Avenatti**, lawyer for adult film actress Stormy Daniels, expanding upon the relationship of Daniels’ ex-lawyer with Trump’s lawyer. While Avenatti would not disclose if Mueller’s team has reached out to him or Daniels, he replied, “Suffice it to say that we are cooperating.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

“It happens all the time,” said former U.S. Ambassador to Russia **Michael McFaul** in reaction to news of former Secretary of State John Kerry engaging in behind-the-scenes diplomacy to preserve the Iran nuclear deal. Noting his first guest as ambassador was former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, McFaul shared, “After he had breakfast with me, he went to see Vladimir Putin. Do you think he was saying, “Oh, I think the Obama administration's doing a great job, you need to, to engage with the president”? I don't think so.” [Watch the full interview](#) with McFaul, author of the new book “From Cold War to Hot Peace.”

The show’s [“Data Download”](#) explored whether Red State primary voters would come out despite the president not being on the ballot box and how elections of the past year suggest the Trump bump may not be a transferable quality.

Kimberly Atkins of The Boston Herald, **Robert Costa** of The Washington Post, presidential historian and author **Jon Meacham**, and **Danielle Pletka** of the American Enterprise Institute joined the “Meet the Press” roundtable to discuss the week in politics, including [reacting to a new book excerpt from Sen. John McCain \(R-Ariz.\)](#).

May 13, 2018 – MEET THE PRESS WAS PREEMPTED DUE TO
PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER

May 20, 2018

MTP EXCLUSIVE: STONE IS ‘PREPARED’ FOR MUELLER INDICTMENT BUT CONFIRMS HE AND HIS LAWYER HAVE NOT HAD ANY CONTACT WITH SPECIAL COUNSEL’S OFFICE

EXCLUSIVE: Stone Says Trump “Had a Tendency to Discount Any Political Advice” From Michael Cohen

EXCLUSIVE: Rep. Adam Schiff (D-Calif.) Reveals That Specifics of NYT Report on Gulf Emissary Trump Tower Meeting Are “Completely New” to House Intelligence Committee

EXCLUSIVE: Schiff Shares House Intel “Sought to Bring in George Nader” But Was Stopped by GOP Members

EXCLUSIVE: “Of Course Not,” Says Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) When Asked If Senate Has Done Enough on Gun Violence

MAY 20, 2018 – In an exclusive interview, former Trump campaign adviser **Roger Stone** says [he is “prepared” to be indicted](#) by Special Counsel Robert Mueller, whose team “may seek to conjure up some extraneous crime, pertaining to my business, or maybe not even pertaining to the 2016 election.”

Stone confirms he and his lawyer have not had any contact with Mueller’s office. He also explains his comment last month about Trump’s lawyer Michael Cohen – “Donald goes out of his way to treat him like garbage” – telling “Meet the Press” moderator Chuck Todd: “I don’t think the president regarded him as a political genius or was open to his desires in that area. And he had a tendency to discount any political advice that Michael would give him.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

Rep. Adam Schiff (D-Calif.) reveals that the specifics of [The New York Times’ report](#) on Trump Jr. and other aides meeting with George Nader, a gulf emissary and Lebanese-American businessman who represents the Saudi Crown Prince and offered help to win the election, are “completely new” to the House Intelligence Committee. The Committee “sought to bring in George Nader, but the Republican members were unwilling to do so,” says Schiff in an exclusive interview. He adds he is “confident” the FBI acted appropriately in response to reports of the use of informants in the Russian interference investigation. [Watch the full interview.](#)

Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) reacts to Friday’s Texas school shooting in an exclusive interview, telling Todd: “It is unspeakable, it really is, to see that kids all over this country, who go to a place where they

should feel safe, where they can focus on learning, are now worrying about things that we've seen Texas or in Florida a few months ago." When asked if there has been enough done in the Senate to prevent gun violence, the Vermont senator replies, "Of course not. ... It's a three-letter word, it's the N-R-A! And it's Trump and the Republicans who don't have the guts to stand up to these people, and that's pretty pathetic." [Watch the full interview.](#)

PBS' **Yamiche Alcindor**, The New York Times' **David Brooks**, MSNBC's **Hugh Hewitt** and NBC News' **Hallie Jackson** joined the broadcast's roundtable this morning to discuss the week in politics, [including Friday's Texas school shooting](#). Jackson reports, "I spoke with a top White House official just last night. There's not an appetite to do something on this [gun violence]."

May 27, 2018

MTP EXCLUSIVE: FLAKE ON 2020: 'I HAVE NOT RULED ANYTHING OUT,' SAYS PENCE'S PRAISE OF ARPAIO IS 'UNFORTUNATE'

EXCLUSIVE: Sen. Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.) on North Korea: "A Freeze or Something Short of Denuclearization is Certainly Better Than the Situation We Have Right Now"

EXCLUSIVE: Flake Says He's With Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) in Opposing Any Deal That Gives ZTE Any New Access

MAY 27, 2018 – **Sen. Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.)** joined "Meet the Press" in an exclusive interview this morning, telling moderator Chuck Todd that he hasn't ruled out a possible 2020 presidential run: "It's not in my plans, but I have not ruled anything out. I do hope that somebody runs on the Republican side other than the president, if nothing else, simply to remind Republicans what conservatism is."

The retiring Arizona senator also responded to Vice President Mike Pence's praise for Arizona Sheriff Joe Arpaio as a "tireless champion of strong borders and the rule of law" earlier this month: "There aren't many people in Arizona who look to Joe Arpaio as a paragon of the rule of law or virtue in this sense. So, I think it was unfortunate. ... I just don't think that it's proper to refer to him in that way."

Flake shared that he's OK if denuclearization is more of a long-term goal for the Korean Peninsula: "A freeze or something short of total denuclearization is certainly better than the situation that we have right now, where we had an escalating situation." As the Trump administration reached a deal Friday to reduce sanctions on the Chinese telecom giant ZTE, Flake said, "I am with Senator Rubio" in opposing any deal that gives ZTE any new access to American vendors or the United States in any form. [Watch the full interview.](#)

On a North Korea summit, "The issue that seems to be holding this up is frankly just logistics," said **Victor Cha, former director for Asian affairs on the U.S. National Security Council**. "In terms of the substance, the key issue is are they going to give up their nuclear weapons? And I think, unfortunately, the answer is no," Cha, an NBC News and MSNBC analyst, told Todd. "We are the primary obstacle in

places like the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank, the I.M.F., where the North Koreans want money.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

Steven Brill, author of “Tailspin: The People and Forces Behind America’s Fifty-Year Fall – and Those Fighting to Reverse It,” also joined the show to discuss his new book and the need for “guard rails” against legal and financial excesses. [Watch the interview.](#)

Washington Free Beacon’s **Matthew Continetti**, NBC News’ **Andrea Mitchell**, The Washington Post’s **Eugene Robinson**, and The Cook Political Report’s **Amy Walter** joined the broadcast’s roundtable for insight and analysis on the week in politics, [including the NFL’s new anthem policy.](#) “I don’t think this was an issue until Trump made it an issue,” says Walter. “I don’t think Americans were sitting around thinking, “This is what is dividing this country.””

June 3, 2018

MTP: RUDY GIULIANI SAYS TRUMP PARDONING HIMSELF OR ENDING MUELLER PROBE LEADS TO ‘IMPEACHMENT’

PLUS: Giuliani Distances Himself from Trump Lawyers’ Letter to Mueller: “I Probably Would’ve Organized It Differently,” “Agree With About 80 Percent”

ALSO: Giuliani Says He Will “Absolutely Not” Be Named in Forthcoming IG Report as a Receiver of Leaked F.B.I. Information

EXCLUSIVE: Canadian PM Justin Trudeau Responds to Trump’s Trade Tariffs: “The Idea That We Are Somehow a National Security Threat to the United States is Quite Frankly Insulting and Unacceptable”

JUNE 3, 2018 – President Trump pardoning himself “would lead to, probably, an immediate impeachment” as terminating Special Counsel Mueller’s Russia probe also “could lead to impeachment,” warned **Rudy Giuliani**, the president’s personal lawyer, this morning on NBC News’ “Meet the Press with Chuck Todd.”

Giuliani distanced himself from the letter sent by the president’s lawyers to Mueller in January, telling Todd: “I didn’t make the argument, but I agree with most of it as any lawyer. I probably would’ve organized it differently. ... I agree with about 80 percent of what he [John Dowd] wrote.”

Todd asked the former New York City mayor if he expects to be named in the forthcoming Inspector General’s report as a recipient of leaked information from the F.B.I. “Absolutely not,” replied Giuliani. “Impossible. I didn’t get any leaked information from the F.B.I. ... I speculated based on the fact that I knew there was a lot of turmoil within the F.B.I.” He added, “I do security work all over the world and I use F.B.I. agents, and I consider them current people. People haven’t retired yet. And then I have retired people.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau sat down with Todd in an exclusive interview from the Parliament of Canada, responding to the White House’s claim that new tariffs on Canadian steel and aluminum are to protect national security interests: “Our soldiers who had fought and died together on the beaches of World War II...and the mountains of Afghanistan, and have stood shoulder to shoulder in some of the most difficult places in the world, that are always there for each other, somehow – this is insulting to that. ...The idea that we are somehow a national security threat to the United States is quite frankly insulting and unacceptable.”

“I am confident that eventually, you know, we will continue to work together despite this challenge,” the prime minister said of his relationship with Trump. [Watch the full exclusive interview.](#)

This week’s political roundtable was comprised of NPR’s **Joshua Johnson**, National Review’s **Rich Lowry**, The Wall Street Journal’s **Peggy Noonan** and NBC News’ **Katy Tur**, [who reacted to Todd’s Giuliani interview.](#) It’s “interesting that he threw Dowd and Sekulow under the bus in terms of that letter,” remarked Tur.

President Obama “took it as a given that some of the opposition to him was rooted in racism,” shared **Ben Rhodes**, former deputy national security adviser for Obama and author of the new book, “The World As It Is,” [in a conversation with the roundtable.](#) Rhodes joins NBC News and MSNBC as a political contributor.

June 10, 2018 – Meet the Press was preempted due to Roland Garros Tennis

June 16, 2018

TOMORROW: EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEWS WITH CONWAY, SCHIFF & SANFORD ON “MEET THE PRESS WITH CHUCK TODD”

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SUNDAY EXCLUSIVE

Kellyanne Conway

Counselor to President Donald Trump

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SUNDAY EXCLUSIVE

Rep. Adam Schiff (D-Calif.)

Ranking Member of the House Intelligence Committee

SUNDAY EXCLUSIVE

Rep. Mark Sanford (R-S.C.)

[In an interview preview](#), Sanford says there's "no seeming consequence" to President Trump's lies.

ROUNDTABLE

Al Cardenas

Republican Strategist; Senior Partner, Squire Patton Boggs

Helene Cooper

Pentagon Correspondent, The New York Times

Carol Lee

NBC News National Political Reporter

Bret Stephens

Columnist, The New York Times; MSNBC Contributor

June 24, 2018

MTP EXCLUSIVE: LANKFORD ON FAMILIES SEPARATED AT BORDER: 'WE KNOW WHERE EVERY SINGLE CHILD IS' AND 'THE ADULT THEY CAME WITH'

PLUS: Sen. Lankford (R-Okla.) Doesn't Feel the White House Has Been Fully Transparent With the American Public About What They're Trying to Do About the Border Crisis

EXCLUSIVE: Sen. King (I-Maine): This is "More of an Asylum and Refugee" Crisis

EXCLUSIVE: King Opposes Abolishing ICE, But Says "Looking at It Makes a Hell of a Lot of Sense"

TUNE IN TONIGHT: “Dateline: The Dividing Line,” a Special Hour on the Border Crisis at 7 p.m. ET With In-Depth Reporting from MSNBC’s Jacob Soboroff

JUNE 24, 2018 – “We know where every single child is” and “the adult they came with,” **Sen. James Lankford (R-Okla.)** tells “Meet the Press” moderator Chuck Todd of migrant families separated at the border in an exclusive interview.

When asked if he feels “the White House has been fully transparent with the American public about what they’re trying to do” on the border crisis, Lankford replies, “I don’t, actually. Now this has been one of the great frustrations. I think the White House has not been clear on how bad the Flores Settlement is. They tried to say it and say it and say it. The challenge is, you shouldn’t just allow anyone to be able to come in at any time, to be able to view a spot where there are children present.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

In an exclusive interview this morning, **Sen. Angus King (I-Maine)** tells Todd that this is “more of an asylum and refugee” crisis: “This is very different from the waves of illegal immigrants coming across the border 15, 20 years ago, mostly from Mexico, simply looking for jobs.”

On calls for abolishing ICE, King says, “I don’t know how you abolish an agency without abolishing the function, and I think the function is necessary. ... I don’t know if I say abolish, I don’t think that makes a lot of sense. But I do think looking at it makes a hell of a lot of sense.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

The violence, drug cartels, gangs and poverty ravaging Central America, including countries like El Salvador, have been driving people to the United States for years. El Salvador “felt, in some ways, very much like a war zone,” says **NBC News chief foreign correspondent Richard Engel**, after reporting from the country, which has one of the highest homicide rates in the world. “We went to a prison and we met some very hardcore gang members, and one of them bragged to us that he had killed 35 people, just himself. And when you have that number of dangerous people who feel that emboldened, it is not surprising that people want to leave the country and seek different opportunities and don’t want their children to get sucked into the gang life and have them become the next generation of killers or victims.” [Watch Engel discuss his reporting from Central America with Todd.](#)

The Resurgent’s **Erick Erickson**, The Weekly Standard’s **Stephen Hayes**, NBC News’ **Kasie Hunt** and Demos’ **Heather McGhee** join the broadcast for insight and analysis on the week in politics, including President Trump’s retreat this week on separating families at the border. [Hayes notes](#), “It was the public pressure. I mean, the president didn’t do this easily. This is an ad hoc president with an ad hoc decision-making process, leaving his staff and congressional Republicans to scramble in his wake and try to make things right.”

[Read the full transcript of “Meet the Press”](#) this morning.

Follow the show [on Twitter](#) and [on Facebook](#) for the latest, and watch [MSNBC’s “MTP Daily”](#) at 5 p.m. ET for more from moderator Chuck Todd.

[Tune in tonight](#) at 7 p.m. ET to a special hour of “Dateline: The Dividing Line,” featuring in-depth reporting from MSNBC’s Jacob Soboroff along the U.S.-Mexico border.

KWES aired the following Public Service Announcements (PSA’s) covering issues of community concern which aired extensively during the quarter.

1	PSA	HOUSE ID	SOURCE	LENGTH	DESCRIPTION	STATION	SPOTS AIRED
2	MARINES - ANTHEM	MI12765	MARINE CORPS	30	JOINING MARINE CORPS	KWES	207
3	MARINES - ANTHEM	MI12765	MARINE CORPS	30	JOINING MARINE CORPS	KWES-D2	533
4	MARINES - ANTHEM	MI12766	MARINE CORPS	60	JOINING MARINE CORPS	KWES-D2	128
5	MARINES - FOR COUNTRY	MI12767	MARINE CORPS	30	JOINING MARINE CORPS	KWES	194
6	MARINES - FOR COUNTRY	MI12767	MARINE CORPS	30	JOINING MARINE CORPS	KWES-D2	512
7	MARINES - FOR COUNTRY	MI12768	MARINE CORPS	60	JOINING MARINE CORPS	KWES-D2	123
8	MARINES - FOR US ALL	MI12769	MARINE CORPS	30	JOINING MARINE CORPS	KWES	192
9	MARINES - FOR US ALL	MI12769	MARINE CORPS	30	JOINING MARINE CORPS	KWES-D2	519
10	MARINES - FOR US ALL	MI12770	MARINE CORPS	60	JOINING MARINE CORPS	KWES-D2	118
11	NATIONAL GUARD - BENEFITS	MI12774	NATIONAL GUARD	30	JOINING NATIONAL GUAR	KWES	183
12	NATIONAL GUARD - BENEFITS	MI12774	NATIONAL GUARD	30	JOINING NATIONAL GUAR	KWES-D2	498
13	NATIONAL GUARD - BENEFITS	MI12775	NATIONAL GUARD	15	JOINING NATIONAL GUAR	KWES	39
14	NATIONAL GUARD - BENEFITS	MI12775	NATIONAL GUARD	15	JOINING NATIONAL GUAR	KWES-D2	8
15	NATIONAL GUARD - CAREERS	MI12776	NATIONAL GUARD	30	JOINING NATIONAL GUAR	KWES	178
16	NATIONAL GUARD - CAREERS	MI12776	NATIONAL GUARD	30	JOINING NATIONAL GUAR	KWES-D2	484
17	NATIONAL GUARD - HEART OF A SOLDIE	MI12777	NATIONAL GUARD	15	JOINING NATIONAL GUAR	KWES	17
18	NATIONAL GUARD - HEART OF A SOLDIE	MI12777	NATIONAL GUARD	15	JOINING NATIONAL GUAR	KWES-D2	3
19	JUNK FOOD	MI12779	ADCOUNCIL	30	FOOD WASTE	KWES	176
20	JUNK FOOD	MI12779	ADCOUNCIL	30	FOOD WASTE	KWES-D2	474
21	COLLEGE	MI12780	ADCOUNCIL	15	RETIREMENT	KWES	5
22	COLLEGE	MI12780	ADCOUNCIL	15	RETIREMENT	KWES-D2	4
23	HOUSE HUNTING	MI12781	ADCOUNCIL	15	RETIREMENT	KWES	3
24	TRAVEL	MI12782	ADCOUNCIL	15	RETIREMENT	KWES	3
25	ASHES TALL GRASS	MI12784	ADCOUNCIL	30	FOREST FIRES	KWES	169
26	ASHES TALL GRASS	MI12784	ADCOUNCIL	30	FOREST FIRES	KWES-D2	461
27	BEAR HUG - CAMPFIRE	MI12785	ADCOUNCIL	30	FOREST FIRES	KWES	75
28	BEAR HUG - CAMPFIRE	MI12785	ADCOUNCIL	30	FOREST FIRES	KWES-D2	200
29	DUMPING ASHES	MI12786	ADCOUNCIL	30	FOREST FIRES	KWES	159
30	DUMPING ASHES	MI12786	ADCOUNCIL	30	FOREST FIRES	KWES-D2	453
31	HOT COALS	MI12787	ADCOUNCIL	30	FOREST FIRES	KWES	146
32	HOT COALS	MI12787	ADCOUNCIL	30	FOREST FIRES	KWES-D2	441
33	CONNECTED	MI12788	ADCOUNCIL	15	DISCOVER THE FOREST	KWES	45
34	CONNECTED	MI12788	ADCOUNCIL	15	DISCOVER THE FOREST	KWES-D2	12

35	DR. SPRUCE - ACTIVITIES	MI12789	ADCOUNCIL	30	DISCOVER THE FOREST	KWES	679
36	DR. SPRUCE - ACTIVITIES	MI12789	ADCOUNCIL	30	DISCOVER THE FOREST	KWES-D2	1225
37	DR. SPRUCE - BREAK	MI12790	ADCOUNCIL	30	DISCOVER THE FOREST	KWES	644
38	DR. SPRUCE - BREAK	MI12790	ADCOUNCIL	30	DISCOVER THE FOREST	KWES-D2	1212
39	DR. SPRUCE - FAMILY TIME	MI12791	ADCOUNCIL	30	DISCOVER THE FOREST	KWES	615
40	DR. SPRUCE - FAMILY TIME	MI12791	ADCOUNCIL	30	DISCOVER THE FOREST	KWES-D2	1179
41	DAD JOKES	MI12792	ADCOUNCIL	30	FATHERHOOD	KWES	131
42	STADIUM	MI12794	ADCOUNCIL	15	RECYCLING	KWES	13
43	STADIUM	MI12794	ADCOUNCIL	15	RECYCLING	KWES-D2	6
44	SUPERHERO	MI12795	ADCOUNCIL	30	RECYCLING	KWES	595
45	SUPERHERO	MI12795	ADCOUNCIL	30	RECYCLING	KWES-D2	1157
46	CDC - SPANISH	MI13700	ADCOUNCIL	30	CANCER	KWES-D3	34
47	AHAF - SPANISH	MI13701	ADCOUNCIL	30	ALZHEIMERS	KWES-D3	40
48	ADA - SPANISH	MI13702	ADCOUNCIL	30	DIABETES	KWES-D3	40
49	CDC2 - SPANISH	MI13703	ADCOUNCIL	30	CANCER	KWES-D3	28
50	MARINE - SPANISH	MI13704	ADCOUNCIL	30	MARINES	KWES-D3	35
51	BOOST 1 - SPANISH	MI13705	ADCOUNCIL	30	SINGLE PARENTS	KWES-D3	36
52	BOOST 2 - SPANISH	MI13706	ADCOUNCIL	30	SINGLE PARENTS	KWES-D3	34
53	GUARD 1 - SPANISH	MI13707	ADCOUNCIL	30	NATIONAL GUARD	KWES-D3	33
54	CYBER BULLYING - SPANISH	MI13708	ADCOUNCIL	30	CYBER BULLYING	KWES-D3	31
55	GUARD 2 - SPANISH	MI13709	ADCOUNCIL	30	NATIONAL GUARD	KWES-D3	41
56	DRUG FREE - SHEEP	MI13714	ADCOUNCIL	30	DRUGS	KWES-D3	27
57	SCHOOL - SPANISH	MI13719	ADCOUNCIL	30	LEARNING DISABILITIES	KWES-D3	21
58	ESCAPE PROJECT - FATHER - SPANISH	MI13721	ADCOUNCIL	30	FAMILY	KWES-D3	33
59	ESCAPE PROJECT - MOTHER - SPANISH	MI13722	ADCOUNCIL	30	FAMILY	KWES-D3	32
60	ESCAPE PROJECT - SON - SPANISH	MI13723	ADCOUNCIL	30	FAMILY	KWES-D3	19
61	KAYAK - SPANISH	MI13724	ADCOUNCIL	15	FAMILY	KWES-D3	21
62	JOURNEY - SPANISH	MI13725	ADCOUNCIL	30	RECYCLING	KWES-D3	16
63	STADIUM - SPANISH	MI13726	ADCOUNCIL	15	RECYCLING	KWES-D3	20
64	HOMEWORK - SPANISH	MI13727	ADCOUNCIL	30	LEARNING DISABILITIES	KWES-D3	29
65	THE WORLD OF AUTISM - SPANISH	MI13728	ADCOUNCIL	30	AUTISM	KWES-D3	15
66	SUITCASE - SPANISH	MI13729	ADCOUNCIL	30	ADOPTION	KWES-D3	13
67	NUMBERS - SPANISH	MI13731	ADCOUNCIL	15	AMA	KWES-D3	16
68	NUMBERS - SPANISH	MI13732	ADCOUNCIL	30	AMA	KWES-D3	12