



Issues and Programs List  
Quarterly Report  
1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2013  
[January – March]

**Television**

1. Quality of Education
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## Representative Programs that addressed issues

### Quality of Education

#### **PBS Newshour #10537**

**PBS**

**Tuesday, January 8, 6:00 – 7:00 PM**

How Free Online Courses Are Changing the Traditional Liberal Arts Education: As tuition costs continue to rise, it seems counterintuitive that professors at top universities would give away their courses for free. But that's exactly what they're doing, on web-based platforms known as "Massive Open Online Courses." Spencer Michels reports on how a boom in online learning could change higher education.

#### **Prime Time Lawmakers**

**LOCAL**

**Day 14 – Friday, February 8, 7:00 – 7:30 PM**

Gov. Nathan Deal and state lawmakers have reached an agreement to lower the grade requirements to qualify for HOPE grants at Georgia technical schools.

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**Day 18 – Thursday, February 14, 7:00 – 7:30 PM**

President Barack Obama says he wants to make preschool available to all 4-year-olds, a vast expansion of existing early childhood education programs. He says that education has to start at the earliest possible age.

#### **Tavis Smiley Reports "Education Under Arrest"**

**PBS**

**Tuesday, March 26, 9:00 – 10:00 PM**

This program looks at the efforts by those on the frontlines of juvenile justice reform and what programs are successful in breaking the school-to-prison pipeline. Tavis Smiley travels to Washington state, Louisiana, Missouri and California, meeting the educators, law enforcement, judges, youth advocates and the at-risk teens themselves who are working together to get kids out of the juvenile justice system, back into high school and through to graduation.

### Deficit/Debt Reform

#### **PBS Newshour #10541**

**PBS**

**Monday, January 14, 6:00 – 7:00 PM**

Obama Steers Second Term Agenda Towards Government Debt: President Obama called on Republicans to "act responsibly" and raise

the nation's debt ceiling before March when the U.S. is expected to breach its borrowing limit and possibly default on its debt.

**Prime Time Lawmakers**

**LOCAL**

**Day 15 – Monday, February 11, 7:00 – 7:30 PM**

Defense Cuts Feared in Georgia

Pres. Obama will deliver his State of the Union address Tuesday. There's talk about whether federal lawmakers can make a deal to avoid military-related cuts as part of the sequestration. State lawmakers are concerned about cuts impacting thousands of Georgians employed in the defense industry.

**Frontline #3105 "Cliffhanger"**

**PBS**

**Tuesday, February 12, 8:00 – 9:00 PM**

This February, as the nation faces yet another round of fiscal crises, FRONTLINE investigates the inside story of Washington's failure to solve the country's debt and deficit problems.

**Prime Time Lawmakers**

**LOCAL**

**Day 25 – Wednesday, February 27, 7:00 – 7:30 PM**

Georgia Braces For Federal Cuts

Mandatory spending cuts will hit many federal programs beginning Friday unless President Barack Obama and Congress avoid the so-called sequester. But Georgia officials say the effects here are not immediately clear

**PBS Newshour #10581**

**PBS**

**Monday, March 11, 6:00 – 7:00 PM**

School Reform Program Targets Students at Risk of Falling Behind, Dropping Out: Currently implemented in 44 U.S. schools, a data-driven dropout prevention program called Diplomas Now targets students who start to fall behind in middle school, and offers them nurturing, mentoring relationships. Ray Suarez reports on how a Baton Rouge middle school was able to turn itself around by adopting this approach.

**Health Care Reform**

**PBS Newshour #10536**

**PBS**

**Monday, January 7, 6:00 – 7:00 PM**

Health Care Spending Increases but Rate Slows with Recession and Economy: While health care spending rose in 2011, it did so only slightly due to the recession and slow overall economic growth.

**Frontline #3103 "Inside Obama's Presidency"  
Tuesday, January 15, 10:00 – 11:00 PM**

**PBS**

As Barack Obama is sworn in for his second term, FRONTLINE takes a probing look at the first four years of his presidency. With inside accounts from his battles with his Republican opponents over health care, FRONTLINE examines the president's key decisions and the experiences that will inform his second term.

**Prime Time Lawmakers**

**LOCAL**

**Day 22 – Friday, February 22, 7:00 – 7:30 PM**

Deal: Still 'No' On Medicaid. Florida's Governor has changed his mind about Medicaid expansion, which is part of the federal healthcare reform law, known as Obamacare. Governor Nathan Deal said Thursday he intends to stand firm on his decision not to expand Medicaid. Florida Governor Rick Scott is the latest Republican Governor to reverse his position on Medicaid expansion.

**[Gun Control Legislation](#)**

**PBS Newshour #10542**

**PBS**

**Tuesday, January 15, 6:00 – 7:00 PM**

Obama to Announce Proposal for Restricting Availability of Guns, Ammunition: One month after a mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Conn., the White House and various State legislatures forge ahead with proposals for legislation to strength gun control laws and penalties.

**Prime Time Lawmakers**

**LOCAL**

**Day 34 – Thursday, March 14, 7:00 – 7:30 PM**

**Georgia Gun Laws Debated**

Georgia lawmakers are debating which changes they want to make to the state's gun laws as the General Assembly's annual session heads toward a close. A committee of House lawmakers debated Wednesday on the merits of differing legislative packages from two gun owners groups. The House's Public Safety Committee did not vote on either piece of legislation.

**After Newtown: Guns in America**

**PBS**

**Tuesday, February 19, 9:00 – 10:00 PM**

AFTER NEWTOWN: GUNS IN AMERICA is an unprecedented exploration of America's enduring relationship with firearms.

**[Immigration reform](#)**

**PBS Newshour #10553**

**PBS**

**Wednesday, January 30, 6:00 – 7:00 PM**

Progress on Debt, Immigration Means Congress Is Moving Forward: Judy Woodruff talks with newly elected Sen. Tammy Baldwin, D-Wis., who is also the first openly gay person to serve in the Senate. Sen. Baldwin and Judy discuss immigration reform, gun control and the record number of women in the Senate.

**Washington Week with Gwen Ifill #5231**

**PBS**

**Sunday, February 3, 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM**

With a combination of contrasting economic data, is the US economy really on the mend? Also, does the recent bipartisan push by Congress indicate a new era for immigration reform?

**Need to Know #309**

**PBS**

**Friday, March 1, 8:30 – 9:00 PM (on GPB Knowledge)**

As the debate over immigration reform continues in Washington D.C., Need to Know offers an inside look at the lives of Latino farm workers. With the continuation of our "Main Street" series, correspondent John Larson reports from Salinas, California — home to John Steinbeck and some of the richest farmlands in the world.

**Prime Time Lawmakers**

**LOCAL**

**Day 35 – Wednesday, March 20, 7:00 – 7:30 PM**

Ga. House Immigration 'Fix' Stalls a Georgia House bill intended to fix unintended consequences of a 2011 crackdown on illegal immigration appears to have stalled in a Senate committee.