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Issue: Abortion and Plan B Coverage

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The new abortion law in Texas is not sitting well with one of America's most popular newspapers. USA Today's editorial board printed their objection to the new law this month. They entitled the article: "Late-term abortion bans make aborting Down-Syndrome babies harder." The bill bans abortions after 20 weeks and most often pregnant women don't find out until after 20 weeks if their baby has Down Syndrome.

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North Carolina has now passed new restrictions on its abortion clinics. Along with legislation, public attitudes appear to be shifting and pro-life politicians are seizing the moment. A gathering of pastors in Iowa saw Sen. Ted Cruze firing up the audience on his take on the Lone Star showdown. Libertarian Rand Paul was also quick to weigh in. The Texas bill bans abortions after 20-weeks and ups the requirements of abortion clinics. Four clinics say will close. So far this year, lawmakers have passed over 50 laws restricting abortion; in 2011, 92 laws were passed. This year the laws passed are more powerful, like in North Dakota and Kansas they banned abortion on the basis of gender. A Washington Post/ABC News poll shows that 56% of the public supports a 20-week ban. 2:15

Kristan Hawkins with Students for Life says that this generation of young people are more pro-life than their parents and are having an influence on the parents due to ultrasound technology and the way that legislation is being put out makes sense to people. Hawkins says that the legislation being introduced is meant to protect women and babies from the likes of Kermit Gosnell and says that veterinarian clinics have more restrictions/regulations and are more cleanly and safely run than abortion clinics. The young people view this whole issue as a human rights issue and better technology shows that it is not just a clump of cells, but a baby growing inside the womb.

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Just as North Carolina follows Texas with the toughest abortion regulations, a video detailing the horrific act on one abortionist is released. The pro-life advocate group releasing the stories proves just how far some will go. The stories told by former Houston, Texas abortion clinic workers describe babies being born alive daily and killed at the hand of an abortionist. Pro-life group, Life Dynamics, released their interview to prove what happened at the Kermit Gosnell clinic in Pennsylvania was not an isolated incident. The three clinic workers say the abortionist cut the spines of the fetuses or punctured the brain of the fetuses while they were still moving. One of the workers said the abortionist twisted the head off of a moving fetus, and would force an instrument thru the stomach to the spine. Texas lawmakers have called for an investigation of the abortionist named in this story.

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The Iowa Board of Medicine is reviewing telemedicine abortions. Many states have banned webcam abortions due to the risk that it poses for the patient. Webcam abortions are intended to help woman that are in rural areas that want to have abortions, but due to the lack of face-to-face communication in regards to side affects that result from abortion, webcam abortions are increasingly dangerous to the mothers who don't know how to resolve symptoms that may arise.

Issue: Boston Marathon Bombing

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Boston Marathon bomber makes his first appearance in court today. 19-year-old Dzhokhar Tsarnaev plead not guilty to 30 charges to the Boston Marathon bombing where 3 people were killed and 264 people were injured, some even losing limbs. Lawmakers are now wondering why Boston police officers didn't see it coming. Hearings in the Senate and the House today had experts agreeing on that point. Homeland Security Chair Mike McCaul noted that Boston PD didn't know the FBI had opened a criminal investigation into the older brother Tamerlain and why he had visited Dagestan. McCaul questioned why the FBI hadn't informed the police, saying that state and local entities could be utilized because they want to be a part of this country's security, especially after 9/11 took place. Former NY Mayor Rudy Gulianni testified in the hearings asking why the FBI hasn't taken advantage of state and local police and security because there are 800,000 of them and only 12,000 agents. Since 9/11, only 18 people have been killed in this country due to an al Qaeda style attack, but that is still too many.

Issue: College Tuition

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A new agreement on student loan rates could help college students this fall. Interest rates doubled on July 1^{st} , but a bi-partisan group of Senators worked on an agreement that would offer undergrads applying for new loans a 3.8% interest instead of the current 6% rate. Graduate students would pay 5.4% interest.

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Despite the interest rate cuts, college tuition rates still continue to climb, with some rates as high as 40%. Some students are not going into debt by working through summers and after classes, and living at home and commuting. Student loan debt is one-trillion-dollars nationwide, with \$23, 300 on average in borrowed funds. To avoid college debt, choose an affordable college, consider a community college, and research where you can get free money.

Issue: Debt Ceiling

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The Treasury Department has reported the Federal government has spent more than \$98 billion over its budget in just July, but peculiarly enough, the national debt has not been reported as rising, rather, the National Debt has been stuck at the same amount for the last 3 months. Political commentators believe that the government is waiting till the end of September to reveal this huge rise in the National Debt to bring up the budget talks. Commentators believe that the U.S. is headed towards a huge fiscal crisis. Government programs such as Medicare and Social Security are not even included in the National Debt and could increase the debt by exponential amounts causing a fiscal crisis to be more imminent.

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The U.S. Secretary of Treasury has warned Congress that the government has run out of money to pay its bills. Each year the government spends more money than it takes in resulting in annual deficits of more than \$1 trillion in each of the past 4 budget years.

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Bill Freeza from the Competitive Enterprise Institute says the Congress has very little differences on the Budget. He said President Obama stated he will not negotiate on the debt, although he blames Congress for not working together. He also states the discretionary spending is being talked about, but not run away entitlements. Bill feels all budget battles are hype. There is a generation of baby boomers about to retire that will put a tremendous strain on the budget.

Issue: Economic Recovery & Unemployment Program: CBN Newswatch

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A new report shows the sequester budget cuts did not hurt the nation's economy after all. President Obama had issued a warning of the dire impacts the cuts would have, saying the Pentagon staff would receive less healthcare and that 600,000 low-income families would lose food aid. The Washington Post reports that agencies made due, i.e. the Justice Dept. found \$300M in expired expenses to cut and \$45M allocated for detainees who don't exist. The U.S. Geological Survey cut \$2.7M in conference expenses from their budget.

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Bill Frezza, a venture capitalist and fellow at Boston-based Competitive Enterprise Institute, said the dire sequester cuts weren't cuts, but more like budget delays. He also said, we have a President that isn't leading, therefore making the gridlock between the two parties more intense. Frezza says the American people need to get used to the entitlement government. He says ObamaCare is the biggest threat to the nation's economy with the President declaring war on clean energy running a close second.

Issue: Economic Recovery & Unemployment cont. Program: CBN Newswatch

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A PEW study, reported in the Detroit Free Press, points out that 61 large cities across the nation share \$217-billion in unfunded pensions & health care, which puts them in danger of following in the footsteps of Detroit.

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The Heritage Foundation's Romina Boccia says the problem in Washington is that they spend too much. The public debt doubled under President Obama and because of the uncertainty, businesses and organizations are holding back from hiring. We continue to hear the same rhetoric from the President as we have heard the last 5 years. It is the same speech, different day with few new ideas on how to strengthen the economy. With ObamaCare, it will make our debt and deficit worse over time. The President and Congress need to pare back spending and all the useless, unproductive regulations that are causing so much of the harm. And if it is done, it will enable the economy to begin to start recovering.

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Obama was sent to Washington to fix the economy and it has plagued his presidency ever since. But now he is returning his focus to creating jobs. Despite spending political capitol on ObamaCare, gun control, and immigration reform, job creation has always been the President's #1 focus. Obama kicked off his economic refocus tour in Illinois. At 7.6%, the jobless rate is still high and many Americans are still struggling. It is the beginning of the offensive against Republicans. Obama's activism team is gearing up for Activism in August campaign. But if Republicans feel threatened they aren't letting on. Senate Minority Leader R-Mitch McConnell says that the only thing the President is collecting is a collective bi-partisan eye roll, and Speaker John Boehner calls his efforts "a hollow shell". This fall, the President and Congress will have to tackle the budget and the debt ceiling while taxes and spending threaten the economy.

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There's good news for homeowners hoping to sell. U.S. home prices are up 12.2%, which is the best yearly jump since 2006.

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President Obama is planning to bring an end to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac after a \$187 billion bailout in 2008, the new plan will call for backing mortgage securities with private funds.

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The White House is calling for an increase in spending on power grids due to nature causing multiple power grid failures. The government says that spending money on the power grid will help save money and boost the economy, as there are huge losses every year due to loss of power.

Issue: Economic Recovery & Unemployment cont. Program: CBN Newswatch

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The Federal Reserve will continue stimulating the economy through a bond-buying program. They will continue with the stimulus program till the unemployment rate is lower.

Issue: FAA Regulations for Electronic Devices Program: CBN Newswatch

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FAA is considering easing up on regulations for electronic devices while in air. You will still not be able to use a cell phone. Any changes will likely take affect next year.

Issue: Federal Drug Crimes Initiative

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Recently, Attorney General Eric Holder announced major changes in the way the Federal government will handle drug crimes. Holder calls it the Smart on Crime initiative. This initiative is meant to take away strict punishments for criminals dealing with drugs that do not have other affiliations. Holder believes that this would cut down on the amount of people in prison as well as save billions of dollars.

Issue: Federal Government Shutdown

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President Obama says he will not negotiate over the debt ceiling. The US faces another possible shut down. President Obama is blaming the Republicans in Congress for not focusing on growing the middle class. Some government leaders want spending cuts.

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Just days to go before a gov't shut down and no compromise on Capitol Hill. Speaker of the House, John Boehner speaking of President Obama's statement, "I will not negotiate." States it does not work that way. Unless the Congress votes to raise the debt ceiling the debt limit will max out October 17th. The House republicans want the President to agree to massive spending cuts.

Issue: Federal Government Shutdown cont.

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The US Congress is playing badminton with the budget. The House keeps sending bills to the Senate and the Senate rejects them. David Brody, Chief Political reporter discusses issues being created. Rep. Boehner is trying to keep the party together. Who will cave and when? Republicans will be blamed with the shutdown of the gov't. Once ObamaCare kicks in the Republicans are hoping Americans will see how it will not work and will change the Senate from Democrats to Republicans. 1:58

Who will win the battle over a gov't shut down? Many pollsters are fixated on the battle between the White House and Democrats vs. the Republicans and Tea Party. 800,000 non-essential workers will be furloughed, national parks, forest, and monuments will close, 14% of Homeland security employees will be put on leave, and passport offices will not be open. Not all of gov't will close. Active duty military working and paid, retirees receive SS, Post offices will stay open, and Medicare/Medicaid benefits will continue.

Issue: Fort Hood Shooting Trial Program: CBN Newswatch

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The shooting rampage at the U.S. military base in Fort Hood, Texas that left 14 people dead was the result of political correctness, that according to Oklahoma Rep. Jim Bridenstein. Nidal Malik Hasan, a 39-year-old U.S. Army Major serving as a psychiatrist, was known by his superiors to have radical Islamic views, but they looked the other way for political correctness. During the murder trial Hasan is expected to testify that he was forced to wear the U.S military uniform, which he says represents the enemy of the state of Islam.

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The U.S. military Major responsible for the Fort Hood massacre says he supports the Taliban and Islamic Sharia law. Nidal Malik Hasan, a 39-year-old U.S. Army Major was serving as a psychiatrist when he opened fired killing 13 and wounding dozens others at the Texas Army base in 2009. He is serving as his own defense attorney.

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Major Nidal Hasan is on trial for the massacre at Fort Hood. There were 13 victims that died in this attack and another 30 were injured. Hasan is not denying his guilt, but believed that he found himself on the wrong side of a Jihad and decided to switch sides declaring that the U.S. is at war with Islam.

Issue: Fort Hood Shooting Trial cont.

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Nidal Hasan has asked for a death sentence, but due to judicial regulations he cannot be put to death if he pleads guilty, as he already has. Many of the victims of this crime are infuriated that the massacre is being classified as workplace violence instead of terrorism, which is what Nidal has indicated it to be.

Issue: Gasoline Prices

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The chaos in Egypt is the reason the price of oil is on the rise with concerns that the oil supply will not make it through the Suez Canal, which is controlled by Egypt. Oil prices rose to \$107 a barrel and that means higher prices are coming to the pumps.

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Gas prices across America are soaring. The national average jumped 15-cents in only a week. It could cause millions of Americans to stay put this summer. The average cost for a gallon of regular gas is \$3.64; in LA and Chicago gas is now over \$4 a gallon. According to Triple-A, higher prices at the pump could be the new normal. Trouble in the middle east, more specifically, Egypt, Syria, and Iran and summer vacation season are the 2 main reasons why prices are up. Experts say it simply supply and demand. At a Senate hearing on Tuesday, Triple-A told lawmakers it is too expensive to move oil from the fields of the Midwest to the consumers than it is to ship it in from the Middle East. And so prices won't be going down until after Labor Day weekend.

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Due to the conflict in Syria, gasoline prices are rising and are expected to rise even more.

Issue: Global Warming and Climate Change Program: CBN Newswatch

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The Farmer's Almanac is predicting a very cold winter this year. The almanac uses sunspots, lunar cycles, and planetary positions to determine this year will be excessively cold.

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New satellite images show the artic ice cap is making a come back. The images show the ice cap expanding by 60% in one year. Forecasters have predicted a worse than normal hurricane season, so far it has been mild.

Issue: Global Warming and Climate Change cont. Program: CBN Newswatch

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President Obama is planning on setting tough new regulations on the carbon industry. He purposed new limits on emissions. The EPA essentially banned all coal fired power plants because the plants will not be able to meet the tough new standards. The only ones able to meet the requirements are those receiving hundreds of millions in grant money.

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The US is set to close a record number of coal plants. WV is the second top coal producer in the country. As the demand declines thousands of coal miners are becoming unemployed. Clean coal technology is not being given a chance says William Paney, President of WV Coal Association. They learned how to control the dust, even so Obama put fighting climate change on his priority list. According to the White House coal has to go.

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A new report says people are to blame for the global climate change. Joe Bastardi meteorologist of Weatherbell says some scientists are saying the global warming is in the ocean not the air. He says the charts used to prove global warming are not accurate and he encourages you to look for yourselves.

Issue: Gun Control

Program: CBN Newswatch

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A recent shooting caused a stir in gun control policies once again. Two black teens were bored and shot an Australian collegiate baseball player. This caused backlash and infuriated some Australians, one former Australian deputy prime minister called on the Australian government to boycott the U.S. in order to put pressure on Congress to make measures towards tighter gun control.

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The NRA joined in a lawsuit against the NSA surveillance program under the pretenses that the NSA is illegally collecting information about gun owners. The NRA believes that the NSA is infringing on the free speech of the members of the NRA.

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The media started to push for more gun control because of the shooting at the Navy Shipyard. Some in the media jumped on a report that an AR15 was used, when in fact it was a rifle and handguns. The media has not admitted their mistake. NBC reported it was an automatic weapon.

Issue: Health and Wellbeing Program: CBN Newswatch

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Two HIV-positive patients who received bone marrow transplants for cancer, now show no sign of the deadly virus. Researchers at Harvard University announced last year that 8 months after receiving healthy marrow cells, the virus had not reappeared in the patient's blood. However, they were still on anti-viral drugs at the time. They announced today that they show no signs of the virus since they stopped taking the drugs.

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New research shows that work prevents Alzheimer's. In a study of 500,000 people, they found that each year they worked past the age of 65 there was a 3% reduction in the risk. The reason they find is that working is more demanding physically, mentally, and there are the benefits of social stimulation that leads to brain health.

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The longer you work, the better your health according to new research. People who put off retirement until 70 years or later are less likely to be diagnosed with Alzheimer's. New research shows that work prevents Alzheimer's. In a study of 500,000 people, they found that each year they worked past the age of 65 there was a 3% reduction in the risk. The reason they find is that working is more demanding physically, mentally, and there is the benefits of social stimulation and that leads to brain health. A good diet is also a deterrent, one that is full of fruits, veggies, seeds, foods rich in Omega-3 fatty acids, legumes, and some dairy.

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Kids having heart attacks while playing sports is becoming more common. Researchers have discovered that the likelihood of a kid having a heart attack these days is five times higher than what they were expecting.

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An alarming amount of adults are still very obese. Louisiana and Mississippi are leading the population percentage with 35% of adults being obese, while Colorado is the least obese state with less than 21% of adults being obese. The states with the higher poverty rates are also the states that lead the obesity rate. The obesity rate is continuing to climb due to the amount of sugar and the types of sugars in our food. The amount of sugar in the average American's diet has exponentially increased since the 1800's, and experts believe that this is one of the causes of the poor health rate of Americans as well as heart diseases.

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A growing number of kids are considered obese. Health officials recommend limiting of fast foods and sugary items and encouraging more exercise.

Issue: Health and Wellbeing cont.

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It cost an obese person about \$3,000 more per year in medical cost. Each American consumes and average of 156 pounds of sugar per year. There are more than 40 types of sugar in foods. Dr Dana Flavin says High Fructose Corn Syrup (HFCS) disables our brains off switch so we always want more. Princeton University's lab tests on rats show more weight gain in rats with HFCS in their diet compared to rats with table sugar.

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A disease that is much like measles in humans is causing Dolphins to die in record numbers. Marine Scientists are checking Dolphins to see if it is harmful to humans. Between July 1st and Sept 16th, 500 dolphins have died along the coast from New York to North Carolina. People visiting and vacationing at the Eastern shore are encouraged to be careful of swimming in the Ocean if they have open cuts or sores, as scientists are not sure if the disease can be transmitted to humans through contact with water where Dolphins gather.

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Flu season is almost here. There is a new flu shot that has 4 strands in it. They only made 30 million of these vaccines. Any one else wanting a flu shot will have to get the 3 strand one. Scientist think they have found a common strand for all flus. There could be a universal vaccine for all flus in about 5 years.

Issue: Heat Wave Warnings Program: CBN Newswatch

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The worst heat of the summer is here and it is dangerous. Hundred's of people die from heat stroke each year. The combination of heat and humidity from Michigan to the East Coast is making dangerous conditions. Temperatures are expected in the 90's and above. The CDC reports that over 600 deaths are attributed to heat each year, and that's more than the amount of people combined who die from natural disasters each year. Some areas are opening "cooling centers" for residents who do not have air conditioning. Those who have to be outside are advised to take frequent breaks. Temperatures are expected to get worst as they head westward across the country.

Reports say that about 175 people die from heat exhaustion each year, and says the main way to beat the heat is to drink plenty of water even before you are thirsty and avoid caffeine, sugary drinks such as soda pop, and alcohol; wear light colored, loose fitting, 100% cotton clothing: take frequent breaks throughout the day if you are outside. If you exercise outside, exercise in the early morning or late evening to avoid the heat of the day. The most vulnerable to the heat are the very young and the very old.

Issue: Immigration Reform Program: CBN Newswatch

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Immigration reform tops the list for Congress as it heads back to work after the July 4th holiday. House leaders are not happy with the House bill, which favors amnesty over border security, and it has Republicans divided and "concerned." Rep. Sen. John McCain, one of the Gang of 8, said he is ready to work with the House. But a large number of House Republican are not ready to hand the Democrats a political victory while passing what they see is a bad law. It looks like September before lawmakers take final action

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House Republicans have decided to embrace a smaller, step-by-step approach to immigration reform. They won't pass a comprehensive plan approved by the Senate. That bill includes measures for border security, but the House says they can't rely on the White House to secure the border. House GOP members have their own ideas for how immigration reform should go.

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Republican leaders are opening the door for the children of illegal immigrants to stay in the U.S. Democrats say it is a move in the right direction, but it still is not enough. They want legislation that helps other illegal immigrants.

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Religious leaders are lobbying the House for immigration reform, some going to the capitol to pray for it. At one prayer event, Regent University president Carlos Campo asked God to change lawmaker's hearts to help them make an agreement. The House and Senate are at odds about how to bring about immigration reform.

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Republican Senator Jeff Sessions wants his party to flip the immigration reform on its head. Writing to fellow GOP members, Sessions calls the bill "nonsense" and compared it to ObamaCare and chastised the Republican elite for siding with Democrats. He stated that "...polls show again and again that the American people want security accomplished first..." He says the poor will suffer under the current bill and Republicans can win in elections if they appeal to all Americans.

Issue: The Iranian Threat Program: CBN Newswatch

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Iran is getting closer to developing a nuclear bomb, and it has its sights on Israel and the U.S. That's is according to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netantahu. CBN News Terrorism Analyst Erik Stakelbeck says this is not only an Israel problem, but a world problem and most especially, an American problem. Iran sees Israel as the "little satan", but the U.S. is the "great satan". Stakelbeck is working on a new book entitled "The Muslim Brotherhood".

Issue: The Iranian Threat cont.

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Germany is paving the way for the first nuclear talks since April. The President feels there is a possibility for a different relationship with Iran if we resolve the nuclear program issue. He feels Iran must prove themselves. Erick Stacklebeck a CBN Terrorism analyst said Iran is nearing the finishing line with their nuclear bomb program. Israeli officials say Iran is about 6 months from having a nuclear bomb. Iranian President Rouhani is out there speaking as a moderate, while the Iranian leaders are developing a weapon of mass death. Erick says Rouhani subscribes to the ideology of wiping Israel off the map. While in an interview with Ann Couric, Rouhani refused to acknowledge the Holocaust really happened.

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President Obama and President Ruohani spoke on the phone Friday. It was the first time the presidents from U.S. and Iran have spoken since 1979. President Obama says he thinks it will help with the US in dealing with Iran's nuclear ambitions.

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President Ruohani was met with a mixed reception when returning to Iran. Some shouted "Thank you Ruohani" as he rode through the streets. They were excited about the meeting with the US after 30 years of silence. Not every one was happy about the meeting, some walked through the streets chanting "Death to America."

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President Obama met with Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu today. Prime Minister Netanyahu is concerned. He urged the President not to lift the economic sanctions in place against the Islamic Republic. Obama said he is not taking any options off the table in his effort to keep Iran from developing nuclear weapons.

Issue: National Security & NSA Scandals Program: CBN Newswatch

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European leaders are furious over new allegations that the U.S. spy agency monitored European Union diplomat offices in New York, D.C. and Brussels. It is the latest in a string of information dropped by US leaker Edward Snowden. He says the NSA bugged EU phones, tapped their computers and EU leaders are threatening economic sanctions.

Issue: National Security & NSA Scandals cont. Program: CBN Newswatch

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There are NSA agents accused for spilling the beans on the U.S. sensitive intelligence secrets. But that's not all he has – he reportedly has the blueprint documents on how our national security and its agents operate and if that information was made public, it could harm the U.S. The reporter who first leaked confidential information from the NSA said that Edward Snowden, he had to prove that what Snowden was telling the truth, he had to take documents that backed up his claims. Among the documents he took were ones that had the blueprint of how the NSA infrastructure works. Now the question being raised is how Snowden was able to get his hands on them. He is still hiding at a Moscow airport. Russia has granted his way onto Latin America if he stops the leaks.

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Tea Party conservatives and liberal Democrats have come together to try to make changes to the National Security Agency surveillance programs. Some Republicans have strongly defended the program, saying it was important for national security. The House is also considering a move to prevent President Obama from military action in Syria. Both bills are the latest bills on defense spending.

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Executive Vice-President of Regent University Dr. Paul Bonicelli says the Patriot Act makes the NSA spying programs legal, but it isn't constitutional and the NSA would have a hard time proving it to the Supreme Court if it was to ever go that far. The President's biggest problem is he doesn't believe in the war on terror so he doesn't defend it. Bonicelli says it really is helpful and useful, but he also says the FBI and the CIA have different ideas about how the program should be run. Bonicelli believes the NSA is taking too much information and that they are having a hard time explaining what they are doing.

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President Obama is attempting to make the NSA programs more transparent due to the security leaks that resulted from Edward Snowden. The president is asking for a new civil liberties officer to hold the NSA accountable in regards to the actions that they take such as tracking phone records.

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There are more NSA reports that have been reported as of recent in regards to the NSA abusing the power granted to them with thousands of reports of misconduct. Many of the reports of misconduct include the NSA violating court orders. The NSA did not report of a new method of collecting information and data while the court is supposed to be aware of these operations.

Issue: National Security & NSA Scandals cont. Program: CBN Newswatch

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Congress members are pushing for changes in how the NSA operates due to leaks on security and privacy breaches that have been enacted by the NSA. President Obama has said that the Congress has been well informed of the practices that are occurring. Many congressional members are still very alarmed at what is going on and don't believe that they are being told the whole story.

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In 2011, the NSA was rebuked by the Secret Foreign Intelligence Court for collecting emails of citizens even though they were not connected to terrorism. The Obama administration claims that those emails were not intentionally collected but rather a consequence of colleting emails that were regarding security issues. The NSA has been disregarding the 4th Amendment by getting warrants that cover a large group of people as opposed to warrants that are specific to the individuals they are monitoring.

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A declassified opinion from a federal surveillance court says the collection of NSA phone records complies with the Constitution.

Issue: ObamaCare

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The Becket Fund for Religious Liberties and the Department of Health & Human Services says the Obama Administration's most recent stance on the contraceptive mandate is "more of the same." More than 200 plaintiffs have filed suit and 61 have offered challenges to the mandate.

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A major component of the President's healthcare overhaul is being delayed until 2015. The Administration announced Tuesday that large companies do not have to implement the law on Jan. 1, 2014, which gives them a chance to update their healthcare before facing arbitrary fines. Republicans say the delay means the laws are unworkable and should be replaced with simpler reform.

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Christian leaders are pushing for guaranteed exemptions from ObamaCare birth control mandate. Catholic and Protestant leaders wrote an open letter to all Americans calling on the government to exempt an organization or individual with religious or moral objections.

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Businesses have been hiring more temporary work more than any other kind since the recession ended nearly 4 years ago. The number of temporary jobs has jumped more than 50%; the reason so many employers are still uneasy about the future of the economy is that others are trying to get around the ObamaCare law even though that law has been put on hold for a year.

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The Obama Administration has suggested that only churches should be given a religious exemption from the contraception mandate in ObamaCare. Many Christian businesses and institutions are filing suit saying it is wrong to not declare them "Christian enough." Liberty Institute General Counsel Jeff Mateer says it's the government telling American Christian businesses that if you don't follow our rules then you will suffer penalties or fines; essentially they are redefining our religious beliefs.

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House Republicans spoke out against ObamaCare today. The Obama Administration recently delayed the requirement that employers provide health insurance until after the 2014 election, but House Speaker John Boehner says that's not good enough and says they have sent out a letter demanding a justification of why the delay on businesses, but leaving the mandate on individuals and families. He also says that because of the delay, millions of workers can only get part-time work due to the fact that business are uncertain about the healthcare issue and how much it going to cost which in turn affects hiring.

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Liberty University's attempt to overturn ObamaCare was rejected by an appeals court. The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a lower courts ruling dismissing the suit. Liberty says the healthcare mandate is unconstitutional because it forces religious employers to provide coverage for abortion inducing drugs to employees. LU lawyer Matt Staver will take the case now to the Supreme Court.

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House Republicans could be taking another stab at scrapping the new healthcare law. The House is voting today on delaying a key requirement in the individual and employer mandate. It's the 38th time the GOP majority tried to eliminate or scale back the program. The Republicans took over the House back in 2011. This comes after Obama decided to suspend his program until 2015.

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Key allies for President Obama are Labor Unions and they are changing their tune on. They at first fought to implement the healthcare mandate, but now they are taking a step back. The Labor Union bosses wrote letters to Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid expressing their concerns, saying, "The law as it stands will hurt millions of Americans, including the members of our respective unions." They also sited unintended consequences such as fewer work hours and less pay and benefits for workers.

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Phil Kerpen is president of American Commitment, a group that wants President Obama to roll back ObamaCare. Kerpen says the healthcare mandate will cost worker hours, benefits, and pay. He says that this is a big lose-lose-lose situation for union members and could cause them to question why they're paying all those dues to leadership that doesn't really represent their interests.

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Three years since ObamaCare became the law of the land the law finds the law losing its luster. Now that the government has had time to digest what the law really says, they are finding it hard to implement. The law requires insurers to spend at least 80-cents of every dollar on healthcare or refund the difference. This comes as the House voted for the 38^{th} time to either scrap, cut funding, or scale back the law. Parts of the mandate have been put on hold because of the difficulty it brings companies to comply. One study says that ObamaCare will put 3.2 million jobs in jeopardy. And union job bosses are calling on the government to fix it. A study finds that 7-million Americans will be dropped from their current healthcare and forced into health exchanges because of ObamaCare.

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Craft store Hobby Lobby has won another victory against ObamaCare's birth control mandate. A federal judge today granted the Christian family-owned retailer a temporary exemption. ObamaCare requires employers to provide the Morning After pill or Plan B pill and birth control to employees or pay a fine. There are now 60 separate lawsuits that challenge the birth control mandate.

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Republicans are gearing up the fight to prevent President Obama's costly healthcare law that goes into affect next year. But lawmakers have the tough decision of defunding ObamaCare or shutting down the government. Former advisor to Pres. Bush, Kereakos Zuras says the price tag for ObamaCare is 3 times higher than it was expected to be and it is getting higher. Republicans are drawing a line in the sand and threatening to shut down the government. Twelve Senators and 66 Congressmen have signed letters to their leaders saying they will not support the funding bill in September if it includes funds for the new healthcare law. The move comes after a new ad campaign came out, marketing to the uninsured, which will cost \$700million to target them. In an NBC News/Wall Street journal poll, 47% of the population say that ObamaCare is a 'bad idea"; 34% say it's a "good idea'. Right now, confusion about the new law is stumping economic growth and leaving business owners worried.

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A large part of ObamaCare takes affect 2 months from today. While that deadline quickly approaches, lawmakers on Capitol Hill have clashed on privacy concerns. The healthcare changes will be up and running Oct.1st. The application process requires the IRS to share private data with companies looking to enroll people into the program. There is concern over the privacy after the IRS scandal targeting Christian and conservative groups. This comes before the 40th vote by Republicans to repeal ObamaCare.

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In order to pass ObamaCare, Congress made a last minute deal to exempt themselves from ObamaCare, which allows them to remain under their current healthcare plans while also receiving taxpayer contributions.

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The ObamaCare mandate is going into effect on October 1, when in effect there will be a database that has everyone's name who has a plan along with a lot of other confidential and sensitive information. There were plans to test the database and secure it, but for some reason or another, the plans got postponed. The plans to begin testing the database are now set to begin on September 30, only a day before ObamaCare goes into effect.

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Religious organizations are still waiting for contraceptives to be taken out of ObamaCare because it conflicts with their religious beliefs. There were some alterations made to ObamaCare, but they did not actually address the issue at hand.

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Members of congress and their staff will get to keep their personal healthcare plans instead of opting for the ObamaCare plan. Along with them being allowed to opt out of ObamaCare, they will be given a subsidy to pay for their new plans.

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As the deadline for ObamaCare is slowly approaching, opponents and proponents are stepping up the campaign to either keep it funded or to have it defunded by the October budget. There is a lot of money going into commercials in order to sway the public's opinion.

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There are some key provisions of ObamaCare that are set to run out in a few months. People are growing skeptical of the validity of ObamaCare, so President Obama has stepped up to defend ObamaCare admitting that there are still some problems that will need to be addressed when it comes to ObamaCare. As of recent polls, ObamaCare has become unpopular with Americans.

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Due to the nature of ObamaCare, insurance providers are attempting to educate people about what ObamaCare really is, and how it will affect every American. Typically, younger and healthier Americans will be taxed/fined more because it will be cheaper for them to do than to get health insurance. The ObamaCare program has missed a third of the deadlines that they were required to achieve under the law. Blue Cross Blue Shield explains that once ObamaCare is enacted over half of their customers will experience a 50% increase or more in the cost of their insurance rates.

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Recent polls have shown that a majority of Americans are weary of ObamaCare and desire to pull the plug on it. The first major implementation of ObamaCare will take place on October 1st, but many Americans now desire to slow down the process or repeal it. 77% of the voters desire to slow down or repeal the implementation of ObamaCare.

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Due to the huge cost involved in insuring employees once ObamaCare is enacted, there are multiple employers who will no longer be able to support their employees causing them to inflate the costs of their goods/services or to be required to not insure their family members. Many politicians are rallying to defund the ObamaCare before it gets enacted. Many Democrats lost their seats in the 2010 elections due to the growing unpopularity of ObamaCare.

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Conservative activists are calling on Republicans to defund ObamaCare, some analysts say that it will cause the cost of healthcare to go up. When ObamaCare is enacted it will force citizens to get a healthcare plan or pay a tax/fine. Republicans believe that defunding ObamaCare in October is the last chance to bring it to an end before it gets enacted. Some political commentators say that ObamaCare will stifle competition.

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Analysts are warning that ObamaCare will increase the cost of healthcare. Lawmakers have exempted themselves from ObamaCare. Americans that are opposed to ObamaCare are demonstrating outside Eric Canter's office. Americans will be forced to buy ObamaCare or pay a penalty tax/fine.

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A report from the Congressional budget office says delaying the ObamaCare individual mandate would save the government over \$35billion over ten years. The Republican bill seeks to delay the individual mandate by a year.

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A rally was held by the Tea Party and Conservatives for America on Capitol Hill. It was against ObamaCare called "Exempt America". Exemptions are being handed out to businesses, labor unions, and even gov't divisions, those at the rally feel exemptions should be handed out to the American people. There are 8 legislative days left for the continuing resolution to keep the gov't running. Republicans want to fund the gov't, but not ObamaCare.

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ObamaCare is becoming less popular with the labor movement. The law as it stands will hurt union health plans.

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Sarah Palin's pack has released a new add call "Just sayin". It is loaded with the latest evidence of ObamaCare death panels. Some far left democrats appear to agree with her.

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The Congress plans to use the debt ceiling as a way to defund ObamaCare. John Banner said they will vote on a measure to extend government spending and includes a provision stripping ObamaCare funds. President Obama has warned Republicans against such a bill.

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Cherry Creek Mortgage Co has won its fight for exemption from ObamaCare contraception mandate. CCMC said it violates their religious beliefs.

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Republicans are taking a stand against ObamaCare going into effect by taking away their funding. A house vote is expected Friday on a Republican plan to keep the government running through Dec 31, 2013. Tied to the bill is a measure to defund ObamaCare. Polls show more Americans oppose ObamaCare than are for it.

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Congress voted to fund the US, but not ObamaCare. Senator H Reid is threatening to stop the measure in the Senate. President Obama is threatening to veto the bill without ObamaCare funding included in it.

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Hobby Lobby might go before the Supreme Court with their case against the ObamaCare contraception mandate. The Green family said it goes against their religious belief.

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Senator Ted Cruz took the floor for almost 22 hours trying to convince the Senate, who has yet to vote on the budget bill, to vote for the bill that the house sent to them. The bill funds the gov't till the end of the year, but defunds ObamaCare.

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New health insurance markets launch Oct. 1st for those who do not have insurance. The White House is in full swing promoting ObamaCare. ObamaCare will raise premiums about 24%. David Christensen from the Family Research Council discusses ObamaCare and the effects on the American people. Companies are starting to dump their employees into the ObamaCare plan. There are conscious, religious freedom issues, and abortion subsidies with the plan.

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Senate is saying Senator Ted Cruz wasted his time in his marathon speech. Even if there is a gov't shut down health care will kick in on Tuesday. The House is planning on sending a measure through that funds the gov't and delays ObamaCare for one year.

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ObamaCare will increase rates of young men18-34 years old 97-99% and young women the same age 55-62%. Penny Nance from Concerned Women for America says 88% of Americans feel they will have worse health care. She states it will take 20 young people to pay for one older person with diabetes.

Issue: Pornography in the Military Program: CBN Newswatch

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Pentagon officials say they have no problem with pornographic magazines being sold on military bases. Morality and Media recently asked Sec. of State Chuck Hagel to prevent the sale of Penthouse Magazine, Playboy, and other nude magazines; they sited a law that forbids the sale of explicit material on bases. But the Department of Defense defends porn magazines and based on the totality of each magazine, they weren't sexually explicit according to the law's definition.

Issue: Possible Loss of Charitable Deductions Program: CBN Newswatch

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Tax deductions for giving to charitable organizations may be on the chopping block. Top Senate committee members are proposing a bill that would wipe the slate clean. The write offs are a great way to encourage charitable giving.

Issue: Privacy Rights

Program: CBN Newswatch

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It turns out that Big Brother is watching you and CBN has learned just how wide spread the government surveillance programs are and they are doing it with the approval of a secret court. This has privacy advocates outraged and some are asking the Supreme Court to step in. The places where we have been tracked changes constantly. The Electronic Privacy Information Center, or EPIC, this week filed an emergency petition with the Supreme Court, asking the judges to dissolve an order by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, known as FISA, which allows the NSA to collect millions of records of phone calls made everyday by Americans in the U.S. The problem is the NSA has overstepped their bounds by gathering all records and not just relevant records.

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The local police may be tracking your movements. The American Civil Liberties unions say police are using special license plate scanners to track cars. They capture images of passing or parked cars, keeping digital info and date of where they are and their movement. That info is kept in a database for weeks or even years. They use the info to track criminal activity or any other questionable activity. The ACLU says it violates everyone's privacy and those not involved in any crime should have their info deleted.

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A majority of brand new cars sold in America come with "black boxes", and they store critical information about the performance of the car as well as it gives federal regulators, police, insurance companies access to other data to investigate crashes. If the Highway Administration had its way, all cars on the road would have them. Many say that is too much information that the government needs to have.

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The government wants major internet companies to turn over your computer passwords. The move is a step up in surveillance techniques. Many companies have flatly refused to hand over the passwords and other ways to get into personal accounts.

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National Intelligence experts addressed privacy issues and concerns on Capitol Hill today. They joined Senate Judiciary Committee to evaluate the government's collection of phone records and other electronic device data. At issues the federal intelligence surveillance court or FISA. The Senate docket could soon have many more bills to address the issue. The hearings began very cordially with the committee wanting to work with the NSA to ensure privacy and security of the American people. One of the concerns is that the 215 Program that authorizes the government to might have gone too far.

Issue: Privacy Rights cont. Program: CBN Newswatch

Air Date and Time: 8-1-2013 @ 9:30pm

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The government is spying on even more of our online activities more than anyone can imagine. New leaks describe a program allowing government to snoop into a wide range of activities, which most Americans believe should be protected. When the head of the NSA General Keith Butler tried to justify the surveillance program to a hacker's conference, his speech was cut short by hecklers on Wednesday. They told him they didn't trust him and wondered if he was telling them the truth after he lied to the House Judicial Committee during testimony. The committee is now wondering the same thing. The Obama Administration insists that only the phone numbers and email addresses and other metadata are collected. The Guardian Newspaper reports that documents reveal the NSA's XKeyscore program collects nearly everything a user does on the Internet. The White House says if they are to find potential terror attacks, they would need that tool. A new PEW public poll reports that there are not enough limits on the spying and that the government uses data for more than fighting terrorism.

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The FBI says it doesn't need a warrant to use drones for domestic surveillance, telling Sen. Rand Paul, who asked for more information on the surveillance, that they only use the drones in domestic criminal investigations. But officials say they are allowed to spy on anyone at anytime and that the drones are only used in public area so there is no invasion of privacy. Sen. Paul disagrees saying the FBI does need a warrant.

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There are many concerns being stirred up in regards to consumer privacy. The government and corporations are secretly collecting all sorts of data about people without their consent. Along with security concerns of personal devices transmitting data about their users, there is an alarming rate of growth of drones that can track anyone from the air.

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The governor of California signed a law into effect that allows transgender students to use the bathrooms of the gender that they associate with. The Pacific Justice Institute is attempting to fight this ruling by protecting individuals whose privacy rights are being infringed upon by this new ruling.

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Facebook is reporting that governments all over the world are demanding personal information about the users. Facebook released data showing that government agencies in 74 countries requested information about 38,000 users; half of the requests were from the N.S.A. in the U.S. The way the law is setup right now allows the N.S.A. to do so without requiring them to get a warrant.

Issue: Privacy Rights cont. Program: CBN Newswatch

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Government agents in 74 countries around the world have demanded information from Facebook in regards to 38,000 users. Currently, Federal law allows the NSA to request for data without acquiring a specific warrant.

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Google is being accused of invading their Gmail user's privacy by scanning each email that is sent. Google is gathering data from the emails for advertising purposes.

Issue: Religion in Society Program: CBN Newswatch

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Some in Washington are attempting to force military members to keep their religious beliefs quiet. A coalition has been formed to back the service members' religious rights, called the Chaplain Alliance. The Alliance is handing out palm cards to troops letting them know what their religious rights are.

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A new scouting organization that accepts boys from all religions is in the works. The new scouting organization will require that leaders follow Christian guidelines. The group OnMyHonor.net made the announcement in a conference recently. About 30,000 families have contacted them saying they plan to leave the scouts because they desire a faith based organization. The groups will focus on the outdoors and character building. They will allow the boys who struggle with same-sex orientation to join, but will not promote them openly flaunting their orientation. The group will choose its new name in September and launch the program next year.

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A new bill introduced Thursday would forbid the federal government from withholding funds from groups who engage in voluntary religious activity. It is called, "The Freedom to Pray Act." Democratic Senator Mary Landrews says she began working on the legislation after she heard that a young Marine's program funding could be cut because they practiced voluntary prayer and the mention of God.

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A federal judge in Indiana will decide whether displaying crosses on public property is legal or not. A group of churches in Evanston wants to display 31 crosses along a popular river front area. The American Civil Liberties Union is suing saying it violates the separation of church and state. The Alliance Defending Freedom group has filed a motion to represent the churches.

Issue: Religion in Society cont. Program: CBN Newswatch

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Could American pastors be charged with hate speech crimes for speaking out on their convictions? That is a warning from a up-&-coming GOP star, Sen. Ted Cruze. About 800 pastors gathered for a 2-day conference in Iowa at the Marriot, all expenses paid by the Iowa Renewal Project. Their goal is to encourage pastors to speak out on more of the issues of the day from the pulpit. Not a lot of this is taking place because a lot of churches are tax-exempt and due to their tax-exempt status they can't talk about some things from the pulpit, such as politics.

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Commissioners in Rowan County, North Carolina cannot open their meetings with a prayer that mentions Jesus Christ. A judge issued a preliminary injunction in barring the prayers in response to an ACLU lawsuit. The three people that brought the lawsuit say opening a government meeting with one religions prayer is unconstitutional.

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A new non-discrimination ordinance order in San Antonio, Texas could be used to discriminate against Christians. New language was added by city council to its non-discrimination policy. It says that anyone who has demonstrated a bias based on sexual orientation can't work for the city nor run for a city office. Christian leaders are fighting back against the expanded policy. The American Family Associations responded by saying "another tactic to exclude Christians from the political process and silence them...not to mention the assault on religious liberties that this unconstitutional policy demonstrates."

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An Indian mother would pray on her kid's public school grounds every day, but as of recent, she was requested to not do so because a lawsuit had been filed through the Freedom from Religion Foundation. The mother will continue to pray but will not be able to do so at the school. The school told her that prayers are not welcome at the school indicating evidence of the growing trend of separation of church and state.

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Pastors are concerned that the freedom of speech is being inhibited if they condone a political leader. Churches could lose their tax-exempt status if the pastor speaks out on political issues.

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A Federal judge has issued a temporary injunction on a law that bans Islamic Law in Oklahoma. The voters passed the law by a majority of 70%, but the Federal judge stepped in and placed a ban on the law.

Issue: Religion in Society cont.

Program: CBN Newswatch

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A federal judge in Wisconsin has ruled against church politicking, which means that pastors are prohibited from endorsing candidates from the pulpit.

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Due to a list made by the Southern Poverty Law Center, the Department of Defense is putting Christians, Mormons, and Orthodox Jews on the top of a list of religious extremists above groups such as Al Qaeda.

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According to a new study done by the Tenenbaum Center for Interreligious Understanding, one-third of American workers say they have seen or experienced religious discrimination in their work environment. More than half of the workers who were polled believe that Muslims are discriminated against.

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Christians all over the world are looking at the activities in Syria and Damascus and comparing them to prophecies in the Bible. There are two references; 1) Is 17:1 2) Jer.49 in the Bible. Some Christians are looking at what is happening and the references in the Bible and believe that we are in the End Times.

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A Federal Judge has dismissed a case to remove the motto "In God We Trust" from our currency. Atheist say it conveys a message that violates the separation of Church and State. The Judge wrote that the Supreme court has repeatedly found no Constitutional violation.

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Nagmeh Abedini spoke at Liberty University to let everyone know her husband who is still imprisoned is standing strong in his faith. He has won 30 people to the Lord in one of the toughest prisons on Earth. There will be a special worldwide prayer vigil for Saaed on Thursday Sept 26th, which is his one-year anniversary of imprisonment.

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23rd annual "See You at the Pole" took place Tuesday. It is now an around the world event happening in more than 20 countries. Students showed up early to pray for their leaders, schools, and families.

Issue: Religion in Society cont.

Program: CBN Newswatch

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Most of the students at Redbank Valley High meet every Monday during school for a Bible Club. They are the largest club in the world with over 600 students. They are inspiring kids around the country and beyond. They have accepted invitations around the county to help and pray. The students are trying to let others know that no matter what the Supreme Court says about praying in the school all students can pray, carry their Bible, and witness to others.

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Thursday marks one year of the imprisonment for Pastor Saeed. People across the country in 40 states held prayer vigils. National pressure is building for his release. Pastor Saeed was building an orphanage when he was arrested. His crime according to Iranian gov't was endangering national security. He has paid a terrible price, suffering beatings and torture. He now has deteriorating health issues from the torture. Pressure on the new President Rouhani is ramping up. Secretary of State, John Kerry, has asked for his release. Preacher Billy Graham has written to President Rouhani, calling him Pastor Rouhani a man of God, asking him to release Pastor Saeed.

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President Obama made a phone call today on behalf of Pastor Saeed Abedini to President Ruohani requesting his release. The family told Saeed about the phone call while visiting him at the prison. The State Department through a letter promised to peruse all diplomatic avenues to press Iran for Pastor Abedini's release. Obama also mentioned two others missing Robert Levinson and alleged CIA operative Amir Hekmati.

Issue: Same Sex Marriage Program: CBN Newswatch

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President of the Family Research Counsel predicts that many Americans who are tolerant of same-sex marriage will be shocked to see how it cuts back on religious freedom. Tony Perkins says that Christian business owners will increasingly face prosecution if they won't take part in gay weddings. And parents will soon find that their children's schools are promoting the acceptance of gay marriage.

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A gay couple in Florida is the first to see immigration benefits following the Supreme Court ruling on same sex marriage. A Bulgarian graduate student and his partner married in New York were notified that the Green Card had come thru, despite the fact that Florida doesn't recognize the marriage.

Issue: Same Sex Marriage cont.

Program: CBN Newswatch

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Michigan's public employers may now choose to offer benefits to same-sex domestic partners. Five gay couples sued the state regarding government employee-partner benefits. The federal judge in the state struck down the law that defines marriage as between a man and a woman.

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Pennsylvania's attorney general, Kathleen Kane says she will not defend the state's law that protects traditional marriage. Gay activists are suing to overturn that law. Even though it is the job of the atty general to defend the laws, she said she isn't going to defend a law that promotes discrimination. It is now the job of the governor's lawyer to uphold and defend the Defense of Marriage Act.

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The California's Supreme Court says it will not order the state to stop issuing marriage licenses to same sex couples after the U.S. Supreme Court ruling last month. County clerks were told that the voter-approved ban on gay marriage was legally invalid. But supporters of Proposition 8 filed a lawsuit asking the state to continue enforcing the gay marriage ban while their legal battle continues. The high court refused but said it will consider whether the governor and atty general acted correctly by reinstating same-sex marriage.

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Five same sex marriage licenses were approved in Pennsylvania's Montgomery County this week even though state law only recognizes traditional marriage. At least one couple have gone thru with their illegal wedding. The marriage licenses are not legally valid. The state's attorney general says she will not defend the gay marriage ban.

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Christians who stand up for traditional marriage could find themselves in court in the years ahead. It's part of the legal battle of gay rights verses religious freedom. Christians could be charged with hate speech and more for speaking out. When the Supreme Court announced it's pro-gay ruling, it also attacked the motive of those who came in support of DOMA – the Defense of Marriage Act, which enshrines the Biblical marriage of one man and one woman. SC Justice Anthony Kennedy says that, "DOMA writes inequality into the entire U.S. code." In other words, the principles behind DOMA are irrational. In Canada where gay-marriage is legal, 200-300 cases against opponents of gay marriage were brought to courts, human rights commissions, and employment boards. Family Research Council President says that that could soon become the norm in America too. Human Rights and other gay rights activists want total acceptance of their status from everyone otherwise they say it's anti-gay to do less than show full support for them, saying, "Don't judge or remain silent. Silence will be interpreted as disapproval." So the largest group in the U.S., Christians, are having their religious freedom rights blocked by the smallest group in the nation.

Issue: Same Sex Marriage cont.

Program: CBN Newswatch

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The former head of the American Psychological Assoc., Dr. Nicholas Cummings is defending the rights of those wanting to leave the gay lifestyle. In USA Today, he said he helped hundreds to leave the same-sex attraction. He said that the belief that homosexuality has not one identical inherited characteristic and that being gay is not supported by scientific evidence, and "attempting to characterize all sexual reorientation therapy as 'unethical' violates patient choice."

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The U.S. is beginning to handle homosexuals applications for visas the same is it does for heterosexuals as long as the couple got married in a place that legally allows for homosexual marriages.

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The Pentagon is planning to give benefits to gay members by the end of the month. The proposal would give gay military members the same benefit as heterosexual troops. One of these changes would allow gays to be pardoned for ten days in order to go to a state where they could legally be married.

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Private business owners are trying to get an exemption to being required to serve homosexual couples. The Bureau of Labor and Industry is investigating in an issue in regards to a private business in Oregon refusing to bake a cake for a homosexual couple.

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A New Mexico court has ruled against a photographer that refused to take pictures at a homosexual wedding due to her religious beliefs citing a Civil Rights issue as opposed to a freedom of religion issue.

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In Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, a county clerk has given out more than 150 homosexual marriage licenses despite the fact that the state does not allow for homosexual marriage. The governor has filed a lawsuit to block these licenses given out by the clerk.

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Married same sex couples now have the same benefits as heterosexual couples do. These couples are now allowed to file Federal joint tax returns even if the state they live in doesn't recognize homosexual marriage.

Issue: Same Sex Marriage cont.

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In Pennsylvania, the State Court is battling a clerk who has issued more than a hundred marriage licenses to homosexual couples. The governor is suing because the clerk is defying the state's definition of marriage as opposed to the Federal governments.

Issue: Sex Trafficking

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Many parents are unaware of the sex trafficking that occurs in the U.S. There are men who gain the trust of younger girls and trick them into going to Los Angeles and other cities in order to force them into a life of prostitution. Experts are urging parents to know where their children are because to protect them from these predators.

Issue: Syria Intervention

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Recent actions in Syria could cause the U.S. to get involved in the Syrian Civil War. President Obama promised that if the Syrian government utilized chemical warfare or transferred the ownership of chemical weapons over to terrorist groups, then the U.S. government would need to intervene. For now, President Obama called on the U.N. to investigate whether or not the Syrian government has in fact used chemical weapons.

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UN investigators are looking into a potential chemical weapons attack in Syria. In the past, President Obama called for the U.S. to take action in Syria if any chemical weapons or Weapons of Mass Destruction were used.

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Secretary of State, John Kerry, affirmed there were chemical weapons used in an attack in Syria, but the attackers are trying to hide the evidence. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu does not like such dangerous powers having such dangerous weapons. Many foreign powers are calling upon the U.S. and President Obama to help intervene in this situation. President Obama is waiting for the U.N. official report.

Issue: Syrian Intervention cont. Program: CBN Newswatch

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John Kerry and other U.S. officials are accusing Bashar al-Assad for the chemical weapon attack that has occurred in Syria. The Secretary of Defense stated we are ready if we receive an executive order for an attack. 60% of Americans would not like for Obama to strike Syria while only 9% desire for Obama to strike; this number would increase only to 25% if Assad was found guilty of the use of the chemical weapons. Some fear that the U.S. might be required to invade Syria as was done with Iraq, but it is most likely believed that the attacks will occur from sea and from air if actually done.

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The United States government is planning to execute a brief and limited attack on the Syrian regime that attacked its own citizens with chemical weapons. Israel is concerned that the Syrian Civil War along with the chemical weapons will spill over into Israel, and is willing to react with strong force if that does happen.

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Many Americans are still unsure on whether or not the U.S. should perform an air strike in Syria. The British Prime Minister believes that the laws made by the U.N. allow for an attack to be made in the hope of being able to prevent any future attacks by the current Syrian Regime. The U.S. also needs to weigh the repercussions on an attack on Syria and how that could affect their allies such as Israel, who is preparing for an attack by the Syrian government.

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Obama reported there is evidence of a chemical attack in Syria at the hands of its own government. Recently, the British Parliament voted against taking force in Syria. The United States is still debating on whether or not to get involved. The President could take matters into his own hands, but is depending on Congress to decide what should be done. Many believe that Syria does not present an imminent threat to the U.S. and therefore, the U.S. should not commit an act that could result in war.

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President Obama surprised many political spectators by announcing that he will not order a strike on Syria, but rather he will allow the members of Congress to decide whether or not action must be taken in Syria in regards to the Syrian chemical weapon attacks. Many members of Congress are still skeptical as to whether or not an attack on Syria would end up leading to a war or would result in other repercussions. Senator Rand Paul is concerned if Assad is ousted as the leader in Syria, that this would result in an Islamic takeover resulting in the persecution of many Christians who have been protected by Assad.

Issue: Syrian Intervention cont. Program: CBN Newswatch

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President Obama is trying to gain support in Congress to take action in Syria for the chemical weapon attacks. There are some Republicans that are following Obama's lead and will support him punishing Assad for the attacks he committed. On the other hand, some Senators do not agree with an attack as they do not see Syria as a threat to the U.S. or its allies and they are concerned about the possible repercussions from such an attack.

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A Senate panel has approved Obama's request to take action in Syria, now the measure will head to the Senate in order to get approved. Obama is attempting to persuade international countries to a call for action. There are still many Republicans and Democrats that are still resilient to what the President is proposing. Obama has seemed to make up his mind on the issue of attacking Syria, but political spectators are curious to see what will happen if Obama doesn't get the approval of Congress.

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The administration is making a case to act in Syria in Congressional hearings and at the G20 Summit. There are still a lot of congress members that are still not convinced that action is necessary. The President has called on the Senate to vote on whether or not the U.S. should strike in Syria. Some political commentators believe that a strike in Syria could threaten the trade routes in the Middle East causing inflation in costs of goods.

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Obama did not receive support for a strike on Syria from the international communities at the G20 summit. Russia and China are opposed to a US strike, Germany and Great Britain want no part in the strike, and the European community is calling for a political answer. France is for a strike. The U.S. Congress and the Senate are growing more opposed to the strike.

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Russia says they are unconvinced the Assad regime is responsible for the deadly chemical weapon attack near Damascus last month. Russia insists in a new security counsel resolution that should not allow the use of deadly force in Syria. The US says all the evidence points to Assad.

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There are more questions about chemicals used in Syria. The United Nations is investigating new allegations that 7 more chemical attacks occurred in one of Syria's northern provinces. Samantha Powers, Ambassador to the U.N. made a statement that after a couple weeks of intense negotiations they have a shared draft resolution. In the resolution, International monitors must inspect all suspected sites, destroy all equipment used to make and mix chemical weapons, and have it completed by the middle of next year.

Issue: Taxes & IRS Scandals

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The IRS targeting conservative groups was back in the table again. Congress wanted to bring the one behind the scandal back to testify, Lois Lerner. They say she violated her right to remain silent when she declared to the committee her innocence back in May. National polls say that 3 out of 4 Americans believe that the IRS should be investigated for targeting conservative groups.

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The ranks of those suing the IRS for unlawful targeting are growing. The American Center for Law & Justice say 41 conservative groups are now taking legal action against the Internal Revenue Service, and that's up from 25 groups. The IRS has offered to expedite the approval for some groups who have waited for years, but the ACLJ calls the method "deeply flawed."

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A House committee is continuing hearings into the IRS targeting of Tea Party and other conservative groups. In the meantime, the Treasury Department told Iowa Senator Chuck Grassly that at least 4 other senators had their private information viewed improperly by the IRS.

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The office of the chief council of the IRS has been implicated in the agency's latest scandal. Retiring IRS tax lawyer Carter Hull testified before the House Oversight Committee Thursday. He said the IRS council was involved in targeting applications for special scrutiny by Tea Party and conservative groups.

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Conservative leaders call on the mass media to stop ignoring the IRS scandal. Conservative leaders say that just because the White House is dismissing concerns about the IRS targeting of Tea Party and conservative groups doesn't mean the media should. The Obama Administration calls it a "phony scandal" and has blamed rogue agents in a Cincinnati office for it all. But facts discovered by Congress suggest that the abuse comes directly from Washington itself. The Washington Times reports the GOP is taking a harder look at the IRS targeting of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, the Family Research Council, and Virginia-based Leadership Institute. Graham wrote a letter to President Obama to bring it to his attention that he believed that "someone in that administration was targeting and attempting to intimidate us." In his "campaign speech" in Illinois, Obama said all of this is "hurting the economy". Texas Republican Sen. Ted Cruz said in a speech in Iowa recently that the IRS just needs to be closed and disbanded.

Issue: Taxes & IRS Scandals cont.

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More calls for the investigation of the IRS, this time for the unnecessary and potential politically motivated audits of already established tax-exempt businesses, which reaches back to the White House and the Obama Administration. In the beginning, the White House insisted the IRS scandal was confined to some rogue agents in the Cincinnati office, but now it's clear the scandal was rooted in the Capitol. During a recent hearing of the House watchdog committee uncovered a connection of the scrutiny of the tax-exempt status of Tea Party, conservative groups, and the IRS. Chief Council William J. Wilkins, who is one of two IRS employees appointed by the President. Carter Hull, a lawyer who retired from the IRS after 48 years, was directed to send his recommendations of Tea Party groups to Wilkins' office. The American Center for Law & Justice's Jay Sekulow says they know that someone high up took these cases over from the lawyer's office and they want to know why. The White House calls the IRS scandal, "phony", but soon after the President's statement, he hired Treasury Sec. Jack Lew to investigate. FRC Tom McClusky says the IRS has morphed into a political arm of whoever is in power and not what it was originally designed to do.

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President Obama calls his new tax proposal to Republicans, "a grand bargain" for middle class jobs. It would offer a corporate tax cut in exchange for more stimulus style spending. House speaker John Boehner was quick to fire back thru his spokesperson that this proposal "...allows President Obama to support President Obama's position on taxes and President Obama's position on spending, while leaving small businesses and American families behind."

Issue: Terrorism

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Americans are facing deadly terrorist threats as the threats from Al Qaeda have increased to the United States. Government officials have received information that high-level terrorists are planning an attack, henceforth, the U.S. has closed down many of its embassies. Government officials believe that Al Qaeda still remains a very big threat being that it has mutated to adapt to the War on Terror. Al Qaeda has grown to be much bigger than what it was before 9/11 and covers larger portions of geographic area in the Arabian Peninsula. There remains a threat in the U.S. being that Al Qaeda members are looking for soft targets here in the U.S.

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The U.S. has successfully evacuated every personnel from the embassy in Yemen due to strategic evidence that Yemen is a high profile embassy that could come under attack. The U.S. has been spying on two Al Qaeda members that have indicated that there may be an attack on an embassy in the Middle East. Recently, the U.S. has killed some important Al Qaeda members through drone strikes.

Issue: Terrorism cont.

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The U.S. is closing down multiple embassies in the Middle East after intercepting a message from a high profile Al Qaeda member. Experts believe that Al Qaeda is bigger and more of a threat today than it was in 9/11/01.

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Many Egyptian-Americans are rallying in Washington D.C. protesting against Obama's apparent support of the Muslim Brotherhood. Egyptian Muslims and Christians alike are outraged that Obama has supported the Muslim Brotherhood claiming it to be a terrorist group and that it is unhealthy for the country of Egypt to be in a state where the Muslim Brotherhood has control.

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Steven Siller's Tunnel to Towers Foundation has set up a mobile unit to show the younger generation what happened on 9/11. It honors the first responders. All the items were donated by the New York Fire department and other Fire departments around the county.

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An Al Qaeda leader is calling upon Islamic holy warriors inside America urging them to carry out small and large strikes finding any opportunity to bleed America dry financially. The plea was posted on a web site.

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Gunman opened fire at the Washington Navy Shipyard Command Headquarters, half a mile from the capital. Some are saying this is the new normal for the United States, to live under constant terror threat.