



Midland, Texas

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

April 1 – June 30, 2017
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.

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.

2017 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.

MTP EXCLUSIVE: SENATE LEADERS DISAGREE ON SCOTUS NOMINEE - MCCONNELL: 'GORSUCH WILL BE CONFIRMED THIS WEEK,' SCHUMER: 'HIGHLY, HIGHLY UNLIKELY'

McConnell on knowing anything about Trump's surveillance claim: "The answer is no"
EXCLUSIVE: Schumer calls on Trump and Senate to "come up with a mainstream nominee"
EXCLUSIVE: Former FBI agent Clint Watts: "How many times the [Trump] campaign picked up on lines that were promoted by the Kremlin, or vice versa, ... was ironic"

APRIL 2, 2017 -- Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) told "Meet the Press" moderator Chuck Todd that "in the middle of all these other things that are swirling around, there are two things you can depend on: the Senate Intelligence Committee's bipartisan investigation, and of course, the FBI conducting a criminal investigation" -- notably not listing the House Intelligence Committee's investigation which is currently under scrutiny.

"You asked me if I knew anything about alleged wiretapping by the previous president. The answer is no," he added.

Ahead of this week's Senate confirmation of Supreme Court nominee Neil Gorsuch, McConnell said that "Neil Gorsuch will be confirmed this week. How that happens really depends on our Democratic friends, how many of them are willing to oppose cloture on a partisan basis to kill a Supreme Court nominee, never happened before in history, the whole history of the country." [Watch the full interview.](#)

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) exclusively told Todd that "Gorsuch will not reach the 60-vote margin ... Instead of changing the rules, which is up to Mitch McConnell and the Republican majority, why doesn't President Trump, Democrats, and Republicans in the Senate, sit down, and try to come up with a mainstream nominee?" [Watch the full interview.](#)

Former FBI agent Clint Watts, now a Robert A. Fox Fellow at the Foreign Policy Research Institute, also joined the show after testifying on Capitol Hill earlier this week about Russian information operations. Watts expanded on the use of Russian propaganda by the Trump campaign: "The synchronization at times, how many times the campaign picked up on lines that were promoted by the Kremlin, or vice versa, created lines that were then the Kremlin promoted back into the U.S. base, was ironic. It was hard to see that with any other campaign."

On if Trump was targeted by the Russians to help spread fake news, Watts said: "They just knew that he was opportunistic during his campaign. So if you put stuff that helps his campaign,

he will likely use it ... But they also pushed for Bernie Sanders at times too. They would go on the left and the right. It's bipartisan.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

This morning’s roundtable was comprised of **Robert Draper** of GQ and The New York Times, **Eugene Robinson** of The Washington Post, MSNBC’s **Greta Van Susteren** and **Amy Walter** of The Cook Political Report.

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

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MTP EXCLUSIVES: GRAHAM CALLS ON TRUMP TO PUNISH RUSSIA FOR SUPPORTING ASSAD, KAINE SAYS WHITE HOUSE DIDN’T OFFER PLAN ON SYRIA IN SENATE BRIEFING

U.N. Amb. Nikki Haley on Assad as head of Syrian government: “In no way do we look at peace happening in that area with Iranian influence” EXCLUSIVE: Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.): “Here’s what I think Assad’s telling Trump by flying from this base: “F you”” EXCLUSIVE: Sen. Tim Kaine (D-Va.) on Friday’s Senate briefing: “When we asked about the legal authorization, they [the administration] said they weren’t prepared to discuss that” EXCLUSIVE: Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) on working with Russia: “Make them an offer they can’t refuse”

APRIL 9, 2017 -- In an exclusive “Meet the Press” interview this morning, **Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.)** called on President Trump for action: “Go after Russia through sanctions not only for interfering in our elections, but aiding and abetting the use of chemical weapons by a war criminal, Assad.”

[“Here’s what I think Assad’s telling Trump by flying from this base: ‘F you,’”](#) said Graham in reference to Syria jets taking off from the base hit by the U.S. airstrike.

The senator also responded to moderator Chuck Todd’s interview with **Nikki Haley, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations**, noting that “regime change is now the policy of the Trump administration.” Haley had addressed the administration’s “multiple priorities” in Syria: “It’s to defeat ISIS. I mean, we’ve got to do that for peace and stability in the area. It’s also to get out the Iranian influence.” [Watch Graham’s full interview.](#)

“You are going to see is pressure on the political solution. That’s really what’s going to happen,” the ambassador said. [Watch Haley’s full interview.](#)

“I agree with Ambassador Haley that I don’t think there’s any political solution to the civil war in Syria that doesn’t mean that Assad moves aside because he’s tearing up the country. But instead of regime change, what we should focus on is humanitarian relief,” responded **Senator Tim Kaine (D-Va.)**, who exclusively joined the program.

Kaine told Todd that, in the Senate briefing on Friday, the White House “still presented us with no plan. We don't know if it's limited or whether there's more. And when we asked about the legal authorization, they said they weren't prepared to discuss that.” [Watch Kaine's full interview.](#)

Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) suggested that you encourage Russia to work together by [making “them an offer they can't refuse.](#) And that means tightening the screws on them, dealing with sanctions, telling them that we need their help, they have got to come to the table and not maintain this horrific dictator.” [Watch Sanders' full interview.](#)

This morning's roundtable was comprised of **David Brooks** and **Helene Cooper** of The New York Times, **Rich Lowry** of National Review and **Danielle Pletka** of AEI.

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MTP EXCLUSIVE: MCCAIN SAYS ‘CHINA IS KEY’ TO NORTH KOREA, ‘WE SHOULD EXPECT THEM TO PREVENT WHAT COULD BE A CATAclysmic EVENT’

EXCLUSIVE: Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) on North Korea: “This may be the first test of this presidency” EXCLUSIVE: Sen. Jack Reed (D-R.I.) says Trump “needs a much stronger State Department” EXCLUSIVE: DHS Sec. John Kelly calls on Congress to fix U.S. immigration laws: “I would hope that the Congress fixes a lot of these problems” PLUS: Kelly on drug trafficking into the U.S.: “Marijuana is not a factor in the drug war”

APRIL 16, 2017 -- In an exclusive live interview this morning, **Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), chair of the Senate Armed Services Committee,** told “Meet the Press” moderator Chuck Todd that “China is the key” to working with us on North Korea: “They can stop this if they want to because of their control over the North Korean economy ... Whether they're currency manipulators or not, we should expect them to act to prevent what could be a cataclysmic event.”

“This may be the first test of this presidency,” the senator added. [Watch the full exclusive interview with the Arizona senator.](#)

“As Senator McCain indicated, China is key to that strategy,” echoed **Sen. Jack Reed (D-R.I.), ranking member of the Senate Armed Services Committee.** President Trump is “getting good military advice from General Mattis and General McMaster, but he needs a much stronger State Department.” [Watch the full exclusive interview with the Rhode Island senator.](#)

Also joining the broadcast exclusively was **Gen. John Kelly (Ret.), U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security**, who told Todd that, in response to a threat from North Korea, “We would raise various threat levels in the event that something happened, and we felt as though that there was a possible threat. You always want to come down on the side of caution.”

Kelly offered an example of someone who wasn’t deported in previous administrations that is being deported now: “Someone, as an example, with multiple DUIs. Even a single DUI, depending on other aspects, would get you into the system.” He also called on Congress to fix the country’s immigration laws: “We have to straighten this out, and I place that squarely on the United States Congress.” [Watch the full exclusive interview with Kelly, his first Sunday show interview.](#)

And on this Easter Sunday, **Pastor JoAnn Hummel** of Bent Tree Bible Fellowship, **Bishop T.D. Jakes** of The Potter’s House of Dallas and **Rabbi David Saperstein** of the Union for Reform Judaism joined Todd [to discuss the role of religion in a time of heightened political rhetoric.](#)

This morning’s roundtable was comprised of The New York Times Magazine’s **Mark Leibovich**, Demos’ **Heather McGhee**, NBC News’ **Andrea Mitchell** and former **Sen. John E. Sununu (R-N.H.)** of The Boston Globe. Their conversations included [addressing the president’s tweet this morning on his tax returns.](#)

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MTP EXCLUSIVE: TRUMP CHIEF OF STAFF BELIEVES GOVERNMENT WILL STAY OPEN, 'WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A VOTE THIS WEEK' ON HEALTHCARE

PLUS: Priebus says government funding bill will be enough “to move forward with either the construction or the planning” of the proposed border wall EXCLUSIVE: House Minority Leader Pelosi on the potential government shutdown: “The burden to keep it open is on the Republicans” ALSO: Sen. Rubio (R-Fla.) denies Miami Herald report of involvement in meeting between President Trump and Colombian presidents NEW: NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll numbers reveal nearly two-thirds of Americans give Trump low marks for first 100 days in office

APRIL 23, 2017 – In the face of a potential government shutdown this week, **Reince Priebus, chief of staff to President Trump**, exclusively told “Meet the Press” moderator Chuck Todd: “I believe it will” stay open.

On the continuing resolution for government funding, Priebus said that the money for border security will be enough “to move forward with either the construction or the planning, or

enough for us to move forward through the end of September, to get going on the border wall and border security in regard to border patrol.”

“We expect money for border security in this bill. And it ought to be,” he added.

Priebus said he “would like to have a vote this week” on healthcare, “ but again, it's not something that has to happen in order to define our success.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) also exclusively joined the network’s broadcast, telling Todd that, when it comes to the potential government shutdown, “the burden to keep it open is on the Republicans.”

On the proposed border wall, Pelosi asserted that it is “expressing a sign of weakness” for the president; she also said that “of course” you can be a Democrat if you’re pro-life. [Watch the full interview.](#)

Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) addressed recent reporting that he had been involved in arranging a visit between Trump and two former Colombian presidents at Mar-a-Lago, denying any role whatsoever and telling Todd: “I didn’t even know they were in Florida.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

The show debuted [new NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll numbers](#), revealing that nearly two-thirds of Americans give the president poor or middling marks for his first 100 days in office.

Democratic pollster **Cornell Belcher**, The Washington Post’s **Robert Costa**, ‘TODAY’ co-anchor **Savannah Guthrie** and The Wall Street Journal’s **Peggy Noonan** joined the program’s roundtable for insight and analysis on the latest news, [including the exit this week of Fox News’ Bill O’Reilly](#), which Noonan noted as a “serious setback for sexual harassment in the workplace.”

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MEET THE PRESS EXCLUSIVE: VP PENCE SAYS ‘MAYBE IN THE SHORT TERM’ TAX REFORM PLAN WILL INCREASE DEFICIT

EXCLUSIVE: Pence on GOP health care reform: “I hope before the end of the year” PLUS: Pence says repealing and replacing the ACA will be done via “executive action” and “further legislation” EXCLUSIVE: Sen. Angus King (I-Maine) on lack of bipartisanship in the Senate: “There’s not a culture of success”

APRIL 30, 2017 – Vice President Mike Pence exclusively told “Meet the Press” moderator Chuck Todd this morning that the administration’s tax reform proposal put forth this week will increase deficit [“maybe in the short term.”](#)

“The only way to meet obligations that we face in deficits today, or long term obligations in our entitlements, Chuck, is through growth,” he said. “If we don’t get this economy growing at three percent, or more as the President believes we can, we’re never gonna meet the obligations that we’ve made today.”

The vice president also addressed his party’s promise to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, telling Todd it will be done “through a series of bills -- this first one that we're hopeful there'll be action in the House of Representatives soon -- and through executive action and through further legislation.” The timeline? “I hope before the end of the year.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

Maine Senators Susan Collins (R) and Angus King (I) – two senators from across the aisle -- exclusively joined the network broadcast this morning on set to discuss bipartisanship in Congress. Obstacles in finding common ground include “the rise of ideological-driven groups on both the left and the right,” “the divisions in our country,” and “the Senate schedule,” said the senators. [Watch the full interview.](#)

The New York Times’ **Helene Cooper**, MSNBC’s **Chris Matthews**, AEI’s **Danielle Pletka** and Republican strategist and NBC News political analyst **Nicolle Wallace** discussed the latest in political news on this morning’s roundtable, [including the future of the Democratic Party.](#)

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MTP: HHS SEC. PRICE: GOP HEALTH CARE BILL IS ‘A BETTER WAY TO COVER’ PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS, ADDRESSES LACK OF DIVERSITY IN ROSE GARDEN CELEBRATION

PLUS: Price on removal of W.H. Office of Drug Control: “I don’t think the American people care,” “What they care about is that we are absolutely addressing this opioid crisis” EXCLUSIVE: Sen. Blunt: House health care bill is “not dead on arrival” EXCLUSIVE: Sen. Feinstein on Yates’ testimony tomorrow: She “apparently has some information as to who knew what when that”

MAY 7, 2017 -- In an interview on this morning’s “Meet the Press,” **Health and Human Services Sec. Tom Price** defended criticism that the health care bill passed by the House this week does not cover Americans with pre-existing conditions, telling **NBC News’ Andrea Mitchell** that the 22 organizations disputing this are “not recognizing is that this is a different, and we believe, a

better way to cover an individual with pre-existing illnesses and injuries because it allows for every single person to get the access to the kind of coverage that they want.”

[Price also addressed](#) the lack of diversity and women in Thursday’s Rose Garden celebration, telling Mitchell that those present were “prominent individuals who are leading in this area of health care.”

When asked about the elimination of the White House Office of Drug Control in a time of an opioid epidemic, [Price responded](#): “Now whether it’s through an office within the White House or whether it’s through a department, an agency of government, I don’t think the American people care. What they care about is that we are absolutely addressing this opioid crisis in the most aggressive and effective manner possible.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

Sen. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) exclusively joined the network broadcast, telling Mitchell that the House health care bill is “not dead on arrival,” but that the Senate will be “taking what the House was able to do, looking at that carefully and come up with what the Senate thinks the Senate can do.”

[Blunt also addressed Russian interference in the election](#) ahead of former top Justice official Sally Yates’ testimony tomorrow: “What was particularly wrong was General Flynn not being truthful about the substance of what he said and the campaign was apparently, or the transition rather, was apparently concerned about that early on, and it appears they should have been.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) exclusively reacted to the House bill coming to the Senate: “I don’t know what the leader, McConnell, has in mind. I don’t know that the thirteen white men, when you have five Republican women who are excluded from that, that these thirteen men are supposed to sit down and put something together.”

[Feinstein told Mitchell that Yates](#) “apparently has some information as to who knew what when that she is willing to share. And that would be what she knew about Michael Flynn’s connections to Russia and exactly what she knew they were.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

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‘MEET THE PRESS’ EXCLUSIVE: SEN. GRAHAM SAYS NEW FBI DIRECTOR SHOULD BE ‘OUTSIDE THE POLITICAL LANE,’ CALLS ON TRUMP TO ‘BACK OFF’ RUSSIA PROBE

PLUS: Sen. Schumer: Support for new FBI director is 'very much related' to a special prosecutor on Russia EXCLUSIVE: State Sec. Tillerson: 'Don't think there's any question that the Russians were playing around' in U.S. election New NBC News/WSJ Poll: Just 29 percent of Americans approve of Trump's firing of FBI Director Comey

MAY 14, 2017 – **Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.)** exclusively told “Meet the Press” moderator Chuck Todd this morning that the president’s choice for the next F.B.I. director should not be an elected official: “He has a duty and obligation to pick somebody beyond reproach outside the political lane.”

“It’s now time to pick someone who comes from within the ranks or has such a reputation that has no political background at all that can go into the job on day one,” said Graham when asked about his colleague Sen. John Cornyn’s interview yesterday for the role.

Sen. Graham also said “the president needs to back off here and let the investigation go forward” when it comes to looking into Russia’s interference in the U.S. election. [Watch the full interview.](#)

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) told Todd the support for a new F.B.I. director is “very much related” to a special prosecutor for the Russia probe: “If you have an independent special prosecutor, then you really have the ability to get to the bottom of this, so it matters in terms of who the F.B.I. director is.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

“I don't think there's any question that the Russians were playing around in our electoral processes,” **Secretary of State Rex Tillerson** exclusively confirmed to Todd. When asked about this in terms of our relationship with Russia, Tillerson said: “We're not trying to start with a clean slate. I think terms like having a reset are overused. You cannot reset. You cannot erase the past.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

[New NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll numbers](#) debuted on this morning’s broadcast, revealing that just 29 percent of Americans approve of the president’s firing of F.B.I. Director James Comey.

Joining this morning’s roundtable for insight and analysis were **Matthew Continetti** of the Washington Free Beacon, **Hallie Jackson** of NBC News, **Katty Kay** of BBC News and **Eugene Robinson** of the Washington Post. Axios’ **Jim VandeHei** also joined the panel for [a discussion on a possible staff shake-up within the White House.](#)

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May 21 – Preempted due to Premier League Championship

MEET THE PRESS: DHS SEC. KELLY: LEAKING CLASSIFIED INTEL IS ‘DARN CLOSE TO TREASON, ‘DON’T SEE ANY BIG ISSUE HERE’ WITH KUSHNER/RUSSIA COMMUNICATIONS

EXCLUSIVE: Former DNI Clapper when asked about communications between Kushner and Russians: “My dashboard warning light was clearly on” PLUS: Sen. Corker on Kushner: “He’s more than glad to talk”

MAY 28, 2016 -- Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly told “Meet the Press” moderator Chuck Todd this morning that leaking classified intelligence is “borderline, if not over the line of treason.”

[“It’s darn close to treason,” he added.](#) The secretary also addressed recent reporting that President Trump’s son-in-law, White House Senior Adviser Jared Kushner, proposed a secret communication channel with the Kremlin so that discussions before the inauguration could not be detected: “His number one interest, really, is the nation, so you know there’s a lot of different ways to communicate, backchannel, publicly with other countries. [I don’t see any big issue here relative to Jared.](#)” [Watch the full interview.](#)

James Clapper, former director of national intelligence, exclusively told Todd, that as director, when it came to Trump ties with Russia, his [“dashboard warning light was clearly on.”](#) “I think that was the case with all of us in the intelligence community, very concerned about the nature of these approaches to the Russians,” he said.

Clapper reacted to Kelly characterizing the leaking of information as “borderline treason”: “I know Secretary Kelly takes this quite seriously and he should. Legal definition of what’s treason? I’ll leave that to the lawyers. But just from a practitioner’s standpoint in the intelligence business, leaks are bad.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

Sen. Bob Corker (R-Tenn.), chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, also responded to recent reporting of Kushner, who is under scrutiny related to the Russia investigations, though not a subject of the investigations: “Jared has said that he’s more than willing to answer any and all questions. They reached out to us yesterday to make sure that we knew that was the case and I’m sure he’s willing to do so.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

Charlie Sykes, MSNBC political analyst and former radio talk show host, made his “Meet the Press” debut appearance, joining MSNBC’s **Joy-Ann Reid,** The Wall Street Journal’s **Kimberley Strassel** and The Cook Political Report’s **Amy Walter** to discuss the week in politics, including [this week’s special election in Montana.](#)

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MEET THE PRESS EXCLUSIVE: FMR. STATE SEC. KERRY: TRUMP FINDING A BETTER CLIMATE DEAL IS ‘LIKE OJ SIMPSON SAYING HE’S GOING TO FIND THE REAL KILLER’

EXCLUSIVE: John Kerry on London terror attacks: “Travel ban will be cannon fodder to the recruiters” ALSO: EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt: Withdrawing from Paris climate agreement “was not a political decision” PLUS: Preview from NBC News anchor Megyn Kelly of her exclusive, one-on-one interview with Russian President Vladimir Putin, airing tonight on NBC at 7p/6c

JUNE 4, 2017 -- **Former Secretary of State John Kerry** exclusively told “Meet the Press” moderator Chuck Todd that President Trump finding a better deal than the Paris climate accord is “like O.J. Simpson saying he's going to go out and find the real killer.”

On the London terror attacks, Kerry said that Britain has “had a longstanding problem with respect to greater levels of alienation, a harder time assimilating into the broader British society, a lack of similar opportunity ... I'm going to leave it to her [Prime Minister Theresa May] and to them to sort that out, particularly five days before an election. “

He added: The “travel ban will be cannon fodder to the recruiters. It's the worst thing we could do. But we do need to do and we do extraordinary screening.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

E.P.A. Administrator Scott Pruitt also joined this morning’s broadcast, telling Todd that “the rest of the world applauded” the Paris climate accord “because it put us at an economic disadvantage.” The decision of the United States to withdraw from the agreement “was not a political decision,” he added. [Watch the full interview.](#)

Former Vice President Al Gore addressed the White House’s economic defense for withdrawing from the climate deal : “The loss of jobs in the coal industry started with the mechanization of the coal industry. Natural gas started displacing coal and the fossil fuel sector, and promising to re-create the 19th century is not a visionary strategy for a successful 21st century.” [Watch this exchange](#), and tune in tomorrow to MSNBC’s “MTP Daily” at 5 p.m. ET for the full interview.

NBC News chief foreign correspondent **Richard Engel** and NBC News national security analyst **Michael Leiter** shared the latest developments on the London terror attacks in the beginning of this morning’s program. Engel reported live from London: “There is a concern that we might not be at the end of this. This is the holy month of Ramadan. ISIS has called for its supporters to carry out attacks during Ramadan.” [Watch the segment.](#)

NBC News anchor **Megyn Kelly** shared [a preview of her exclusive, one-on-one interview with Russian President Vladimir Putin](#), who said that he “didn’t even really talk” to former National

Security Adviser Michael Flynn at a dinner both attended in December 2015. **Tune in to the debut of “Sunday Night with Megyn Kelly” this evening at 7 p.m. ET / 6 p.m. CT for more from her interview with Putin.**

Democratic strategist **Stephanie Cutter**, The Washington Post’s **Michael Gerson**, radio talk show host **Hugh Hewitt** and Demos President **Heather McGhee** addressed the week in news, [including the upcoming hearing of former F.B.I. Director James Comey.](#)

Read the full transcript of this morning’s show on [MeetThePress.com.](#)

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June 11 – Preempted – due to French Open

‘THE PRESIDENT IS NOT UNDER INVESTIGATION FROM THE SPECIAL COUNSEL,’ TRUMP LAWYER TELLS ‘MEET THE PRESS’ MODERATOR CHUCK TODD

PLUS: Trump Lawyer Sekulow: “He’s not afraid of the investigation. There is no investigation”

ALSO: Sen. Rubio on the Russia probe: “The president’s pretty fired up about this” EXCLUSIVE:

Sen. King says “the collusion, the cooperation aspect of this investigation is not over ... We’re 20 percent into it”

JUNE 18, 2017 -- “The president is not under investigation from the special counsel,” **Jay Sekulow, a member of President Trump’s legal team**, told “Meet the Press” moderator Chuck Todd this morning.

“He’s not afraid of the investigation. There is no investigation,” he added. [Watch the full interview.](#)

Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee, noted “one thing we’ve learned, I think, from the testimony of multiple people now is the president’s pretty fired up about this,” referring to the Russia probe.

He also addressed legislation passed earlier this week by the Senate that would impose additional sanctions against Russia and limit the president’s power to lift them in the future: “I personally believe that at the core of the resistance is not the president, and I don’t think the president himself has a problem with additional sanctions on Russia.” [Watch the full interview.](#)

“I can say categorically that the collusion, the cooperation aspect of the investigation is not over. And as far as that goes, I’d say we’re 20 percent into it,” **Sen. Angus King (I-Maine)**, who also serves on the Senate Intelligence Committee, exclusively shared on this morning’s broadcast. [Watch the full interview.](#)

The program's roundtable this morning was comprised of **David Brooks** from The New York Times, **Danielle Pletka** of the American Enterprise Institute, **Eugene Robinson** of The Washington Post and **Amy Walter** of The Cook Political Report; their discussions included the president's tweets and [this week's congressional baseball shooting](#).

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"MEET THE PRESS" EXCLUSIVE: JOHNSON ON HEALTHCARE VOTE: 'DELAY THE THING,' SANDERS: 'NO WAY ON GOD'S EARTH THAT THIS BILL SHOULD BE PASSED THIS WEEK'

Wis. Sen. Ron Johnson (R): "These bills aren't going to fix the problem" Vt. Sen. Bernie Sanders (I): "There has not been one public hearing" on healthcare bill Ohio Rep. Tim Ryan (D) on party's Pelosi criticism: "This is not about us having a family fight publicly"

JUNE 25, 2017 – In an exclusive interview this morning, **Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.)** told "Meet the Press" moderator Chuck Todd that, when it comes to the Senate healthcare bill vote slated for this Thursday, he "would like to delay the thing." "There's no way we should be voting on this next week. No way," he said.

"What I find so disappointing is these bills aren't going to fix the problem. They're not addressing the root cause. They're doing the same old Washington thing, throwing more money at the problem," the senator added. [Watch the full interview.](#)

Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) exclusively agreed with Johnson on this morning's broadcast to delay the Senate healthcare vote: "Sen. Johnson is right. There is no way on God's earth that this bill should be passed this week."

Sanders, who argued that "we need a serious discussion" and that "there has not been one public hearing" on health care, also addressed the week's special GA-06 election: "There is a massive amount of demoralization on the part of the American people with the Democratic Party, with the Republican Party." [Watch the full interview.](#)

Reps. Tim Ryan (D-Ohio) and Debbie Dingell (D-Mich.) exclusively joined "Meet the Press" to discuss the future of the Democratic Party and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi's leadership. "This is not about us having a family fight publicly," said Ryan. In reference to this week's special GA-06 election: "It would be hard for us to say that after five million being spent tying that candidate to her [Pelosi], that it didn't have some effect. The Republicans wouldn't still be using this if it didn't have some effect. And so it's still being used for a reason." Dingell

noted: "If you'd get pragmatic, we always attack the leader. I don't care who it is." [Watch the discussion.](#)

This morning's roundtable, which discussed the week in politics, including the Better Care Reconciliation Act and Rep. Pelosi's leadership, was comprised of The New York Times' **Helene Cooper**, NBC News' **Hallie Jackson**, The New York Times Magazine's **Mark Leibovich** and syndicated columnist **George F. Will**.

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

PSA ENGLISH	HOUSE ID	SOURCE	LENGTH
Veterans	MI12717	ADCOUNCIL	1:00
AHAF.ORG	MI12718	ADCOUNCIL	1:00
Letsmove.org	MI12719	ADCOUNCIL	1:00
Gift of Life	MI12754	UNITED NETWORK FOR ORGAN SHARING	1:00
Life's Doors - Buzzed Driving	MI12746	ADCOUNCIL	:30
Turtle Power - Bullying Prevention	MI12747	ADCOUNCIL	:30
Ashes Tall Grasses	MI12748	ADCOUNCIL	:30
We'd Do Anything For Kids	MI12750	ADCOUNCIL	:30
We Are America	MI12751	ADCOUNCIL	:30
Gift of Life	MI12755	UNITED NETWORK FOR ORGAN SHARING	:30
Children's Miracle Network	MI12714	ADCOUNCIL	:30
Arrowhead Narconon	MI12713	ADCOUNCIL	:30
United Way	MI12716	ADCOUNCIL	:30
Todd	MI12743	ADCOUNCIL	:30
Read	MI12744	ADCOUNCIL	:30
Feed the Pig	MI12745	ADCOUNCIL	:30
Bullying Prevention	MI12706	ADCOUNCIL	:30

AHAF.ORG	MI12709	ADCOUNCIL	:30
Don't Drink and Drive	MI12711	ADCOUNCIL	:30
Veterans	MI12712	ADCOUNCIL	:30
Hamilton the Pug	MI12749	ADCOUNCIL	:15
Lock It Up	MI12702	ADCOUNCIL	:15
Gift of Life	MI12756	UNITED NETWORK FOR ORGAN SHARING	:15
Learning.org	MI12704	ADCOUNCIL	:15
Letsmove.org	MI12700	ADCOUNCIL	:10
SPANISH:			
AHAF 60	MI13712	ADCOUNCIL	1:00
CDC1 60	MI13711	ADCOUNCIL	1:00
CDC2 60	MI13710	ADCOUNCIL	1:00
MARINE 60	MI13713	ADCOUNCIL	1:00
GUARD 1	MI13707	ADCOUNCIL	:30
CYBER BULLYING			
SPANISH	MI13708	ADCOUNCIL	:30
CDC 1 30	MI13700	ADCOUNCIL	:30
CDC 2 30	MI13703	ADCOUNCIL	:30
BOOST 1	MI13705	ADCOUNCIL	:30
BOOST 2	MI13706	ADCOUNCIL	:30
MARINE 30	MI13704	ADCOUNCIL	:30
GUARD 2	MI13709	ADCOUNCIL	:30
AHAF 30	MI13701	ADCOUNCIL	:30
ADA 30	MI13702	ADCOUNCIL	:30

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
Oil Industry	4/12/2017	KWES 6 PM	PERMIAN OIL EXPO		00:00:00
	4/12/2017	KWES 6 PM	4B TAX MEETING	DO YOU WANT TO KEEP PAYING EXTRA SALES TAX IN MIDLAND? EARLY VOTING WILL START SOON ON WHETHER OR NOT TO KEEP THE 4-B TAX. TODAY...MAYOR JERRY MORALES AND OPPONENT BUDDY SIPES LAID OUT THEIR CASE...ON WHY YOU SHOULD OR SHOULDN'T VOTE FOR IT. CAITLYN NIX HAS THE STORY.	00:02:43
Oil Industry	4/12/2017	KWES 6 PM	PERMIAN OIL EXPO	THE PERMIAN BASIN OIL AND GAS EXPO KICKED OFF AT THE HORSESHOE PAVILION IN MIDLAND TODAY... THE EVENT BLENDS EDUCATION AND A TRADE SHOW FOR FOLKS IN THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY. IT ALSO LETS THEM NETWORK AND FIND SOLUTIONS TO THEIR BUSINESS PROBLEMS. ABOUT 90 VENDORS ...	00:00:44
Health	4/12/2017	KWES 6 PM	HABITAT FIRE SAFETY	"It uses the domestic portable water for the house as a fire sprinkler system so you don't have to have an extra meter, you don't have to have anything else." "This new system which is much much more efficient and cost effective." Residential fire sprinklers are becoming...	00:00:00
City & County	4/12/2017	KWES 6 PM	4B TAX MEETING		00:00:01
Criminal Activity	4/12/2017	KWES 6 PM	MATINO SENTENCE	THE MAN BEHIND A SERIES OF BOMB THREATS.. THE DAY OF A SCHOOL SHOOTING IN ALPINE.. WAS SENTENCED TODAY IN FEDERAL COURT... BUT HE WON'T BE SPENDING ANY MORE TIME IN JAIL... TODAY.. A FEDERAL JUDGE IN MIDLAND SENTENCED 17-YEAR-OLD NICHOLAS MARTINO OF NEW JERSEY.. TO TIME...	00:00:44
City & County	4/12/2017	KWES 6 PM	BUSTIN FOR BADGES		00:00:00
Criminal Activity	4/12/2017	KWES 6 PM	BREWSTER CO MARIJUANA	CHECK OUT WHAT BREWSTER COUNTY DEPUTIES DISCOVERED. 300-POUNDS OF POT. THEY SAY THEY SPOTTED A GROUP OF PEOPLE ON A RANCH TUESDAY NIGHT. WHEN THE GROUP SAW THEM...THEY DROPPED THE POT..AND RAN. THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS LOOKING FOR FIVE PEOPLE..WHO GOT AWAY. FOUR ME...	00:00:18
Issue	Date	Program	Segment	Summary	Duration
Health	5/23/2017	KWES 6 PM	CLICK IT OR TICKET	THE NEXT TIME YOU'RE IN A CAR.. YOU'LL WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE BUCKLED UP... FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.. LAW ENFORCEMENT WILL BE STEPPING UP THEIR PATROLS TO ACTIVELY TICKET DRIVERS AND THEIR PASSENGERS WHO ARE NOT WEARING A SEATBELT. IT'S PART OF THE ANNUAL *CLICK...	00:00:38
Criminal Activity	5/23/2017	KWES 6 PM	POLO MURDER SENTENCE	A MIDLAND MAN HAS LEARNED HOW LONG HE WILL BE BEHIND BARS AFTER BEING CONVICTED OF MURDER... ERNESTO NATIVIDAD WILL BE SPENDING THE NEXT 20 YEARS IN JAIL... HE WAS CONVICTED OF MURDER BY A MIDLAND JURY LAST WEEK... NATVIDAD WAS ARRESTED LAST YEAR FOR SHOOTING AND K...	00:00:18
Criminal Activity	5/23/2017	KWES 6 PM	CRUDE FEST STATS	CRUDE FEST MADE ITS ANNUAL SPLASH OVER THE WEEKEND... AND NOW WE'RE LEARNING JUST HOW MUCH RUCKUS THE EVENT CAUSED... THE MIDLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TELLS US THAT BETWEEN THURSDAY AND SUNDAY... 23-PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED FOR PUBLIC INTOXICATION AT THE MUSIC FES...	00:00:26
Health	5/23/2017	KWES 6 PM	PANHANDLERS TSR TEASE	It's almost impossible to drive in Midland without seeing someone asking for money... the homeless population has increased in that past couple of years but many of these panhandlers aren't even from here... the city of Midland says they don't expect them to go a...	00:00:50
Politics	5/23/2017	KWES 6 PM	CONAWAY INTELLIGENCE		00:00:00
Criminal Activity	5/23/2017	TELEMUNDO 5PM	PB LAWMEN SWORN IN	hablando de oficiales del alguacil la oficina del alguacil del condado ector ahora cuenta con mas personal esto despues de que cuatro oficiales fueran juramentados cada uno de los oficiales pasaron 40 horas por semana en la academia y despues por un largo proceso para c...	00:00:19
Criminal Activity	5/23/2017	TELEMUNDO 5PM	GUN ON CAMPUS	un estudiante de la preparatoria lee en midland fue arrestado despues de un incidente involucrando una arma de fuego en el plantel todo comenzo cuando crime stoppers recibio una llamada por parte de un alumno informando que un compañero habia llevado a la escuela una...	00:00:29

Issue	Date	Program	Segment	Summary	Duration
Health	6/6/2017	EARLY SUNRISE	SUMMER FOOD PROGRAMS	THE WEST TEXAS FOOD BANK IS BRINGING FOOD FOR KIDS THIS SUMMER.. KIDS 18 YEARS OLD AND UNDER CAN GET FREE MEALS.. THERE'S NO SIGN UP AND KIDS ARE PROVIDED MEALS AND GET TO DO AN ACTIVITY... LOCATIONS TO ARE OPEN MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY... ALL WITH DIFFERENT TIMES... ..	00:00:45
Health	6/6/2017	KWES 6 PM	SWIMMING POOL ILLNESS		00:00:01
Criminal Activity	6/6/2017	SUNRISE	CLINT YOUNG EXECUTION	A MAN...CONVICTED OF MURDER.. AND DUMPING ONE OF THE BODIES IN MIDLAND COUNTY BACK IN 2003.. HAS AN EXECUTION DATE.. CLINTON YOUNG IS SCHEDULED TO BE EXECUTED OCTOBER 26-TH.. YOUNG WAS CONVICTED BACK IN 2003 FOR THE CAPITAL MURDERS OF TWO EAST TEXAS MEN.. 41-YE...	00:00:34
Criminal Activity	6/6/2017	EARLY SUNRISE	CLINT YOUNG EXECUTION	A MAN...CONVICTED OF MURDER.. AND DUMPING ONE OF THE BODIES IN MIDLAND COUNTY BACK IN 2003.. HAS AN EXECUTION DATE.. CLINTON YOUNG IS SCHEDULED TO BE EXECUTED OCTOBER 26-TH.. YOUNG WAS CONVICTED BACK IN 2003 FOR THE CAPITAL MURDERS OF TWO EAST TEXAS MEN.. 41-YE...	00:00:32
Criminal Activity	6/6/2017	TELEMUNDO 10PM - new	CLINT YOUNG EXECUTION	Se fijo una fecha de ejecución para un asesino convicto del Condado Midland. clinton young esta programado para ser ejecutado el proximo 26 de octubre a punto de las sies de la tarde young fue convicto de asesinato capital en la muerte de doyle douglas de 41 años de...	00:00:47
City & County	6/6/2017	KWES 5 PM	MIDLAND CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP	THE CITY OF MIDLAND IS ENVISIONING WHAT THE NEXT THREE YEARS WILL LOOK LIKE... TODAY CITY LEADERS MET TO TALK ABOUT DIFFERENT WAYS TO IMPROVE MIDLAND AT THEIR ANNUAL RETREAT. THEY WENT OVER THE CITY'S POPULATION GROWTH IN PREVIOUS YEARS AND POINTED OUT DIFFERENT WAY...	00:00:48