

Quarterly Issues Program for WITF-TV, Harrisburg, PA

Section 1. Issues identified.

April 1 – June 30, 2023

The station has identified the following issues as significant to the community during this quarter:

Abortion, Agriculture, Alcohol, Drug Abuse/Addiction, American History/Biography, Arts, Business/Industry, Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement, Culture, Disabilities, Economy, Education, Energy, Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters, Health/Health Care, Immigration/Refugees, Media, Minorities/Civil Rights, National Politics/Government, Poverty/Hunger, Science/Technology, Sexuality, Social Services, Transportation, Urban Development/Infrastructure, War/Veterans/National Security, Women, Youth.

Section II. Responsive Programs.

The station has broadcast a variety of programming that addressed the above-referenced issues. A non-comprehensive sampling is below.

Category	Series Title	Airdate	Description
Abortion	PBS News Weekend	04/08/23 05:00:00 PM	On Friday, a federal judge in Texas invalidated FDA approval of mifepristone, threatening access to the most common abortion pill in the country. Earlier this week, legislatures in Idaho, Kansas and Florida moved to further restrict abortion access in those states. Sarah Varney, senior correspondent for Kaiser Health News, joins Ali Rogin to discuss the latest developments.
American History/Biography	American Experience	04/08/23 08:00:00 PM	During the summer of 1964, the nation's eyes were riveted on Mississippi. Over 10 memorable weeks known as Freedom Summer, more than 700 student volunteers joined organizers and local African Americans in a historic effort to shatter the foundations of white supremacy in the nation's most segregated state. Working together, they canvassed for voter registration, created Freedom Schools and established the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, with the goal of challenging the segregationist state Democratic Party at the national convention in Atlantic City. The campaign was marked by sustained and deadly violence, including the notorious murders of three civil rights workers, countless beatings, the burning of 35 churches and the bombing of 70 homes and Freedom Houses.
Arts	Secrets of the Dead	04/05/23 10:00:00 PM	Leonardo da Vinci is well known for his inventions as well as his art. New evidence shows that many of his ideas were realized long before he sketched them out in his notebooks- some even 1,700 years before him! Of these "inventions" da Vinci never affirmed that his projects came from his original ideas. This film features drawings of his most famous ideas and inventions, some of which trace their original creation to ancient Greece while others were a product of the scientific inventions of golden age of Islamic learning. This knowledge seemed to be lost in Europe during the Dark Ages until the Renaissance when da Vinci recovered it.
Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement	PBS NewsHour	04/25/23 06:00:00 PM	In our news wrap Tuesday, Washington became the tenth U.S. state to ban some semi-automatic rifles, including AR-15s, the weapon used in many mass killings, a state investigator in Alabama testified that a barrage of 89 bullets killed four young people at a birthday party this month and at least 17 were killed in Pakistan after explosions at a police complex.
Culture	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	04/14/23 08:30:00 PM	Author and cultural critic Thomas Chatterton Williams explains why he thinks Americans need to unlearn traditional racial constructs in order to achieve equality. He also discusses the impact of culture wars and wokeness on contemporary politics.

Disabilities	PBS NewsHour	04/20/23 06:00:00 PM	America was introduced to Morrie Schwartz nearly 30 years ago when he spoke with Ted Koppel about his battle with ALS, sharing his unflinching and thoughtful reflections on dying. In the years after Schwartz's death, his son found a manuscript. Rob Schwartz edited his father's words into "The Wisdom of Morrie: Living and Aging Creatively and Joyfully." He discussed the new book with Geoff Bennett.
Energy	PBS News Weekend	04/02/23 05:00:00 PM	In 2020, Joe Biden promised to move the U.S. away from fossil fuels. But the Biden administration has a complicated relationship with the oil and gas industry — it has moved forward on plans to drill federally owned lands, auctioned off 73 million acres in the Gulf of Mexico, and approved the controversial Willow project in Alaska. POLITICO energy reporter Ben Lefebvre joins John Yang to discuss.
Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters	Nature	04/05/23 08:00:00 PM	There are more than 100 domestic and wild kinds of rabbits and hares, from snowshoe hares to Flemish giants. Despite their remarkable ability to reproduce, many wild rabbits are in danger of being eradicated.
Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters	Earth Emergency	04/21/23 03:00:00 PM	Explore how environmental feedback loops are amplifying global warming and what we can do about it. Narrated by Richard Gere, this revealing film asks whether we are approaching a point of no return or if we have the will and vision to act now.
Family/Marriage	My Grandparents' War	04/25/23 09:00:00 PM	Watch as actor Toby Jones uncovers the remarkable World War II stories of his maternal grandparents, who rarely spoke about their wartime experiences when he was growing up. He learns how their love endured, despite the hardships they faced.
Health/Health Care	PBS NewsHour	04/10/23 06:00:00 PM	North Carolina is now the 40th state to expand Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act. The bipartisan expansion, signed into law last month, comes after a decade of Republican resistance in the state. As John Yang reports, it will be life-changing for some uninsured North Carolinians and their providers, but not all.
Immigration/Refugees	The U.S. and the Holocaust	04/09/23 03:22:00 PM	A group of dedicated government officials fights red tape to support rescue operations. As the Allies liberate German camps, the public sees for the first time the sheer scale of the Holocaust and begins to reckon with its reverberations.
Media	Amanpour and Company	04/10/23 11:00:00 PM	Palestinian Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh joins the program for an exclusive interview. Biden will visit Northern Ireland tomorrow alongside British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement. For more on this, Naomi Long — head of the centrist Alliance Party — joins the program. Author Alexandra Robbins discusses the state of teaching.
Minorities/Civil Rights	American Experience	04/15/23 09:00:00 PM	In the aftermath of a highly publicized trial for the murder of a young Mexican-American man in 1942, Los Angeles erupted in violent riots that scarred race relations for decades to come. Hector Elizondo narrates.
National Politics/Government	PBS NewsHour	04/21/23 06:00:00 PM	New York Times columnist David Brooks and Washington Post associate editor Jonathan Capehart join Geoff Bennett to discuss the week in politics, including the state of abortion rights in America, Biden's chances for reelection as he prepares to announce his 2024 run and if DeSantis will attempt to challenge Trump for the GOP nomination.
Recreation/Leisure/Sports	PBS NewsHour	04/10/23 06:00:00 PM	It was a history-making win for Spanish golfer Jon Rahm at the Masters tournament. In securing his second major championship, Rahm became the first European ever to win both the Masters and the U.S. Open. But the event was not without controversy, with several players from the Saudi-funded Liv Golf tour competing and performing well. Amna Nawaz discussed the tournament with Christine Brennan.

Religion/Ethics	PBS NewsHour	04/06/23 06:00:00 PM	More than 150 Catholic priests and others associated with the Archdiocese of Baltimore sexually abused over 600 children, according to the Maryland Attorney General's Office. A long-awaited report revealed the horrific scope of abuse and cover-ups spanning some eight decades. Geoff Bennett discussed the findings with Maryland Attorney General Anthony Brown.
Science/Technology	NOVA	04/02/23 12:00:00 AM	Quantum entanglement is poised to revolutionize technology from networks to code breaking, but first we need to know it's real. Join physicists as they capture light from across the universe in a bid to prove Einstein's "spooky action at a distance."
Transportation	PBS NewsHour	04/21/23 06:00:00 PM	The war in Ukraine has had an effect on many aspects of life all around the world. Inflation, especially in the price of coal, is jeopardizing the future of some of Britain's living and breathing museums, the country's heritage railway lines. From southwestern England, special correspondent Malcolm Brabant reports.
War/Veterans/National Security	PBS NewsHour	04/27/23 06:00:00 PM	For the first time, U.S. Army bases will be named after women and Black officers instead of only white men. Fort Lee, named for Robert E. Lee, became Fort Gregg-Adams for two Black officers who made significant contributions to the Army. It is one of nine renamed bases, part of a Congressional and military effort to commemorate American heroes rather than traitors. Nick Schfirin reports.
Youth	Amanpour and Company	04/27/23 11:00:00 PM	The Foundation for Government Accountability — a Florida-based conservative think tank — has been convincing Republicans to allow kids as young as 14 to work longer hours in arguably more dangerous conditions. Washington Post reporter Jacob Bogage joins Hari Sreenivasan to discuss why conservatives appear willing to put children at risk.
Agriculture	Forces of Nature	05/03/23 03:00:00 PM	We can't directly see the forces that govern Earth, but we can see their shadows in the shapes of nature that surround us. If we understand why these shapes exist, we can understand the rules that bind the entire universe.
American History/Biography	American Masters	05/20/23 08:00:00 PM	Narrated by Jason Momoa, discover the inspiring story and considerable impact of five-time Olympic medalist Duke Kahanamoku. He shattered swimming records and globalized surfing while overcoming racism in a lifetime of personal challenges.
Business/Industry	In Their Own Words	05/25/23 05:00:00 PM	Revel in the life story of a thrilling 21st century Iron Man come alive.
Culture	Iconic America: Our Symbols and Stories with David Rubenstein	05/17/23 10:00:00 PM	The cowboy is the quintessential American — fiercely independent, brave, and laconic. Examine the myths and realities of this archetype, which remains as potent as ever in the 21st century.
Economy	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	05/12/23 08:30:00 PM	Financial journalist Felix Salmon discusses how Covid created an economic paradigm shift affecting everything from labor markets to millennial investing. He advocates for ending the debt ceiling and says minting money would be better than a default.

Economy	NOVA	05/31/23 09:00:00 PM	When the hull of the colossal 'Ever Given' container ship crashed into the sandbank of the Suez Canal on March 23, 2021, international supply chains ground to a halt. The program follows the investigation and looks at other recent incidents to ask how such costly disasters might be prevented in the future.
Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters	Wild Scandinavia	05/10/23 08:00:00 PM	Explore Scandinavia's wild and unpredictable coast, a place of haunting beauty and dangerous extremes. This journey begins around the Swedish Baltic Sea, which includes iconic fjords; home to eagles, otters, base jumpers, and orcas.
Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters	Life From Above	05/25/23 03:00:00 PM	Take a fresh look at our fragile planet and see just how much it's changing. Cameras in space show growing cities, disappearing forests and melting glaciers, but one country regenerated a landscape and helped save a chimpanzee family.
Family/Marriage	Independent Lens	05/15/23 10:00:00 PM	One woman's road to heal from childhood sexual abuse evolves into the story of a family's journey through generational trauma, of discovery, loss, and bonding—at once agonizing and beautiful.
Immigration/Refugees	PBS News Weekend	05/13/23 05:00:00 PM	In our news wrap Sunday, Cyclone Mocha made landfall over Myanmar and lashed refugee camps in Bangladesh, Ukraine's President Zelenskyy made stops in Berlin and Paris to meet with German Chancellor Scholz and French President Macron, and Homeland Security reported that illegal crossings at the Mexican border were halved since Title 42 ended midnight Thursday.
Minorities/Civil Rights	PBS NewsHour	05/29/23 06:00:00 PM	More than a dozen GOP-led states have passed bans with limits ranging from healthcare to sports participation, while Democratic-controlled states have sought to shore up protections for LGBTQ+ rights. Geoff Bennett discussed the efforts with NewsHour Communities correspondents Gabrielle Hays in Missouri, Adam Kemp in Oklahoma and Frances Kai-Hwa Wang in Michigan.
National Politics/Government	Lucy Worsley's Royal Myths & Secrets	05/21/23 08:00:00 PM	Investigate why Queen Anne's powerful role in the forging of Great Britain has often been forgotten. Lucy Worsley shares the inside story of the salacious gossip about Anne's love life that helped destroy her image and legacy.
Science/Technology	NOVA	05/03/23 05:00:00 PM	Can the U.S. reach net-zero carbon emissions by 2050 and avoid the biggest impacts of climate change? Experts say it can be done. Here's the technology that could get us there.
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Women	Independent Lens	05/13/23 08:00:00 PM	A story about the power of female talent, the bonds of sisterhood, and the parallels between generations of women's struggles drawn together by a once secret language. Confronting a revived patriarchy, Nushu pushes both Hu Xin and Simu to re-examine their understandings of gender in the modern world, and to discover the connections between traditional Chinese womanhood and contemporary feminism.

Youth

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Each year, 22,000 young people age out of foster care without family structures in place to support them. It's an issue Sixto Cancel is working to address. He's the founder and CEO of Think of Us, a nonprofit organization that aims to change child welfare systems across the country. He's also experienced foster care himself. He shares his Brief But Spectacular take on kinship care.