

# 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; 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. ABC News Special Report: President Obama Press Conference	10/01/13	11:59AM/23 minutes	News	*
2. Channel 3 News 1 <sup>st</sup> at Four "Your Three Cents"	10/03/13	04:18PM/2 minutes	Public Affairs	**

\* President Obama held a brief Press Conference, giving his comments on the Government Shutdown due to Congressional inaction on a budget bill.

\*\* 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: "Should you be allowed to recall members of Congress for allowing the Federal Government to shut down?" After last night's meeting at the White House, Republicans are not backing off their insistence that the President accept some curbs on the Health Care law. Democrats say they are willing to hold negotiations on the budget but first want the GOP-led House to agree to end the shutdown, but Speaker John Boehner is giving no indication he will do that. Nothing has changed except the frustration level of the public. 85% of the respondents to our question said yes, and we gave some of their comments on air. We invited viewers to continue responding to this question on our Facebook page.

3. ABC News Nightline 10/03/13 12:03AM/10 min. News/Public Affairs \*\*\*

\*\*\* Our first segment tonight was about chaos at the Capitol over the inability of Democrats and Republicans in Congress to work together to prevent a Government Shutdown.

4. This Week 10/06/13 08:00AM/1 hour Public Affairs \*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\* Our topic for the week was the Government Shutdown. Panelists were John Boehner, Speaker of the House; Sen. Charles Schumer (D-NY); Rep. Mick Mulvaney (R-SC); Paul Gigot, Editorial Page editor for The Wall Street Journal; Soledad O'Brien, CEO of Starfish Media Group; Steven Rattner, Former Counselor to the Treasury Secretary; and Alexis Ohanian, Co-Founder of Reddit.com.

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5. Channel 3 News 1 <sup>st</sup> at Four "Your Three Cents"	10/07/13	04:18PM/2 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: "Should illegal immigrants be eligible for driver's licenses?" California last week became the latest and biggest state to authorize driver's licenses for illegal immigrants. But most U.S. voters still strongly oppose the idea. Immigrant advocates have long lobbied for the change so immigrants in the country illegally can drive without fear of being pulled over for a ticket, which could get them deported. Supporters also believe that the roads will be safer by getting immigrants properly trained and tested so they know how to drive and know traffic rules. The licenses would carry a distinction on the front of the card that states the document may be used for driving, but not as federal identification. The licenses are expected to be issued starting in 2015. But sixty-eight percent (68%) of likely voters think illegal immigrants should not be eligible for driver's licenses in their state. A new Rasmussen Reports national telephone survey finds that just 22% favor it.

6. Channel 3 News at 5PM	10/07/13	05:02PM/2 minutes	News	*****
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\*\*\*\*\* We reported that the Department of Defense brought back hundreds of thousands of civilian workers who were furloughed during the government shutdown, with thousands of those here in Northwest Florida. About 1,200 returned to work at Hurlburt Field today; 2,500 at Eglin Air Force Base; the majority of NAS Pensacola's 262 civilian employees were recalled today, but the National Museum of Naval Aviation remains closed. Whiting Field would not say how many of their 125 furloughed employees have returned.

7. ABC News Special Report: President Obama Press Conference	10/08/13	02:12PM/1 hr. 10 min.	News	*****
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\*\*\*\*\* President Obama held a Press Conference with further remarks on the Government Shutdown.

8. Channel 3 News 1 <sup>st</sup> at Four "Your Three Cents"	10/11/13	04:20PM/2 minutes	Public Affairs	*****
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\*\*\*\*\* Today's issue was: "Do you believe a third major political party is needed?" The public frustration over the frequent stalemates in Washington has produced some of the lowest approval ratings for Congress in history. And that frustration is now taking aim at the two-party system, not just the politicians themselves. A new Gallup poll finds that 60-percent of Americans say the Democratic and Republican parties do such a poor job in representing the American people, that a third major party is needed. That's the highest number that Gallup has measured in the ten years they've been asking that question. Just 26-percent say the two parties do an adequate job. 14-percent say they aren't sure. And the findings are consistent across party lines. Of the people who believe a third party is needed, 51 percent are Republicans, and 49 percent are Democrats.

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9. Channel 3 News at 6PM	10/11/13	06:02PM/2 minutes	News	*****

\*\*\*\*\* We looked at how the government shutdown was affecting Floridians. Signs at the Gulf Islands National Seashore on Pensacola Beach showing that the Fort Pickens area was closed to visitors were just one immediate reminder. Residents using food stamps are worried about getting cut off, and are spending more carefully, a noticeable trend for local merchants. And our smaller school districts, which receive proportionately more federal funds, are worrying that they'll lose funding.

10. This Week	10/13/13	08:00AM/1 hour	Public Affairs	*10
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\*10 Our topic for the week was the proposed deal in Congress to end the Government Shutdown. Guests included David Plouffe, former Senior Advisor to President Obama; Dan Senor, former Bush Administration office; and Paul Krugman, Nobel Prize-winning economist from The New York Times.

11. Facing Florida	10/13/13	02:07AM/30 minutes	Public Affairs	*11
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\*11 The politics of Stand Your Ground. The controversial topic was able to get its first legislative hearing, and we discussed its future. Then, we learned about a very interesting special election that could be a precursor of a matchup between Rick Scott and Charlie Crist for Governor. Finally, what about Charlie Crist? When is he going to announce his decision to run and why hasn't he done so by now? Later, Sen. Bob McKnight profiled former Representative Sam Bell in this week's *Quorum Call*.

12. ABC News Special Report: President Obama Press Conference	10/17/13	09:59AM/24 minutes	News	*12
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\*12 President Obama commented on the Congressional deal to end the Government Shutdown.

13. Channel 3 News 1 <sup>st</sup> at Four	10/17/13	04:00PM/2 minutes	News	*13
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\*13 We reported that the U.S. government is back in business, as President Obama earlier today signed a bill ending the 16-day shutdown just hours after the House and Senate approved the plan. But the measure funds the government only through early January, and raises the debt limit through early February, saving the country from defaulting on its bills. We interviewed relieved local government workers and local officials for their reaction to the compromise bill.

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14. 3 in the Morning	10/18/13	06:00AM/1 minute	News	*14

\*14 Our top headline this morning was the reopening of area government facilities due to the budget bill resolving the shutdown. The National Museum of Naval Aviation aboard NAS Pensacola will re-open today. The Air Force Armament Museum at Eglin Air Force Base and the Gulf Islands National Seashore opened Thursday.

15. This Week	10/20/13	08:00AM/1 hour	Public Affairs	*15
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\*15 Our topic for the week was the reopening of the Federal Government. Guests included Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), House Democratic Leader; Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX); Jeb Bush, former Florida Governor; and Peter Baker, New York Times White House correspondent.

16. This Week	11/10/13	08:00AM/1 hour	Public Affairs	*16
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\*16 Our topic for the week was the Presidential prospects for 2016. Guests included Gov. Chris Christie (R-NJ); Gov. Rick Perry (R-TX); Sen. Robert Menendez (D-NJ), Chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee; Rep. Keith Ellison (D-MN), co-Chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus; Paul Gigot, Editorial Page Editor for The Wall Street Journal; John Heilemann, National Affairs Editor for New York Magazine; Ana Navarro, Republican Strategist; and Sen. Charles Schumer, (D-NY).

17. Channel 3 News at 10PM	11/20/13	10:03PM/2 minutes	News	*17
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\*17 Our Washington reporter Kristine Frazao interviewed Jack Abramoff, a former Washington lobbyist convicted of tax evasion, and now a very outspoken critic of the lobby system, which he says undermines democracy. He says the people who have impact on legislation, and sometimes actually write legislation, are not elected officials but rather lobbyists paid by special interests. Many lobbyists are appointed as top administration officials, for both parties, and many former congressmen become lobbyists. Abramoff said the system has changed to make it more "polite looking", but no substantive changes have occurred in the last 40 years.

18. Channel 3 News 1 <sup>st</sup> at Four "Your Three Cents"	11/22/13	04:21PM/2 minutes	Public Affairs	*18
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\*18 Today's issue was: "If the election were held today, would you vote for Charlie Crist or Rick Scott to be the next Governor of Florida?" It may end up being the marquee gubernatorial battle of 2014. And a poll out this week shows that if the election were held today between Florida Governor Rick Scott, and former Governor Charlie Crist... Crist would have the edge. According to a Quinnipiac University survey released Thursday, 47% of Sunshine State voters now support Crist, while 40-percent say they'd vote for Scott. But Crist's seven percentage point advantage is down from a 10-point lead in June ... and a 16-point lead in March. Last month Crist, who served four years as a Republican Governor, announced his democratic challenge to Scott. In March of 2009, Crist announced he would run for an open U.S. Senate seat in 2010 rather than for a second term as governor. That seat was ultimately won by Marco Rubio. (page 5)

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19. Facing Florida	11/24/13	02:06AM/30 minutes	Public Affairs	*19

\*19 Political all-star analysts Pete Dunbar and Steve Vancore dug deep into the approaching political season. Topic one was Florida's race for Governor. Democratic challenger Charlie Crist has announced his candidacy, but questions remain. First, how long will Crist be the standard bearer for Florida Democrats? Second, are any other Democratic hopefuls waiting in the wings? Topic two was updated fundraising rules. Will these new rules hurt Democrats in an election where they will need every dollar they can raise? And finally, topic three was Florida's Lt. Governor, or lack thereof. It's been eight months and running that Governor Rick Scott has gone without a second in command. With election season fast approaching, we'll discuss four names that are being considered to fill the ticket.

20. Channel 3 News at 10PM	11/28/13	10:07PM/3 minutes	News	*20
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\*20 Author Peter Schweizer said money sometimes gets in the way of candidates for office serving their district, their state and their country. Politics is becoming more and more about a lifestyle subsidy and directing more money into the candidate's pocket or to his family. This is far easier now with "Leadership PACs", non-connected Political Action Committees in which money can be spend independently. Now, almost all members of Congress have such a PAC. We interviewed Congressman Andy Harris (R-MD) who has introduced a bill to change that, forcing PACs to disclose details of all their expenditures. So far, his bill has only two co-sponsors, but Harris vows to keep pushing for passage.

21. Facing Florida	12/08/13	02:06AM/10 minutes	Public Affairs	*21
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\*21 In one segment, we talked with Democratic Consultant Steve Schale about two past elections and one that is on the horizon. It seems the nonpartisans are starting to raise their voice.

22. Channel 3 News at 10PM	12/12/13	10:06PM/2 minutes	News	*22
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\*22 Our Washington reporter Kristine Frazao explained to viewers that the U.S. Constitution is called a "living document", and at its core address just how much power to give to government and how that power should flow directly from the citizens. But in interviewing visitors to Washington, she found most did not feel that the people had power in our country. They felt Congress wanted all the power but was unable to get business done for the people. She talked with Chris Edelson, an Assistant Professor of Public Affairs at American University, who said challenges to democracy stem from rising levels of wealth and inequality, with money swaying the politicians more than votes.

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23. Channel 3 News at 5PM	12/13/13	05:03PM/2 minutes	News	*23

\*23 We reported on the U.S. House of Representatives ending the year with a rare act of bipartisanship. The chamber approved a budget deal that would avoid another government shutdown for at least 2 years. It eliminates the "sequester" without raising taxes. Speaker John Boehner criticized the Tea Party and outside groups who've tried to undermine his leadership. The agreement now goes to the Senate, where it could face tough resistance from the majority Democrats.

24. This Week	12/15/13	08:00AM/30 min.	Public Affairs	*24
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\*24 One topic for the week was the GOP and the budget. Guests included Newt Gingrich, former House Speaker; Robert Reich, former Clinton Labor Secretary; Ana Navarro, Republican Strategist; and Andrea Elliot, Investigative Reporter for The New York Times.

25. Facing Florida	12/15/13	02:06AM/10 minutes	Public Affairs	*25
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\*25 Bill Cotterell, a 40-year veteran of the Florida press corps, assessed Governor Rick Scott's re-election chances.

26. Facing Florida	12/29/13	02:06AM/30 minutes	Public Affairs	*26
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\*26 This week's "Facing Florida" marks our 200th episode. We looked at the year ahead with Republican strategist Pete Dunbar. The Governor's race is tightening up, and there may be some disinformation. Then we took a look at some of the big issues lawmakers will face; water and casino gambling among them. And finally, we concluded with Rick Scott's search for a new Lieutenant Governor.