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This report documents the significant issues ascertained within the 12 present transmitter areas The University of North Carolina Center for Public Media for the period of January, February and March 2021.

BACKGROUND

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requires that each licensee ascertain the significant issues within its community each quarter in a manner it deems most effective.

The information extracted is used for research and planning by the program and production departments of The Center. Provided in this report is a list of programs broadcast which represent the most significant treatment of the enumerated community issues.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA CENTER FOR PUBLIC MEDIA

QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS LIST FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH 2021 STATEWIDE LIST OF MOST SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

EDUCATION:

Low college enrollment, short term program growth, teacher unions, CARES Act

ECONOMY/BUSINESS:

Bad jobs report, shortage of skilled tradespeople, possible minimum wage increase

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT:

Elections, Capitol Hill riots, false election claims, stimulus aid package

ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE:

haulers", new COVID strains

MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS/CRIME/LEGAL/LAW ENFORCEMENT:

First Black Secretary of Defense, lower rates of vaccination among minorities,

ISSUE	DATE	TIME	LENGTH	PROGRAM	FORMAT	DESCRIPTION
JANUARY						
ECONOMY/BUSINESS	Thursdays	5pm	30 minutes	Carolina Business Review	Public Affairs	Weekly program about doing business in the Carolinas.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	Fridays	8:30pm	30 minutes	Front Row with Marc Rotterman	Interview/Discussion/Review	Host Marc Rotterman and a rotating panel of guests assess the week's national headlines and assess how North Carolinians are affected.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	Saturdays	5pm	30 minutes	Carolina Outdoor Journal	Lifestyle/Feature	This perennial favorite how-to program travels the length of North Carolina, from rugged mountain terrain to coastal Gulf Stream waters in order to reel in the tastiest fish, track the best game and explore the state's vast natural beauty.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	1/1/2021	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The U.S. Departments of Veterans Affairs operates the nation's biggest hospital system, serving millions of former service members around the country. But according to a series of investigative reports in ProPublica, that system has suffered badly during the pandemic, and is failing to protect its own health staff. William Brangham spoke with ProPublica reporter J. David McSwane to learn more.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	1/4/2021	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Lawmakers returned to Washington, D.C this week, but control of the U.S. Senate still hangs in the balance. It all comes down to two senate runoff elections tomorrow in Georgia. Lisa Desjardins reports on the final push for control of the Senate.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	1/4/2021	6pm	10 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The U.S. is stumbling out of the gate in getting the COVID-19 vaccine distributed in 2021, as a more contagious variant of the virus spreads around the country. Dr. Robert M. Wachter, the head of the department of medicine at the University of California at San Francisco, joins William Brangham to discuss the vaccine rollout, and why he thinks the U.S. should delay a second round of COVID doses.

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	1/5/2021	6pm	9 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	It is a transition like no other with President Trump denying election results and defying the democratic process. In Washington D.C., hundreds met outside the U.S. Capitol in support of the president -- a preview of what's expected to be a much larger protest Wednesday as Congress begins certifying election results. Lisa Desjardins reports, and Sen. Amy Klobuchar joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.
EDUCATION	1/5/2021	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	More than 397,000 people at American colleges and universities have contracted the coronavirus since March. As campuses nationwide look to start the third pandemic semester in coming weeks, the grim toll on higher education is mounting with the basic survival of entire institutions also on the line. Hari sreenivasan reports as part of our series, "Rethinking College."
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	1/6/2021	6pm	11 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	As protesters stormed the U.S. Capitol Wednesday, the newest senator-elect was watching from his home in Georgia, just hours after being declared the winner in Tuesday's runoff election. Raphael Warnock is also the pastor of the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta where Martin Luther King Jr. once preached. He joins Judy Woodruff to discuss his victory.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	1/6/2021	6pm	11 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Even for veterans of Capitol Hill Wednesday was a day like no other. As an angry mob broke into the Capitol Democrats in Georgia captured both runoff elections, creating a 50-50 split in the Senate. Mississippi Republican Trent Lott and South Dakota Democrat Tom Daschle shared power for their respective parties the last time the body had a 50-50 split in 2001. They join Judy Woodruff to discuss.

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	1/6/2021	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Hours after a pro-Trump mob broke into the U.S. Capitol Wednesday, the president continued to make false claims about the election results. Mary McCord, former acting assistant attorney general for national security at the Department of Justice. She now teaches at Georgetown Law School, and joins Judy Woodruff to discuss some of the extremist elements of his base.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	1/6/2021	6pm	12 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	In a historic and tragic day, lawmakers returned late Wednesday to continue certifying electoral votes in the 2020 presidential election, a process that was disrupted by a chaotic scene, as protestors broke into the U.S. Capitol. One woman was fatally shot by police in the violent intrusion. Lisa Desjardins, Yamiche Alcindor and Amna Nawaz join Judy Woodruff to break down the latest.
ECONOMY/BUSINESS	1/8/2021	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	As President-elect Biden prepares to change the federal government's approach to COVID, he's also about to inherit an economy that may be slowing down. Friday's jobs report was the worst in the last eight months and that economic sluggishness is tied to the COVID surge. Cecilia Rouse is Biden's nominee to be the chair of his Council of Economic Advisers. She joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	1/11/2021	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	House Democrats on Monday continued to push Republicans to back their efforts to remove President Trump from office. Delaware Democratic Sen. Chris Coons, who is one of President-elect Joe Biden's closest allies on Capitol Hill, joins Judy Woodruff to discuss the likelihood of an expedited impeachment process and whether it will impact Biden's agenda.

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	1/12/2021	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Democrats are nearly unanimous in their decision to impeach President Trump a second time, while Republicans are split about the path forward. Republican Rep. Tom Reed of New York says the House should censure the president but not pursue impeachment at this time. Reed is also the co-chair of the Problem Solvers Caucus, and he joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	1/12/2021	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Operation Warp Speed may have produced effective COVID vaccines in record time, but administering them has been another matter. Just 9 million of the more than 25 million doses distributed have been given out, according to the CDC. But the Trump administration on Tuesday made big changes to the program. Jennifer Nuzzo, an epidemiologist at Johns Hopkins University, joins John Yang to discuss.
EDUCATION	1/12/2021	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Typically during a recession, community college enrollment goes up as unemployed workers start looking for new skills. But that's not happening this time around, signaling trouble for the economy and individual families going forward, particularly for lower-income students and students of color. Hari Sreenivasan reports as part of our ongoing series, "Rethinking College."
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	1/13/2021	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	A week after a violent riot engulfed the Capitol, the U.S. House of Representatives impeached President Trump with a charge of instigating the assault. Lisa Desjardins reports.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	1/13/2021	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	They've become known as "long haulers" -- people who've been infected with COVID-19 but can't seem to rid their bodies of its effects months later. Their symptoms run the gamut, from shortness of breath to heart palpitations to extreme fatigue. And this mystery has the medical community scrambling. Stephanie Sy reports.

ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	1/13/2021	7:30pm	30 minutes	Focus on Coronavirus	Interview/Discussion/Review	Host Tom Campbell and Dr. Mandy Cohen, Secretary of the NC Dept. of Health and Human Services, discusses the week's COVID-19 statistics and policies in this special on-going series.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	1/14/2021	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	As the days dwindle in the Trump administration, they are still issuing rules and regulations, sanctions and designations that could have impacts both abroad and at home, beyond the end of the administration. William Brangham and Nick Schiffrin discuss Trump's orders and how some of them might hamstring the Biden administration.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	1/14/2021	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The events at the Capitol, beginning with a violent mob and ending with the second impeachment of President Trump, have exposed deep rifts in the Republican Party. With Trump set to leave office, we discuss the GOP's future with Lanhee Chen, a Hoover Institution fellow who's advised several Republican presidential candidates, and Gary Abernathy, a contributing columnist to The Washington Post.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	1/15/2021	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Editor's Note: In our interview, the guest, Dr. Peter Hotez, misspoke and said the U.S. could be facing 400,000 deaths a day by Inauguration Day. Dr. Hotez meant to say the total death toll in the U.S. since the pandemic began is expected to reach 400,000 by then. Experts agree with that general projection.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	1/15/2021	6pm	56 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Following the aftermath of the Jan. 6, 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol, "American Reckoning – A PBS NewsHour Special Report" looks at the economic and racial history that led to a political divide between Americans, the impact of President Donald Trump's rhetoric throughout his presidency and the next steps for the nation to heal from the recent attack on American democracy.

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	1/15/2021	6pm	9 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	President-elect Joe Biden on Thursday unveiled a major legislative package to address the twin health and economic crises now facing his administration. The \$1.9 trillion plan would bolster funding for states, schools and small business, among other proposals. Heather Boushey, an incoming member of the Biden administration's White House Council of Economic Advisers, joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	1/18/2021	6pm	9 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Each day the U.S. is averaging more than 130,000 hospitalizations and more than 3,000 deaths. States reported more than 23,000 deaths over last week alone. That's about 25 percent higher than at any point in the pandemic. Vaccinations remain a key hope, but distribution is slow and disorganized in many places. Colorado Gov. Jared Polis, a critic of the rollout, joins William Brangham to discuss.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	1/19/2021	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	As President Trump leaves office, a new PBS NewsHour/NPR/Marist poll shows that just 38 percent of Americans approve of his presidency, while 57 percent disapprove of his job performance. Peter Wehner, a senior fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center who served in the last three Republican administrations, joins Judy Woodruff for a bigger look at Trump's four years in the White House.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	1/19/2021	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	College students have long been prone to stress, anxiety and depression. And three out of four Americans between the ages of 18 and 24 report poor mental health tied to the pandemic, according to the CDC. Hari Sreenivasan reports as part of our ongoing series, "Rethinking College."

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	1/20/2021	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	An important glass ceiling was broken Wednesday when Kamala Harris became the country's first female vice president. Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton is a longtime civil rights activist and she also represents the District of Columbia in Congress. She joins Judy Woodruff to discuss Harris' accomplishments, President Biden's agenda, and security in Washington.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	1/20/2021	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	In years past, the National Mall is normally filled with tens of thousands of people attending a presidential inauguration. But those crowds were missing for the swearing in of Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, amid the pandemic and a massive security apparatus in place after violent insurrectionists stormed the U.S. Capitol. Amna Nawaz and Nick Schiffrin join Judy Woodruff to discuss.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	1/20/2021	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	This day has seen the inauguration of Joseph Robinette Biden, Jr. as the 46th president of the United States. He was sworn in Wednesday to lead the nation into the post-Trump era, facing deep political divisions and the worst public health crisis in a century. And Kamala Harris made history as the first woman and first person of color to be sworn in as vice president. John Yang reports.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	1/20/2021	7:30pm	30 minutes	COVID Uncovered	Interview/Discussion/Review	PBS North Carolina meets North Carolinians affected by COVID-19 and learns from experts reining in the pandemic.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	1/21/2021	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	President Biden is calling for a full-scale wartime approach to the pandemic and its impact. Michael Osterholm, an epidemiologist and director of the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy at the University of Minnesota, joins William Brangham to discuss what needs to be done moving forward.

ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	1/21/2021	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The pace of vaccinations in the U.S. is failing to meet expectations, in part due to inadequate production and supply. But President Biden is planning to invoke the federal Defense Production Act in an effort to ensure companies, manufacturers and states get what they need. Miles O'Brien reports on what some companies are already doing to avoid a bottleneck in production and delivery.
MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS/CRIME/LEGAL/LAW ENFORCEMENT	1/22/2021	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The confirmation of Retired Gen. Lloyd Austin as the first Black secretary of defense is a milestone. Nick Schiffrin reports on how it also spotlights the racial disparities at the highest level of the military ranks.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	1/26/2021	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	By one count nursing homes and assisted-living facilities account for about 6 percent of COVID cases but 40 percent of virus-related deaths. Now some state officials are worried vaccinations are moving on to other parts of the populations before long-term care residents and staff are inoculated. David Grabowski, health care policy professor at Harvard Medical School, joins John Yang to discuss.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	1/26/2021	6pm	9 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	In his first week in office, President Biden has made several moves to address equity in America. White House domestic policy adviser Susan Rice, who has echoed the president's commitment to expand opportunities for Americans, joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.
EDUCATION	1/26/2021	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	It's been a brutal academic year for higher education, with enrollment down in the fall more than 560,000 undergraduate students compared to 2019. But there has been at least one area of growth at many schools: short-term programs that help students gain new skills for the workforce quickly. Hari Sreenivasan reports as part of our ongoing series, "Rethinking College."

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	1/26/2021	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	President Biden is moving on new fronts in his latest spate of policy actions Tuesday that include boosting COVID vaccine supplies and addressing racial equity. Biden's actions come as the U.S. Senate gears up to put his predecessor on trial. Lisa Desjardins and Yamiche Alcindor report.
MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS/CRIME/LEGAL/LAW ENFORCEMENT	1/27/2021	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	A recent analysis by Kaiser Health News finds Black and Latino citizens are getting vaccines at significantly lower rates in many states. This is especially worrying given disparities in COVID-19 death rates, with Black, Indigenous and Latino people dying at much higher rates than white people. Dr. Mysheika Roberts, public health commissioner of Columbus, Ohio, joins Stephanie Sy to discuss.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	1/27/2021	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	As President Biden moves to address the issue of climate change, the task of combating the global crisis often starts with local leadership taking charge. Midland, Texas Mayor Patrick Payton and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Mayor William Peduto join Judy Woodruff to discuss their views on Biden's climate and energy policies.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	1/27/2021	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	President Biden is doing a 180 from his predecessor's policies and is vowing to confront the issue of climate change head on. But most Republicans have pushed back on climate change efforts. White House national climate adviser and former head of the EPA, Gina McCarthy, joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	1/27/2021	7:30pm	30 minutes	COVID Uncovered	Interview/Discussion/Review	PBS North Carolina meets North Carolinians affected by COVID-19 and learns from experts reining in the pandemic.

ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	1/28/2021	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	A key part of one of the executive orders signed by President Biden Thursday will reopen enrollment for the Affordable Care Act. Biden's other executive action will revoke a policy that barred funding for groups overseas that performed abortions or offered information about them. Paige Winfield Cunningham, a Washington Post reporter covering health care policy, joins Amna Nawaz to discuss.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	1/28/2021	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	There are now several troubling variants of the coronavirus circulating, and a few seem to make the virus more contagious. One variant , the United Kingdom strain, is also more likely to make people sick or to kill them. The CDC believes that strain will become dominant in the U.S. as soon as March. William Brangham reports on what experts say about avoiding exposure.
ECONOMY/BUSINESS	1/28/2021	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	There's a shortage of skilled tradespeople throughout the American economy, and it is a persistent problem that started well before the pandemic. But what's behind that gap and what can be done? Paul Solman reports for our series, "Work Shift", which focuses on navigating the job market in a post-COVID economy.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	1/29/2021	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The Biden administration wants a \$1.9 trillion COVID aid plan passed by Congress as a way to address issues related to vaccine distribution, and President Biden indicated Friday he's willing to move forward without bipartisan support. Brian Deese, Biden's lead negotiator with Congress on the COVID deal and the director of the White House National Economic Council, joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.

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FEBRUARY						
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LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	2/1/2021	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Negotiations over new action to stimulate the economy are moving into higher gear Monday. After releasing a \$1.9 trillion aid plan last month, President Biden held a first meeting with Senate Republicans who are pushing an alternative plan. White House correspondent Yamiche Alcindor reports.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	2/1/2021	6pm	9 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The storming of the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 was a shocking moment for many Americans, but new details are emerging about who was involved and how it was planned. A New York Times report examines the role former President Trump and his allies played in the crucial weeks leading up to the attack. Jim Rutenberg, a writer-at-large for the Times, joins Amna Nawaz to discuss some of the key points.

EDUCATION	2/2/2021	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	As the pandemic drags on, the toll taken on students and teachers, while trying to protect them from infection, has become one of the outbreak's most vexing and intractable challenges. Becky Pringle, president of the National Education Association, the nation's largest teachers union, joins Stephanie Sy to discuss.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	2/2/2021	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Democrats and Republicans are preparing for an unprecedented second impeachment trial for former President Trump, which is set to begin in the U.S. Senate next week, as Trump's legal team offered a first glimpse at their defense. Lisa Desjardins joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	2/2/2021	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	President Biden appears ready to continue the push for his \$1.9 trillion pandemic relief plan a day after he met with Senate Republicans to discuss its size and scope. Jared Bernstein, who was appointed to the White House Council of Economic Advisers, joins Judy Woodruff to discuss the Biden administration's stance on the plan.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	2/2/2021	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The Biden administration and Senate Republicans continue to debate the merits and details of the president's \$1.9 trillion relief plan. Wyoming Sen. John Barrasso, the third-highest ranking Republican in the Senate, joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	2/3/2021	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives are roiling Wednesday over the fate of two members -- and perhaps, of the party itself. At the same time, Republicans and Democrats in the Senate made a bipartisan move forward at the Capitol. Congressional correspondent Lisa Desjardins reports.

EDUCATION	2/3/2021	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The questions around when to re-open more schools for in-person classes remains front and center for millions of Americans. Data show about 42 percent of all students between kindergarten and high school are in virtual-only schooling right now. Christopher Morphew, dean of the School of Education at Johns Hopkins University, joins Stephanie Sy to discuss
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	2/4/2021	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Even as the pandemic rages on and deaths mount, communities, individuals and the federal government are finding ways to honor and keep loved ones close to their hearts. Jeffrey Brown reports for our arts and culture series, "CANVAS."
MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS/CRIME/LEGAL/LAW ENFORCEMENT	2/4/2021	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	In the aftermath of the attack at the Capitol many Americans continue to be distrustful of the election results despite it being free and fair, raising the question of where the U.S. goes from here as a country. Anne Applebaum, a staff writer at The Atlantic, joins Yamiche Alcindor to discuss.
MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS/CRIME/LEGAL/LAW ENFORCEMENT	2/4/2021	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	One month ago this Saturday, a mob of Americans stormed the U.S. Capitol in a failed attempt to deny Joe Biden's presidential victory in the November election. Since then, the Department of Justice has arrested and charged more than 180 rioters, and the Biden administration has launched a review of what it calls domestic violent extremism. Nick Schiffrin reports.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	2/4/2021	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	One of the Biden administration's primary foreign policy challenges is how to end the United States' longest war. A new bipartisan report urges the administration to remain committed to Afghanistan and ongoing peace talks. Nick Schiffrin reports.

ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	2/4/2021	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	States received a badly needed boost in shipments of the COVID-19 vaccine from the federal government this week, but the supply still is not meeting the demand. One state, Virginia, has had problems with its vaccine rollout since early on. Amna Nawaz takes a closer look at the progress it has made and the daunting challenges ahead.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	2/5/2021	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	President Biden's nearly \$2 trillion stimulus package on Friday cleared a procedural hurdle in the Senate, as a tepid jobs report confirmed the economy is still sputtering from the pandemic. Raphael Bostic, president and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, joins Judy Woodruff to discuss who has been most impacted and the federal government's response in reaching those in need.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	2/5/2021	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	President Biden's plans to pass a \$1.9 trillion stimulus package picked up some momentum Friday as Democrats in Congress approved a basic blueprint. While the measures don't have the force of law, lawmakers are expected to begin writing the details of a major package next week. Yamiche Alcindor reports.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	2/9/2021	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Democrats and Republicans Tuesday made their arguments over the constitutionality of President Trump impeachment trial and his role in the attacks on the Capitol in January. Michael McConnell, of the Stanford Law School, is a constitutional scholar and former judge who was nominated to the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals by President George W. Bush. He joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	2/9/2021	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	States across the country have been struggling to distribute the COVID-19 vaccines quickly. But seven weeks into their rollout, West Virginia has found a way to vaccinate more of its population than almost any other state, including delivering both doses of a vaccine to all nursing home residents and most health care workers. Amna Nawaz reports.

ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	2/9/2021	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The data are preliminary so far, but there are concerns that some new COVID strains are more infectious, more deadly, and possibly even more resistant to the vaccines -- and experts stress mass vaccination is crucial to slowing the spread. Dr. Atul Gawande, a staff writer for the New Yorker and a Massachusetts's surgeon leading an inoculation campaign, joins William Brangham to discuss.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	2/9/2021	6pm	11 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The United States Senate has made history Tuesday prosecuting a past president for the first time. Defendant Donald Trump is also making history, as the first president to be tried twice. Congressional correspondent Lisa Desjardins and White House correspondent Yamiche Alcindor join Judy Woodruff to discuss the first day of trial proceedings.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	2/10/2021	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	About 1.5 million people in the U.S. are getting a shot of the COVID vaccine each day, and about 10 percent of Americans have received at least one dose so far. But the pace and the supply remain far too low. Andy Slavitt, a White House senior adviser on the COVID-19 response who has been at the center of the Biden administration's efforts to increase those numbers, joins Amna Nawaz to discuss.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	2/10/2021	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The opioids crisis that has taken hundreds of thousands of American lives has received less attention in the pandemic, but drug overdoses and deaths have grown during the last year. Now, one of the world's most powerful corporate consulting firms has agreed to a major settlement for its role in the sale of painkillers. Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healy joins Stephanie Sy to discuss.

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	2/11/2021	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	President Trump's defense team will make their argument Friday in his impeachment trial. Elizabeth Chryst, the Republican Senate secretary during President Bill Clinton's impeachment trial, and Melody Barnes, of the University of Virginia's Democracy Initiative, helped broker that trial's rules as chief counsel to Massachusetts Sen. Ted Kennedy. They join Judy Woodruff to discuss Trump's trial.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	2/12/2021	6pm	12 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The impeachment trial this week has revealed a number of new, chilling details of the Jan. 6 U.S. Capitol attack. For the first time, Sen. Patty Murray from Washington state and the highest ranking female Democrat in the Senate, told Judy Woodruff Friday about the terror she experienced that day while hiding, just inches from the violent mob, who she says were looking to "kill."
MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS/CRIME/LEGAL/LAW ENFORCEMENT	2/12/2021	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The Open Technology Fund is a small, government-funded organization that fights for internet freedom around the globe -- the kind of freedom restricted by governments in China and Iran and cut off last week by Myanmar's military. On Friday, OTF received funding that had been halted last year in a battle over what became a symbol of Trump administration turmoil. Nick Schiffrin reports.
MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS/CRIME/LEGAL/LAW ENFORCEMENT	2/16/2021	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	In the aftermath of the killings by police of George Floyd and other black men and women, American institutions of all kinds have looked to their past and present to understand their relationships to race and racism. That reckoning continues at colleges and universities, many of which have direct ties to the history of slavery. Jeffrey Brown reports for our arts and culture series, "CANVAS."

ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	2/18/2021	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	South Africa is battling to contain a mutant strain of COVID-19 that has now been found in more than 30 other countries, including in the U.S., which has prompted a raft of travel bans on South Africa. But across Africa itself, borders remain very much open on a continent that has little hope of getting enough vaccines for years to come. Special correspondent Chris Ocamringa reports.
MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS/CRIME/LEGAL/LAW ENFORCEMENT	2/18/2021	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The pandemic's toll was highlighted in stark terms again Thursday as the expected life spans fell in the U.S. by a year on average in the first half of 2020. It is the largest drop since World War II, and gaps along racial lines are profound. Dr. Reed Tuckson, Washington, D.C.'s former public health commissioner and a leader in the Black coalition against Covid-19, joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	2/19/2021	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Native Americans have been among the hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic, but a history of medical mistreatment has led some Indigenous leaders to brace for challenges in vaccinating their communities. Special correspondent Fred de Sam Lazaro reports on those efforts.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	2/22/2021	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The U.S. on Monday marked a new, watershed moment in the COVID-19 pandemic with 500,000 confirmed deaths. It comes even as daily increases in infections and deaths have slowed sharply in recent weeks. William Brangham reports, and Judy Woodruff speaks with Dr. Angela Rasmussen, a virologist at the Georgetown University Center for Global Health Science and Security, to learn more.

ECONOMY/BUSINESS	2/23/2021	6pm	12 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	It is a tumultuous time in the news business, with a perilous financial landscape and significant percentages of Americans saying they fundamentally don't trust news sources that don't line up with their opinions. Gregory Moore, editor-in-chief at Deke Digital, and Radhika Jones, editor-in-chief of Vanity Fair, join Judy Woodruff to discuss.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	2/23/2021	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	So far, 65 million Americans have received at least one shot of either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines. As a country, the U.S. has recently picked up the pace of vaccinations, but there are concerns over supply and demand, which was the subject of a congressional hearing on Tuesday. Miles O'Brien joins John Yang to discuss.
MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS/CRIME/LEGAL/LAW ENFORCEMENT	2/23/2021	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The men who were in charge of security during the U.S. Capitol assault told their stories in public on Tuesday for the first time. Their testimony at a Senate hearing was a tale of bad communications, bad intelligence and blame-laying. Lisa Desjardins reports, and Yamiche Alcindor joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.
MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS/CRIME/LEGAL/LAW ENFORCEMENT	2/24/2021	6pm	12 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Black Americans have historically faced discrimination and even abuse by medical professionals, issues that have again come to the forefront during the pandemic. We here from Americans who have directly experienced discrimination, and Yamiche Alcindor speaks with Dr. Vanessa Northington Gamble, a professor of medical humanities at George Washington University, to discuss this painful legacy.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	2/24/2021	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	With the Senate evenly split 50-50, moderate senators have become key to getting President Biden's COVID bill passed and his Cabinet nominees approved. Sen. Jon Tester, a Democrat from Montana, joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.

ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	2/25/2021	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	COVID-19 vaccines were developed with record-breaking speed, and by late last year they were rolled out to frontline health care workers across the country. But despite being first in line many of those workers have decided to delay getting the shot. Amna Nawaz reports on the critical effort to vaccinate America's health care professionals.
MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS/CRIME/LEGAL/LAW ENFORCEMENT	2/25/2021	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Daily reports of disturbing racial incidents and what appear to be deepening racial divisions within the country leave many looking for answers. Special correspondent Charlayne Hunter-Gault recently spoke with Dr. Ronald Crutcher, a classical musician and president of the University of Richmond, about confronting the complexities of racism.
EDUCATION	2/25/2021	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	During the pandemic, the federal government has tried to boost access to broadband internet. The Cares Act provided \$150 billion to state and local governments, which many used to help extend connectivity, and the most recent stimulus package gave \$7 billion in broadband funding. Yet many children in the U.S. still can't connect for class. John Yang reports as part of our "Race Matters" series.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	2/25/2021	6pm	11 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	More than 17 million Americans could see their income rise if the \$15 minimum wage now in the COVID relief bill passes Congress. We hear from some of those who would be impacted by a minimum wage increase, and Stephanie Sy speaks with two economists with different perspectives on the topic.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	2/26/2021	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The last 24 hours have seen two major foreign policy developments. Overnight, the Biden administration launched its first known airstrike of Iranian-backed militias in Syria, and Friday, the U.S. intelligence community released a damning report tying Saudi Arabia's crown prince to the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi. Nick Schiffrin joins Judy Woodruff to discuss the latest.

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ECONOMY/BUSINESS	Thursdays	5pm	30 minutes	Carolina Business Review	Public Affairs	Weekly program about doing business in the Carolinas.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	Fridays	8:30pm	30 minutes	Front Row with Marc Rotterman	Interview/Discussion/Review	Host Marc Rotterman and a rotating panel of guests assess the week's national headlines and assess how North Carolinians are affected.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	Saturdays	5pm	30 minutes	Carolina Outdoor Journal	Lifestyle/Feature	This perennial favorite how-to program travels the length of North Carolina, from rugged mountain terrain to coastal Gulf Stream waters in order to reel in the tastiest fish, track the best game and explore the state's vast natural beauty.
EDUCATION	3/1/2021	6pm	5 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Fierce divisions seem to drive a wedge in much of American life at this moment and how we view government. Now, a prominent team of educators has released a new plan that calls for revamping history and civics classes in schools as one way to bridge the gap. Harvard professor Danielle Allen, a principal investigator for the Educating for American Democracy project, joins Judy Woodruff to
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	3/1/2021	6pm	8 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The first batch of a new COVID vaccine from Johnson & Johnson began shipping around the U.S. on Monday. But as some states began loosening pandemic restrictions, the CDC cautioned about opening too quickly. Dr. Ezekiel Emanuel, former advisor to the Biden transition team on COVID and vice provost of global initiatives at the University of Pennsylvania, joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	3/1/2021	6pm	7 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	NPR's Tamara Keith and Amy Walter of the Cook Political Report join Amna Nawaz to discuss the latest political news, including President Biden's immigration policies, the debate over COVID relief in the Senate, and former President Donald Trump's appearance at the Conservative Political Action Conference and his future in the Republican
ECONOMY/BUSINESS	3/2/2021	6pm	8 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The U.S. Senate is trying to pass a \$1.9 trillion package for COVID and economic-related relief, with one key section providing assistance to families with children by expanding tax credits. Many families could receive a \$3,000 credit per child. We hear from parents who say they are looking for help, and Elaine Maag, of the Urban Institute, joins Yamiche Alcindor to discuss.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	3/2/2021	6pm	6 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	As countries across the globe scramble to obtain COVID-19 vaccines, India has access to millions of doses with plans to vaccinate 300 million people by August. But vaccine hesitancy and skepticism are hampering efforts, with the nation reaching just 14 million people since the drive began more than a month ago. Special correspondent Neha
MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS/CRIME/LEGAL/LAW ENF	3/2/2021	6pm	10 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	American civil rights activist, presidential confidant and corporate pioneer Vernon Jordan has died at the age of 85. A family statement said he passed Monday in Atlanta. Jordan was a leading advocate for Black Americans and a mentor to those who came after him. Charlayne Hunter-Gault and Ursula Burns join Judy Woodruff to discuss his legacy, from civil rights to politics to business.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	3/2/2021	6pm	5 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	State legislatures across the country are trying to rewrite election laws after the contentious 2020 election. And as John Yang reports, a U.S. Supreme Court case argued Tuesday will determine how courts will assess those new laws.

ECONOMY/BUSINESS	3/3/2021	6pm	7 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	As Washington debates how to provide economic aid during the pandemic, many say one critical component should be part of future deals: forgiving student debt. But determining how much could or should be forgiven is a complicated question. Paul Solman looks at the pressure to make changes for our series, "Making Sense."
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	3/3/2021	6pm	8 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Although the U.S. should have enough vaccines on hand for all adults by the end of May, it may take longer to inoculate enough Americans to provide adequate protection. There are many reasons for that, but key among them, lingering concerns and skepticism about the vaccine. Dr. Kimberly Manning of the Emory University School of Medicine joins Amna Nawaz to discuss and
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	3/3/2021	6pm	7 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	With the Senate set to debate the details of the COVID relief bill, members of Congress received new information about the ongoing security threats facing the Capitol. All of this comes to a head as security officials raise new questions about what went wrong during the Jan. 6 insurrection. Congressional correspondent Lisa Desjardins and foreign affairs correspondent Nick Schiffrin report.
ECONOMY/BUSINESS	3/4/2021	6pm	6 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	As the U.S. Senate moves toward floor debate on this next round of stimulus, we get the perspective of South Dakota Republican Sen. John Thune. He joins Judy Woodruff to discuss some of the components of the legislation and other debates in Congress, including unemployment insurance, state and local aid, and the federal minimum wage.

ECONOMY/BUSINESS	3/4/2021	6pm	6 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	For an opposing perspective on COVID relief and the congressional agenda we turn to Independent Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont, who chairs the Senate's budget committee. He joins Judy Woodruff to discuss the minimum wage, the Republican response to President Biden's agenda, and the need for federal aid for local and state governments during the pandemic.
MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS/CRIME/LEGAL/LAW ENF	3/4/2021	6pm	7 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	A string of brutal attacks on elderly Asian Americans has brought new attention to the rise of violence and harassment of Asian Americans. Since the pandemic began, more than 3,000 anti-Asian "hate incidents" have been reported in the U.S. according to the group, "Stop AAPI Hate." Asian American and Pacific Islander activist Helen Zia and Rise founder Amanda Nguyen join Amna Nawaz to discuss.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	3/4/2021	6pm	6 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Republican state legislatures across the country are moving rapidly to pass new voting laws, amid former President Donald Trump's continued false claims of election fraud. Lisa Desjardins takes us to the battleground state of Georgia and explains the raging debate.
ECONOMY/BUSINESS	3/5/2021	6pm	10 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	As the debate over an economic relief bill continues in the Senate, the surge in hiring in February suggests that the prospects of a better spring ahead for the U.S. economy. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen joins Judy Woodruff to discuss the latest and how it might affect the debate over the size and scope of the COVID relief package.
ECONOMY/BUSINESS	3/5/2021	6pm	12 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	New York Times columnist David Brooks and Washington Post columnist Jonathan Capehart join Judy Woodruff to discuss the week in politics, including the battle over voting rights, the lifting of pandemic restrictions in some states, and wrangling over the \$1.9 trillion COVID relief bill.

ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	3/8/2021	6pm	5 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Monday issued new guidelines for people who are fully vaccinated, outlining what they can do safely and providing a small window into what life in the U.S. may look like in the months ahead. Dr. Richard Besser, CEO of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the former acting CDC head, joins John Yang to discuss what the recommendations
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	3/8/2021	6pm	9 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	House Democrats are waiting to give final approval to the \$1.9 trillion COVID relief package that was backed along party lines Saturday in the Senate. They are pressing to get the bill to President Biden to sign before federal unemployment benefits expire on March 14. Lisa Desjardins and Yamiche Alcindor join Judy Woodruff to discuss some
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	3/8/2021	6pm	7 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	During the weekend, all 50 Senate Democrats voted to pass the COVID relief bill. One of them is Sen. Alex Padilla, a California Democrat, who joins Judy Woodruff from Capitol Hill to discuss how it will affect his state, Republican opposition to the bill, immigration and raising the federal minimum wage.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	3/9/2021	6pm	8 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	President Biden's nearly \$2 trillion COVID aid bill is one step closer to becoming law as the House of Representatives scheduled a final vote on the legislation. In advance, Democrats and Republicans jostled again over the details of the bill. New York Rep. Nicole Malliotakis joins Judy Woodruff to discuss the Republican perspective.

ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	3/10/2021	6pm	5 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	In our new wrap Wednesday, the federal government is buying another 100 million doses of Johnson & Johnson's single-shot COVID vaccine, doubling its current order. Also, the federal budget deficit has hit an all-time high, Texas marked the end of its mask mandate, the Senate confirmed Federal Appeals Judge Merrick Garland for U.S. Attorney General, and Hawaii is under a state
MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS/CRIME/LEGAL/LAW ENF	3/10/2021	6pm	8 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Jury selection is underway in the murder trial of former police officer Derek Chauvin, who is charged with the killing of George Floyd. One of the central questions: whether a police officer will be convicted on murder charges? Paul Butler, a professor at Georgetown University's Law Center, and Chuck Wexler, of the Police Executive Research Forum, join Yamiche Alcindor to discuss.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	3/11/2021	6pm	7 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	It was one year ago when the World Health Organization declared the COVID crisis a pandemic. This was the week shutdowns rapidly escalated, large public gatherings began coming to an end and the country faced the prospect of a very different time ahead. Amna Nawaz brings us personal recollections of how life in the U.S. was transformed and the challenges of this past year.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	3/11/2021	6pm	8 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	On a day that President Biden signed a \$1.9 trillion COVID aid bill into law, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell joins Judy Woodruff to discuss Republican opposition to the COVID bill, as well as House legislation on election reforms, the Senate filibuster rule, and resistance to vaccinations.

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	3/11/2021	6pm	6 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	For a perspective on President Biden's historic stimulus bill from a Democrat, Delaware Sen. Chris Coons joins Judy Woodruff to discuss American support for COVID relief, bipartisanship under Biden, and how the impact of the pandemic was "far worse than it needed to be."
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	3/12/2021	6pm	7 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	President Biden moved up the timeline for vaccine allocation Thursday by ordering all states, tribes and territories to make every U.S. adult eligible for the COVID vaccines by May 1. And on Friday, he also vowed to expand the vaccine supply globally in an unprecedented meeting with world leaders from India, Japan and Australia. Nick Schiffrin and William Brangham join Judy Woodruff to discuss.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	3/15/2021	6pm	8 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	A new wave of economic relief for Americans struggling amid the coronavirus pandemic is on its way, with stimulus checks beginning to hit Americans bank accounts over the weekend as part of the American Rescue Plan. Cecilia Rouse, chair of the White House Council of Economic Advisers, joins Judy Woodruff to discuss the aid rollout and the state of the economy.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	3/15/2021	6pm	8 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Prisons and jails have been hit hard by the pandemic, with major outbreaks across the country. But when it comes to allocating scarce vaccines, states have dramatically different ideas about how inmates should be prioritized. And the experience of one state, Colorado, shows the role politics can play in these difficult decisions. Stephanie Sy has that

ECONOMY/BUSINESS	3/16/2021	6pm	6 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The COVID relief and economic package is a massive bill that has a far-reaching impact in ways that many Americans don't know about yet. One provision calls for debt relief for Black farmers, who have long been denied access to government funding. John Boyd, a fourth-generation farmer in Virginia and president of the National Black Farmers Association, joins Lisa Desjardins to discuss.
MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS/CRIME/LEGAL/LAW ENF	3/16/2021	6pm	7 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	As the U.S. continues its battle against COVID-19, it is also battling a rise in hate crimes against Asian Americans. A recent report found that hate crimes against Asian Americans in major U.S. cities surged by nearly 150 percent in 2020—even as the number of overall hate crimes fell. Stephanie Sy looks at how the violence has marred one community, and how they are coming together
EDUCATION	3/17/2021	6pm	6 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Living through a full year of closed schools and distance learning has taken a heavy toll on students, parents, teachers and school administrators. The new stimulus bill sets aside roughly \$125 billion to help K-12 schools reopen. Laura Meckler, a national education writer at The Washington Post, joins William Brangham to discuss.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	3/17/2021	6pm	8 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The World Health Organization is expected to release a report on its investigation into the origins of the novel coronavirus in the coming days. Among the many theories is the unproven belief that it was passed on from bats — leading to much public fear of the mammals. But the growing threat to bats could mean bad news for us too. Special correspondent Catherine Rampell reports.

MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS/CRIME/LEGAL/LAW ENF	3/17/2021	6pm	8 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Less than 24 hours after a series of attacks in the Atlanta area killed 8 people, residents and Asian Americans in particular are dealing with the aftermath. Stephanie Sy reports, and Amna Nawaz speaks with Stephanie Cho, the executive director of the Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Atlanta, a national civil rights group, to get reaction on the ground.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	3/17/2021	6pm	7 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Economic aid from the new COVID relief law is already flowing to Americans, but the political debate continues. Wyoming Sen. John Barrasso, a doctor and the third-ranking Republican in the Senate, joins Judy Woodruff to discuss COVID aid, Medicaid expansion, President Biden's approach to immigration, and some Republican voters' unwillingness to receive a COVID vaccine.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	3/18/2021	6pm	5 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The number of COVID-19 cases in the U.S. have reduced substantially since the height of the last wave, but with states reopening widely those numbers are spiking again. New data shows the development of several hotspots, with new cases up in 15 states over the past week. Dr. Ashish Jha, dean of the School of Public Health at Brown University, joins William Brangham to discuss the rise.
MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS/CRIME/LEGAL/LAW ENF	3/18/2021	6pm	7 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	After this week's shootings in Atlanta, we explore the congressional response to rising violence against Asian Americans with Democratic Rep. Judy Chu of California. Chu is the chair of the congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus and testified on the "crisis point that cannot be ignored" at a Capitol Hill hearing Thursday.

MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS/CRIME/LEGAL/LAW ENF	3/18/2021	6pm	5 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	As the nation deals with the aftermath of this week's shootings in Atlanta that killed eight, including six Asian American women, a troubling new report from the Anti-Defamation League shows white supremacist propaganda, including racist, anti-semitic and anti-LGBTQ material, nearly doubled in 2020. Jonathan Greenblatt, CEO and national director of the organization joins Amna Nawaz to discuss.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	3/19/2021	6pm	5 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	In new guidelines released Friday, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention relaxed its social distancing requirements for students in school, stating they could safely sit three feet apart — rather than six — without barriers if they are wearing masks. The change could mean more students across the country will return to in-person learning this spring. William Brangham reports.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	3/19/2021	6pm	8 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Although nearly 41 million Americans are now fully vaccinated against COVID-19, one segment of the population remains steadfast in its opposition to getting the vaccine: Republicans. Recent polls, including our latest PBS NewsHour/NPR/Marist poll, shows at least 41 percent of Republicans don't plan to get vaccinated. Yamiche Alcindor reports on the role of politics in American vaccination efforts.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	3/22/2021	6pm	6 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	In the largest COVID vaccine trial yet, AstraZeneca's vaccine was 79 percent effective in preventing symptomatic infections, the company announced Monday. AstraZeneca's vaccine has also been shown to be extremely effective at preventing the most serious outcomes from COVID-19, the company said. William Brangham discusses the latest inoculation news with Boston University's Dr. Nahid Bhadelia.

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	3/22/2021	6pm	9 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	NPR's Amy Walter and Errin Haines of The 19th join Judy Woodruff to discuss the latest political news, including the rollout of the new COVID stimulus bill, how it benefits women and marginalized communities, and the Biden administration's response to the influx of immigrants at the southern border.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	3/23/2021	6pm	6 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	AstraZeneca is facing new questions today after a highly unusual reprimand from a board overseeing the company's clinical vaccine trials. The company is scrambling to respond to allegations that it used misleading data when claiming its vaccine was 79 percent effective against COVID-19 symptoms. Nick Schiffrin breaks down the latest with epidemiologist Dr. Jennifer Nuzzo of Johns Hopkins University.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	3/23/2021	6pm	6 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	A suspect was charged Tuesday in the second American mass shooting in less than a week. The shooting in Boulder, Colorado, which left 10 dead, including a responding police officer, has plunged the city into mourning. Over in Washington, DC, Senators met for a hearing on gun control. Yamiche Alcindor begins our coverage, and Colorado Public Radio reporter Ben Markus joins us from the ground.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	3/23/2021	6pm	6 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	After a mass shooting left 10 dead in his state, Colorado Rep. Joe Neguse told Judy Woodruff that gun violence is a "pervasive" problem, and has "metastasized" across the country. The Democrat also said that it's time for the country to "muster the political will" and enact gun laws to prevent future shootings. Monday's shooting was the second mass shooting in the U.S. in under a week.

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	3/24/2021	6pm	8 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The White House is moving today to limit the humanitarian — and political — damage from the migrant challenge. President Joe Biden has put Vice President Kamala Harris in charge of the effort to stem immigration from Central America, and released new images from holding facilities in an effort towards transparency. Yamiche Alcindor begins our coverage, with Amna Nawaz reporting from the border.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	3/24/2021	6pm	5 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	In our news wrap Wednesday, Senators clashed over an elections bill to expand ballot access and head off attempts to limit voting access at the state level, with Republicans saying it's partisan overreach. U.S. health officials pointed to progress in the pandemic with rising vaccinations, but warned that new infections remain high. Also, Myanmar released people jailed for protesting the coup.
ECONOMY/BUSINESS	3/25/2021	6pm	8 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The U.S. Senate on Thursday voted to extend the application period for the Paycheck Protection Program until the end of May. Since the program began, over \$700 billion have been distributed to small businesses to help cover losses during the pandemic. But minority-owned businesses have found accessing those funds harder. We talked to several Latino business owners and lenders about the
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	3/25/2021	6pm	7 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	As the U.S. continues to grapple with the pandemic, vaccine supply remains limited in some areas. Distribution systems are fragmented and tough to navigate, especially for the estimated 25 million Americans who don't have internet access for online registration. Luckily, these volunteers are trying to fill that gap by helping strangers nab slots to get their shots. John Yang reports.

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	3/25/2021	6pm	8 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	President Joe Biden on Thursday held his first White House news conference since taking office in January. He was faced with many questions on the subject of immigration at the southern border, voting rights, his plans for Afghanistan and his agenda's prospects in the U.S. Senate. White House Correspondent Yamiche Alcindor was at the conference and has our report.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	3/26/2021	6pm	7 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	A new law signed by Georgia Governor Brian Kemp Thursday night imposes a series of new restrictions on elections in the state. Supporters say it's necessary for election security, but as Lisa Desjardins reports, it is drawing ire from voting rights groups and even President Joe Biden. We dissect the law and get the Republican perspective from state election official Gabriel Sterling.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	3/29/2021	6pm	8 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	President Joe Biden urged state and local officials Monday to keep or reinstate mask mandates amid some of the most urgent warnings yet about new COVID-19 surges. Judy Woodruff talks to Dr. Leana Wen, an emergency physician and public health professor at George Washington University, about the latest developments in the fight against the virus, which has killed almost 550,000 Americans.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	3/29/2021	6pm	7 Minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The PBS NewsHour has obtained a study by a group of independent researchers convened by the WHO to find the origins of COVID-19 in China. As Nick Schiffrin reports, the virus that caused the worst pandemic in a century most likely started in bats, and jumped to humans through an intermediate animal host. The researchers call it a starting point, but their critics still say it doesn't go far enough.

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