

TELEVISION QUARTERLY ISSUES-PROGRAMS REPORT

Station: WEAR-TV
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ISSUE/description: 1. GOVERNMENT & POLITICS. The continuing effects of the latest Presidential election, and now speculation on the 2016 election; Florida's controversial Governor and state elections this year; local and state political issues; partisan politics.

How Issue was treated (Program, PSA, etc.):

<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time/Duration</u>	<u>Program type</u>	<u>Description</u>
1. Channel 3 News 1 st at Four "Your Three Cents"	07/09/14	04:20PM/3 minutes	Public Affairs	*

* This is our regular segment where we present a current issue and solicit viewer input of their opinions on that issue. Today's issue was: "Do you support a convention of the states to amend the U.S. Constitution?" A group pushing for a convention of the states to amend the U.S. Constitution hopes to have resolutions before at least 24 state legislatures next year. A spokesman for the "Convention of the States Project" says three states have passed resolutions calling for a constitutional convention: Alaska, Florida and Georgia. The Florida legislature passed its resolution in support of the idea in April. The resolutions call for proposed constitutional amendments that would impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the government's power and jurisdiction and impose term limits. Two-thirds of states, or 34, would have to pass such measures. Supporters see it as a way to push back on a federal government they see as out of control. But critics have questioned the issues singled out for consideration and worry such a convention would devolve into chaos.

2. Channel 3 News 1 st at Four "Your Three Cents"	07/17/14	04:19PM/2 minutes	Public Affairs	**
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** Today's issue was: "What do you think is the most important problem facing the U.S.?" With midterm elections just a few months away, political candidates will be focusing on a number of issues to sway voters ... and they may be wise to concentrate on immigration. The latest Gallup poll finds that immigration is viewed as the most important problem facing the country today. With thousands of undocumented immigrant minors crossing the nation's southern border in recent months, the percentage of Americans citing immigration as the top problem has risen to 17% this month. That's up from 5% in June, and the highest seen since 2006. In a statistical tie is "dissatisfaction with government," at 16%. The economy and unemployment come next... at 15% and 14%, respectively. Healthcare declined by half as a perceived top problem since the open-enrollment period to buy health insurance through health exchanges ended in April. Healthcare dropped from 16% in January to 8% today.

3. Facing Florida	08/03/14	02:07AM/30 minutes	Public Affairs	***
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*** Political commentators Pete Dunbar, former legislator and Chief of Staff for Governor Bob Martinez, and Screven Watson, former Executive Director of the Florida Democratic Party, discussed the latest polls, the upcoming primary election, and the politics of summer in Florida.

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4. Channel 3 News 1 st at Four	08/11/14	04:04PM/3 minutes	News	****

**** Florida's primary elections will be held August 26th but you don't have to wait that long to cast your vote. Voting for the primary election in Okaloosa and Santa Rosa Counties has begun, but in Escambia it doesn't start until this Saturday. Voting in Santa Rosa County is open from 8:30am to 4:30pm, and in Okaloosa County, it's open from 10am to 6pm. Early voting closes for Escambia, Okaloosa and Santa Rosa Counties August 23rd. For a list of voting sites, you can go to our website, weartv.com and click on [Newslinks](#). Primary election day in Florida is Tuesday, August 26th.

5. Channel 3 News 1 st at Four "Your Three Cents"	09/05/14	04:22PM/2 minutes	Public Affairs	*****
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***** Today's issue was: "Who will you vote for in Florida's race for governor: Scott, Crist, or someone else?" Republican Governor Rick Scott has opened up a 5-point lead over Democrat Charlie Crist in the latest Tampa Bay Times poll. Scott received support from about 41 percent of the people surveyed. Crist took about 36 percent. Libertarian Adrian Wyllie received support from 6.3 percent. When asked to choose between only Scott and Crist, Scott's lead grew to 6 points over Crist, 44 percent to 38 percent. The governor's race between the multimillionaire former hospital chain CEO and the former Republican governor has emerged as one of the nation's most watched races this year. Scott also outperformed Crist on the question of leadership, with 53 percent saying Scott "provides leadership" and only 47 percent saying the same for Crist. Scott has spent almost \$26 million on TV ads, many of them attacking Crist as a slick politician and lousy governor. Crist and Democrats have spent about \$9.6 million on TV so far, calling the governor "too shady for the Sunshine State."

6. Facing Florida	09/07/14	02:06AM/30 minutes	Public Affairs	*****
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***** Political commentators Pete Dunbar, former legislator and Chief of Staff for Governor Bob Martinez, and Screven Watson, former Executive Director of the Florida Democratic Party, discussed the outcome of Florida's August primary election and what lies ahead in what will be the most expensive general election ever held in Florida.

7. Channel 3 News at 10PM	09/17/14	10:03PM/2 minutes	News	*****
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***** Only two gubernatorial candidates qualified for the "Leadership Florida and Florida Press Association" debate. Republican Governor Rick Scott and Democrat Charlie Crist will be the only ones there on October 15th. Debate organizers say Libertarian candidate Adrian Wyllie will not be included, unless he gains more support by the end of the month. Candidates need at least 15% support in a credible poll. Wyllie's campaign says it'll fight to be included in the debate, pointing out that candidates needed just 10% support to qualify in the past. The number was raised after a reform party candidate nearly won a court battle to participate in a 2006 gubernatorial debate.

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8. Channel 3 News 1 st at Four "Your Three Cents"	09/24/14	04:20PM/3 minutes	Public Affairs	*****

***** Today's issue was: "Does America need a third political party?" The newest poll from Quinnipiac University shows a statistical tie between Rick Scott and Charlie Crist in the race for governor. 44 percent favor Scott... 42 percent prefer Crist... and 8 percent says they'll vote for Libertarian Adrian Wylie. But the 2 point difference between Scott and Crist is within the survey's margin of error, which means the race is too close to call right now. In spite of the low numbers in that poll, Adrian Wylie's campaign may find some encouragement in a new Gallup poll, which finds a majority of American adults say a third political party is needed because the Republican and Democratic parties "do such a poor job" representing the American people. Since 2007, a majority has typically called for a third party. The first time the question was asked in 2003, a majority of Americans believed the two major parties were adequately representing Americans. Gallup says Americans' current desire for a third party is consistent with their negative views of both the Republican and Democratic parties. 71% of Independents say a third party is needed. That compares with 47% of Democrats and 46% of Republicans who say the same. Third political parties have had little success in American politics. The U.S. political system makes it difficult for third parties to hold elected office. And even the Tea Party's rise in recent years focused more on using Republican candidates than candidates using only a Tea Party brand.