# QUARTERLY LIST OF PROGRAMMING PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

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## **ISSUES OF COMMUNITY CONCERN:**

- Children's Issues
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- Minority/Women's Issues

#### Children's Issues

## PBS Newshour PBS News 1/17/24 630pm 60min

Chronic absenteeism is a problem for school districts and students and the situation has grown significantly worse since the pandemic. Nearly 30 percent of students were chronically absent during the 2021-2022 school year, missing at least 10 percent of school days. Communities Correspondent Gabrielle Hays joined Geoff Bennett to discuss how schools in Missouri are struggling with it.

## PBS Newshour PBS News 1/22/24 630pm 60min

Karen Vallejos is the executive director of the Dream Project, dedicated to supporting students whose immigration status may pose challenges to their academic aspirations. As a former undocumented student herself, Vallejos saw the barriers in place that prevent immigrant students from realizing their dreams. She shares her Brief But Spectacular take on Dreamers pursuing higher education.

## PBS Newshour PBS News 2/13/24 630pm 60min

On social media platforms, so-called "momfluencers" share parenting tips, tribulations and candid moments raising their children. Given its focus on kids, it raises questions about privacy, consent and who benefits financially. Some states are responding with new laws. Stephanie Sy discussed the trend with Fortesa Latifi of Teen Vogue.

## PBS Newshour PBS News 2/28/24 630pm 60min

The rhythm of mariachi music is known worldwide and becoming even more so. Music teacher Susana Diaz-Lopez shares her insights on its growth and impact in the Austin area. From cultural connections to musical exploration, her students find their place in and out of school. Our Student Reporting Labs academy fellows produced this story for our arts and culture series, CANVAS.

#### PBS Newshour Weekend PBS News 2/17/24 6pm 30min

The end of pandemic-era protections has meant the end of Medicaid coverage for more than 17 million low-income Americans so far. Now, Florida is considering other changes to how it provides health insurance to children from low- to moderate-income families, expanding access for some and limiting it for others. KFF Health News correspondent Daniel Chang joins Ali Rogin to discuss what's happening.

## Crime/Legal Issues

PBS News 1/8/24 630pm 60min
President Biden delivered his second campaign speech of the year at the Mother Emanuel AME
Church in Charleston. At the site where nine Black churchgoers were murdered in 2015, Biden
warned that the same hate that motivated their killer still threatens the country. Laura BarronLopez discussed the visit with state Rep. JA Moore, whose sister, Myra Thompson, was killed in
the church shooting.

PBS Newshour PBS News 1/18/24 630pm 60min The Justice Department released a report on how law enforcement failed in its response to the school shooting in Uvalde, Texas, that left 19 children and two teachers dead. The nearly 600-page report lays out a series of "cascading failures of leadership, decision-making, tactics, policy, and training." Geoff Bennett discussed the findings with Tony Plohetski of the Austin American-Statesman.

PBS Newshour PBS News 2/5/24 630pm 60min Donald Trump's legal battles reached a critical moment as two upcoming court decisions could shape his campaign and his businesses. In Washington, the former president's federal trial for election interference has been delayed while an appeals court rules on Trump's argument that he's immune from prosecution and a verdict in the civil fraud trial has been pushed back. William Brangham reports.

PBS Newshour PBS News 2/22/24 630pm 60min There are new details about an Oklahoma teenager who died the day after a physical altercation in a school restroom. Nex Benedict, who was nonbinary, attended high school in Owasso, a suburb of Tulsa. Nex's death is raising concerns in LGBTQ+ communities and igniting fear in some families and students. Amna Nawaz discussed that with our communities correspondent based in Oklahoma, Adam Kemp.

PBS Newshour PBS News 2/27/24 630pm 60min
The murder of a college student in Georgia and the immigration status of her alleged killer have thrown new fuel into the heated debate over immigration and the government's policies. Amna Nawaz discussed more with Charis Kubrin, a professor of criminology, law and society at the University of California, Irvine and co-author of, "Immigration and Crime: Taking Stock."

#### Culture/Recreation

**Tutankhamun: Allies & Enemies PBS** Doc 1/16/23 10pm 60min Hour two uncovers further mysteries behind King Tut's life and burial. Egyptian Archeologist Dr. Yasmine El-Shazly continues her journey, seeking to answer some of the historical inconsistencies surrounding this great civilization.

**PBS Newshour PBS** News 1/17/24 630pm 60min American men are stuck in what's been dubbed a friendship recession, with 20 percent of single men now saying they don't have any close friends. More than half of all men report feeling unsatisfied with the size of their friend groups. Geoff Bennett traveled to Phoenix to take a closer look at the implications of male loneliness and how some men are confronting it.\

**Margaret: Rebel Princess PBS** 2/2/24 4pm 60min Doc Learn how Princess Margaret's life and loves reflected the social and sexual revolution that transformed the western world during the 20th century, and redefined society's image of the modern princess.

**NOVA PBS** Doc 2/7/24 9pm 60min

**Easter Island Origins** 

The giant stone heads of Easter Island have inspired theories for centuries. Now, new research reveals intriguing evidence of the origins and inspirations of the ancient Rapanui people who created the iconic monoliths.

Gospel **PBS** 2/13/24 9pm Doc 60min

Take the Message Everywhere

In GOSPEL's hour 3, gospel family dynasties dominate the charts while other children of the church use their musical prowess to influence soul music. Black pastors also distinguish their sound with prophetic voices and sermonettes.

## **Economy**

PBS Newshour PBS News 1/23/24 630pm 60min Rallies have driven both the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the much larger S&P 500 to record highs this week. There are several reasons for that, including investors' assessments of the economy right now and where it will be in the months ahead. Geoff Bennett broke it down with NPR business correspondent David Gura.

PBS Newshour PBS News 1/17/24 630pm60min

The Supreme Court heard arguments about whether a group of East Coast fishermen should be required to pay for a costly monitoring system on their boats. The fishermen are being supported by industry groups who want to curtail government regulation and the outcome could have enormous impacts far beyond the fishing industry. William Brangham discussed the case with Carrie Johnson of NPR.

PBS Newshour PBS News 2/20/24 630pm 60min Federal regulators in recent weeks have signaled concerns about commercial real estate, a financial sector that could spell economic trouble. A combination of decreased demand for office space and high interest rates have put pressure on lease holders and smaller banks in particular. Economics correspondent Paul Solman reports from San Francisco.

PBS Newshour PBS News 2/22/24 630pm 60min Even as Congress is out of town, bipartisan negotiators may reach a spending deal in the next few days. But that may not be soon enough to avert a partial government shutdown. This has been a familiar plotline in recent years, but as Capitol Hill correspondent Lisa Desjardins explains, this spending showdown has some unique features to it

PBS Newshour PBS News 2/27/24 630pm 60min
The top four leaders in Congress met with President Biden in the Oval Office to discuss how to fund the government and what should happen next for U.S. support of Ukraine. Congress faces a precarious stack of crises this week as leaders race to meet deadlines, including one that could spark a partial government shutdown. Lisa Desjardins reports.

#### Education

PBS Newshour PBS' News 1/4/24 630pm 60min

The resignation of former Harvard president Claudine Gay has hardly settled any of the debate surrounding her tenure. While Gay did admit to several mistakes, she argues she's been unfairly targeted because of her race, ideology and push for diversity. William Brangham has two perspectives from Khalil Gibran Muhammad of Harvard's Kennedy School, and Tom Nichols of The Atlantic.

PBS Newshour PBS' News 1/19/24 630pm 60min President Biden on Friday announced another \$5 billion in student loan forgiveness for 74,000 borrowers. It's the latest batch of student debt cancellations after the Supreme Court struck down his larger forgiveness plan last year. John Yang reports on Biden's efforts and speaks with Danielle Douglas-Gabriel, who covers the economics of higher education for The Washington Post, to learn more.

As Schools Match Wits Local` Comp 2/3/24 7pm 30min
Beth Ward hosts As Schools Match Wits, a local academic quiz competition which has aired since 1961 and is open to both public and private high school students throughout western New England. Each season area schools go head-to-head in qualifying matches to see which team can earn the most points.. Contestants are quizzed about literature, history, current events, sports, entertainment, art, music, science and general knowledge.

In this match up Frontier Regional High School competes with Pioneer Valley Regional High School.

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#### **Environment**

Nature PBS Doc 1/3/24 8pm 60min

The Serengeti Rules

Travel back in time, from the Arctic Ocean to Pacific tide pools, with a pioneering group of scientists who make surprising discoveries that transform human understanding of nature and ecology

NOVA PBS Doc 1/3/24 9pm 60min

Arctic Drift

Join scientists as they embark on the most ambitious Arctic research expedition of all time

Secrets of the Dead PBS Doc 1/24/24 10pm 60min

Hannibal in the Alps

Follow a team of experts as they solve the enduring mystery of exactly where Hannibal and his troops crossed the Alps to launch a surprise attack on Rome.

Nature PBS Doc 2/7/24 8pm 60min

Flyways

Shorebirds fly thousands of miles each year along ancient and largely unknown migratory routes called Flyways. Species travel from feeding grounds in the southern hemisphere to breeding grounds in the Arctic regions and back again, flying up to nine days non-stop without food or water. But their populations are crashing. Follow a conservation movement of bird-loving experts and citizen scientists as they mobilize to the challenge of understanding and saving shorebirds.

Islands of Wonder PBS Doc 2/28/24 3pm 60min

Hawaii

The 3-part ISLANDS OF WONDER series takes viewers on a journey to the most exotic, mysterious and remote islands on Planet Earth: Madagascar, Borneo and Hawaii. These isolated and iconic tropical islands are home to remarkable wildlife and human castaways found nowhere else on earth. The fragile islands also serve as a vital gauge for the planet's health.

#### **Government/Elections**

PBS Newshour PBS News 1/11/24630pm 60min With just four days until the first-in-the-nation Iowa caucuses, the Republican presidential field continues to shrink and the remaining candidates are making their closing arguments. Lisa Desjardins is in Iowa and reports on the contenders and their messages.

Amanpour & Co
PBS Int/Disc
1/15/24 11pm 60min
U.N. Emergency Relief Coordinator Martin Griffiths speaks about the humanitarian crises in
Gaza and Ukraine. Emily Y. Wu breaks down the election results from Taiwan. Sandra Hüller
talks about her starring roles in two award-season contenders, "Anatomy of a Fall" and "The
Zone of Interest." Astead Herndon analyses the expected results from today's Republican Iowa
Caucus

Washington Week PBS News 1/19/24 8pm 60min
Donald Trump secured a big win from Iowa caucus-goers and appears poised to become the
Republican nominee in New Hampshire as President Biden contends with an increasingly
unpredictable world in the Middle East. Join moderator Jeffrey Goldberg, Eugene Daniels of
Politico, Adam Harris of The Atlantic, Asma Khalid of NPR and Nancy Youssef of The Wall
Street Journal for a discussion on these stories.

PBS Newshour PBS News 2/14/24 630pm 60min One of the handful of members of Congress with the most access to America's secrets warned of a "serious national security threat" on Wednesday. Leaders have since described it as "serious but not urgent." Nick Schifrin reports.

Washington Week PBS Int/Disc 2/16/24 8pm 30min
The death of outspoken Putin critic and opposition leader Alexei Navalny arrives at a pivotal moment for world security and the war in Ukraine. Plus, Trump is dealt back-to-back legal blows. Join moderator Frank Foer, Laura Barron-Lopez of PBS NewsHour, Carl Hulse of The New York Times, Perry Stein of The Washington Post, and Nancy Youssef of The Wall Street Journal to discuss this and more.

#### **Health/Social Services**

PBS Newshour PBS News 1/1/24 630pm 60min

As recently as the early 80s, about three of every four doctors in the U.S. worked for themselves, owning small clinics. Today, some 75 percent of physicians are employees of hospital systems or large corporate entities. Some worry the trend is leading to diminished quality of care and is one reason doctors at a large Midwestern health provider decided to unionize. Fred de Sam Lazaro reports.

PBS Newshour Weekend PBS News 1/6/24 6pm 30min

From takeout containers to water bottles, plastic seems unavoidable in our daily lives. Now, two new studies have found that we're eating and drinking more plastic than we might have realized. George Leonard, a co-author of one of the studies and chief scientist at Ocean Conservancy, joins John Yang to discuss the findings.

Secrets of the Dead PBS Doc 1/10/24 10pm 60min

Van Gogh's Ear

The night when Vincent van Gogh cut his own ear defines his turbulent life and art. Generations have theorized about what really happened on December 23, 1888, in the French town of Arles, but no one has been clear on the details—until now.

Independent Lens PBS Doc 2/5/24 10pm 60min

Sister Una Lived a Good Death

Following a cancer diagnosis, a wisecracking Catholic nun chooses to live as she's dying. In this touching end-of-life documentary, the self-proclaimed "leader of the misfits" plans her funeral in her last nine months to live.

PBS Newshour PBS News 2/26/24 630pm 60min

There's some relief for people with food severe allergies. A study published in the New England Journal of Medicine reports the drug Xolair allows people with allergies to tolerate higher doses of allergenic foods before developing a reaction after accidental exposure. Geoff Bennett discussed more with the study's principal investigator, Dr. Robert Wood of the Johns Hopkins Children's Center.

## Minority/Women's Issues

## PBS Newshour PBS News 1/9/24 630pm 60min

An Ohio woman faces criminal charges after she had a miscarriage. Brittney Watts was 22 weeks pregnant, and her pregnancy had been deemed non-viable just days earlier, when she miscarried in the bathroom of her home. Two weeks later, she was arrested on charges of felony abuse of a corpse for how she handled the remains. Amna Nawaz discussed the case with Mary Ziegler

## Basic Black LOCAL Disc 1/19/24 730pm 30min

This week a look at stress and healing. According to the American Psychological Association's 2023 Stress in America report, the major stressors are money (63%,) the economy (63%) and health related issues (62%) in Americans aged 45 to 64. Stress effects both the body and the brain. In Black and Brown communities stress has been shown to have an enormous impact on health due to a number of factors, or social determents of health – access and quality of education, healthcare, economic stability, where you live, social circles and environment. Instead of the focusing on new year's resolutions, our discussion will talk about how stress impacts communities of color, the historical influences and available healing modalities along with their potential benefits. Crystal Haynes hosts Dr. Cecil R. Webster, Jr., Dr. Zachary Hermes, Marlene Boyette, and Dr. Lucy Lomas.

Basic Black LOCAL Disc 1/26/24 730pm 30min
Earlier this week, a new report on criminal justice reform in Massachusetts was released by
Boston Indicators and MassINC. The report, Criminal Justice Reform in Massachusetts: A FiveYear Progress Assessment, looks at changes since 2018, after two laws were passed in the same
year. Our panelists will discuss key findings in the report, including the drop in incarceration
rates, the importance of data collection and the ongoing racial disparities in who is arrested and
sent to prison. Philip Martin hosts panelists Sophia Hall, Radha Natarajan, Rashaan Hall, and
Leon Smith.

Basic Black LOCAL Disc 2/2/24 730pm 30min
This week, we speak with the makers and participants of the new America ReFramed documentary, The Cost of Inheritance airing on World. Tanisha Sullivan hosts Yoruba Richen, Randy Quarterman, Sarah Eisner, and Chris Hastings.

Basic Black LOCAL Disc 2/16/24 730pm 30min
This week we will discuss the new GBH News podcast, What is Owed?, a 7-part podcast
examining reparations here in Boston, nationally and internationally. The first episode, When a
City Tries to Heal Itself has just been released. Philip Martin hosts Jerome Campbell, Saraya
Wintersmith, Kellie Carter Jackson, and George "Chip" Greenidge.