

KING Television
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Quarterly Programming Providing the
Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues

1st QUARTER 2016 PROGRAMS

ENVIRONMENT

Beyond The Forecast: Climate Change

Fri, 1/1/16, 5:30-6am

Is human activity affecting the climate? The KING 5 weather team takes a look at the latest scientific evidence about climate change and the long-term trends in the Northwest. Specific topics include weather conditions in the Pacific Ocean that affect our weather; concerns about massive wildfires in Washington State; the impact to the agriculture industry; the health of Puget Sound for several animal species; what could happen to the mountain snowpack and local water supplies; and what experts, including scientists at the Vatican, have to say about climate change.

1Q PUBLIC ISSUES REPORT - 2016

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Major PSA Campaigns

The following list represents those campaigns KING 5 took on as official community partnerships. The airtime used was donated and in most cases, production of the spot was donated by KING 5 Television.

- Fight for Air Climb (:30)
- Jefferson Awards (:30)
- MS Walk (:30)

Ascertainment

The Puget Sound Association of Broadcasters meets monthly to meet with non-profit organizations around the region. Below is a summary of their presentations.

JANUARY - Hosted by Salem Radio Seattle, Attended by Betsy Robertson, Linda Qu

- 1) The Backpack Brigade
Serving over 2,000 hungry children in 63 Seattle schools.
- 2) ECOSS (Environment Coalition of South Seattle)
Educate Washington citizens in environmental issues.
- 3) MDC (Making a Difference in Community)
Distribute federal funds to Tacoma's poor and improving lives.

FEBRUARY - Hosted by: Sinclair Broadcast Group, Attended by Betsy Robertson

- 1) The Seattle Foundation
Community foundation promoting philanthropy in Seattle.
- 2) Edmonds Center for the Arts
Provides space, production management, and technical expertise for a variety of community partners.
- 3) American Heart Association
Voluntary organization dedicated to fighting heart disease and stroke.
- 4) Out of the Gray
Charity to support women obscured by the responsibility of caring for a dependent individual.

MARCH - Hosted by: KCTS 9 Television, Attended by Linda Qu

- 1) Hanford Challenge
To help create a future for Hanford that secures human health and safety, advances accountability, and promotes a sustainable environmental legacy.
- 2) El Centro de la Raza
Affordable housing project dedicating to building homes rather than apartments.
- 3) Facing Homeless

Raise awareness by sharing photos and personal stories from the Seattle homeless.

4) Futurewise

Promote healthy communities and cities while protecting farmland, forests and shorelines for future generations.

2016 1st QUARTER ISSUES REPORT

EVENING MAGAZINE SEGMENTS (7:30PM weekdays)

HEALTH, ARTS, ANIMALS, ENVIRONMENT, SENIORS, EDUCATION,
CHILDREN/FAMILIES, TRANSPORTATION

JANUARY

Education 30th anniversary special 1/1 trt half hour
Arts Superstore 1-4 2:35
Health Biggest Loser Sattelite 1-4 2:11
Health Vibration Plates 1-5 2:31
Health Beast Workout 1-5 2:45
Arts KEXP music that matters 1-4 2:14
Education Zoo Kitchen 1-5 3:01
Health Healthy Screaming 1-5 2:22
Arts SAM Exhibit closing 1-6 1:33
Health Slim on the Slopes 1-6 2:19
Health Parkour Workout 1-8 2:55
Children/Families Seattle Seahawks rally 1-8 2:41
Health Ribbon Workout 1-13 2:55
Arts Subterranean Studio 1-13 3:12
Arts DC Comics Artist 1-14 1:41
Education Original 12th man 1-14 2:53
Animal 12th man pet outfit 1-15 1:44
Health Lived to tell Car in River 1-18 3:14
Health Romance Concierge 1-18 2:46
Arts Choke Shirt co. 1-19 2:55
Health Drum Bike Class 1-19 2:54
Animal Pet Restaurant 1-20 2:58
Art Guitar Legend 1-20 2:44
Health lived to tell car in river 1-21 3:22
Animals Grub Sucking Bear 1-21 2:41
Education Vintage Soda 1-21 2:51
Environment ½ hour snow special 1-25 ½ hour
Education Seattle Beer History 1-26 2:59
Health lived to tell branch 1-26 2:49
Transportation Longboarding Commute 1-26 2:11
Animal Bunnies for Birthday 1-27 2:45
Health Cleanse Diet Book 1-27 3:01
Animals Emerald City Pet Rescue 1-28 2:58
Art Duvall Puzzle Man 1-29 3:04

FEBRUARY

Art Big Ceramics 2-1 2:29
Animal Dog Sharing 2-2 2:19
Children/Families Scholarship Wine 2-2 2:49

Art Beach Glass 2-3 3:14
Art Unicorn Artist 2-5 2:36
Children/Families Harlem Globetrotters 2-10 1:45
Environment Pot Hole Pigs 2-10 3:00
Health Red Carpet Facial 2-10 2:47
Environment Best Winter Hikes 2-12 2:51
Families/Children 2-15 :55
Animal Dog gone reunion 2-16 2:17
Health Period Corsets 2-16 2:56
Children/Families Marvel Comics Costume Contest 2-17 2:58
Health Cryo Therapy 2-18 2:43
Health Purple Hat Project 2-18 2:33
Children/Families Navy Museum 2-19 2:50
Art Pillow Creatures 2-19 2:44
Children/Families Pig Snout Band 2-22 3:21
Art Pun Story 2-22 2:21
Art Sam Wiley Exhibit 2-22 1:41
Animal Gorilla Baby 2-23 2:11
Children/Families The Good Dino 2-23 2:33
Animal Cat Teepee 2-24 2:57
Health Pure Food Detectives 2-24 2:44

MARCH

Arts Eyebrow etching 3-1 2:17
Arts Husky Shoe Painter 3-1 2:41
Transportation Peace Vans 3-1 2:45
Children/Families Zootopia Animator 3-1 2:56
Children/Families ½ hour special of local music 3-1 ½ hour
Animal Viral goat and dog video 3-4 1:11
Children/Families Bruce Lee Tour 3-7 2:37
Children/Families Balloon Artist 3-7 2:45
Children/Families Post card girl 3-8 2:41
Animals Snow Geese 3-8 3:12
Health Bike Polo 3-9 2:51
Children/Families Red Cross Hero 3-9 2:56
Transportation Celebrity Traffic Tips 3-10 2:41
Children/Families Youth in Focus 3-10 2:52
Animal Pig Sanctuary 3-11 3:23
Seniors Bingo Karaoke 3-14 3:31
Environment Flesh Eating Plants 3-15 2:55
Health Trampoline Dodgeball 3-16 3:12
Art Foot Juggler 3-17 2:41
Children/Families Shave for Bravery 3-18 2:33
Children/Families Mariners Kids day 3-18 1:44
Environment Boeing Artifacts 3-21 2:40
Environment Grounds for Change 3-22 2:52
Health Kayak Polo 3-22 2:56
Transportation motorcycle light jacket 3-23 2:55
Children/Families Hockey Twins 3-24 1:55
Children/Families Sakuracon 3-24 2:12
Children/Families Archery Girl 3-25 2:54

Education Beatles House 3-25 2:44
Children/Families Skagit Valley Tulip Festival 3-28 2:56
Health Samurai workout 3-28 2:48
Children/Families Peeps contest 3-28 2:22
Health Parkinson's Boxing 3-29 2:58
Children/Families DareDever Ball Girl 3-30 2:41
Children/Families Skateboard Camp 3-30 2:46
Education 3-31 Astronaut secrets 3-31 3:14
Environment Fossil Seller 3-31 2:59
Children/Families SC Girl Fashion Show 3-31 2:55
Art Autistic Actor 3-31 2:48

FCC REPORT FOR NEW DAY NORTHWEST, 1st QUARTER, 2016

All segments are in-studio and average 7:00 trt

Program airs weekdays at 11am

HEALTH

5 minute healthy meals to help keep New Year's Resolutions with nutritionist Sarah Adler, 1-6-2016

ARTS

Actress/author/humorist Lauren Weedman talks about her new book and her two new upcoming films, 3-16-2016

Cookbook author and chef Tom Douglas teaches a culinary lesson, with Espresso Chile Glazed Easter Ham, 3-25-2016

SENIORS

Wellness Wednesday with doctor panel focusing on breast cancer treatment and guidelines for screening for colon cancer as we age, 3-23-2016

CHILDREN-FAMILIES

Friendship expert Shasta Nelson on her latest book and advice on nurturing good friendships and eliminating bad ones, 3-2-2016

Featured 9-year old who started Brown Sugar Kids, combining her love of her dog with t-shirt design, 3-23-2016

ANIMALS

Veterinarian, our Pet Vet, Dr. Carey Waterhouse answers viewer questions on pet health, 3-21-2016

ENVIRONMENT

Health of the oceans and how to reverse the damage to habitat, 1-4-2016

Early Spring gardening, 3-29-2016

EDUCATION

A look at Aspire Girls, a special girls-only program of classes for girls on the autism spectrum, 3-28-2016

TRANSPORTATION

Wave Month, deals on cruises from Triple A, 1-4-2016

1st QTR 2016 KING 5 NEWS STORIES

ENVIRONMENT/ANIMALS

Jan 4 630p 2:31
El Nino and its effects in the winter.

Jan 5 5p 2:24
NOAA scientists leave today for an expedition up the West coast, similar to the expedition they took to study the massive toxic algal bloom. The main purpose of this trip is to survey hake, also known as whiting, which is one of the biggest commercial fisheries in the NW.

Jan 8 5p 2:30
Grays Harbor oyster farmers asked the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) to reapprove a permit issued in May, allowing them to apply a mild pesticide on mudflat farmlands that are in danger of being destroyed by aquatic pests known as burrowing shrimp.

Jan 12 6a 2:17
Aerial spraying for gypsy moths is planned for Pierce, Thurston counties this spring. A gypsy moth is an invasive species that attacks trees. It will be the largest treatment for these pests in more than a decade.

Jan 13 630p 2:03
5 community members who blocked the path of an oil train in Everett last year are on trial in Snohomish County. It is the FIRST time a U.S. court has heard a "necessity defense" like this related to climate change.

Jan 19 5p 2:23
Sea Star Wasting Disease experts have now determined it is the largest wildlife die-off ever recorded. Researchers are also discussing whether it is time to list sea stars as endangered

Jan 20 5p 2:45
Tipster spotted an eagle near Index that appeared to be in distress w/a broken wing. Fish & Wildlife went out to rescue the bird.

Jan 28 630p 2:04
Legislation that would govern dairy operations' manure and manure effluent. It is a follow to other stories Alison has done about dairy waste.

Feb 3 5p 2:37
A rare sea turtle was stranded and rescued on the Oregon coast and transferred to the Seattle Aquarium for medical help. It is possible it may have been disoriented due to the toxic algal bloom, which produces a neurotoxin that species like turtles eat. We will see the turtle receive treatment and talk about marine life as ocean acidification worsens.

Feb 5 630p 2:17
A coalition of conservation groups has filed suit to protect Puget Sound Chinook salmon, steelhead and bull trout – all threatened with extinction – from being killed by the Electron hydroelectric project on the Puyallup River.

Feb 23 630p 2:12

Squaxin Island tribe is beginning a "Coho Survival Study" to see why less than 1% are returning to their hatchery to spawn

Feb 25 6a 2:15

The Seattle Parks board of commissioners discuss updates to the cities off-leash areas at parks. Also discuss enforcement actions involving people who don't follow park rules with their dogs (i.e. poop cleanup, off leash in regular areas)

Mar 10 630p 1:58

Sustainability leaders from industry, government, academia and nonprofits will share cutting-edge practices to advance policy, innovation and business solutions at the 2016 Climate Leadership Conference

Mar 25 5p 2:47

Wolf numbers are growing in Washington as the predators continue to move west in number, and they are now poised in the Cle Elum area to cross over the cascades to the west side.

Mar 30 5p 2:23

The Seattle Aquarium is taking an unorthodox approach to rehabbing a sea turtle rescued off the Oregon coast recently. His buoyancy issue (can't dive low enough) is not getting better and it makes him un-releasable, so they're going to put him in a human hyperbaric chamber for a few hours.

HEALTH

Jan 4 5p 2:02

New way of managing COPD

Jan 5 5p 2:11

Talking to local experts about the mental health aspect of gun control.

Jan 8 5p 1:55

Meditative breathing for better health.

Jan 14 5p 2:17

From corn to tomatoes to wheat, a lot of what we eat today is altered. Supporters say it helps productivity. Critics worry we shouldn't be messing with nature. Jean Enersen looks at both sides.

Jan 15 4p 3:15

Dr. Fred Appelbaum, Fred Hutch deputy director, in the studio to discuss the state of cancer research and treatment.

Jan 18 5p 1:45

Wearable vest provides peace of mind for of heart attack patients awaiting implantable defibs. Unlike AEDs it's completely automated and doesn't need a bystander to help shock the heart.

Jan 21 5p 2:22

If you don't do your homework... It can cost you. A warning to anyone considering elective surgery about the costs that may be involved.

Jan 25 5p 2:17

One college's first-of-a-kind approach that is using kiosk technology to help prevent campus suicides.

Feb 1 4p 3:10

On set Q&A with Dr. Wendy Sue Swanson re: Zika Virus

Feb 1 5p 2:13
Good fats and bad fats - Eat fat to shed pounds

Feb 4 5p 1:57
Adults are seeking dental perfection in record numbers. And it brings new challenges to both patient and orthodontist.

Feb 9 630p 2:12
Soccer goalie Hope Solo says right now she wouldn't go to Rio because of Zika

Feb 17 5p 2:07
Children's Hospital study looking at whether treating ADHD moms first will benefit their kids who are showing symptoms.

Mar 7 5p 2:12
It's a wake up call for anyone between the ages of 18 to 35... doctors say there is an increase in the number of young people suffering strokes. And stress may be a factor.

Mar 10 11p 2:06
Elevated lead levels found in several water fixtures at Ordway Elem on Bainbridge Island.

Mar 21 5p 2:13
VP Biden talks about \$1 billion cancer 'moonshot' at Hutch during March 21 visit. This will be Biden's fifth roundtable talk since being charged with leading the cancer moonshot

Mar 21 630p 2:45
Exclusive interview with Joe Biden re: cancer "moonshot".

TRANSPORTATION

Jan 4 6:30p 1:55
Construction starts on bike track that will affect streetcar routes

Jan 11 630p 2:05
The progress of the Capitol Hill Station and the development surrounding it and a presentation showing the options for the next phase of light rail.

Jan 13 5p 2:05
The state's Transportation Commission will get an update on the I-405 toll lanes. One of the critic/lawmakers reacts to latest update on usage/revenue/travel times.

Jan 21 630p 2:18
West Seattle residents say a new fast food joint will redirect traffic into their neighborhood. The construction has already increased traffic into their neighborhood and they say, big picture, there is a traffic flow issue involving the West Seattle Bridge.

Jan 22 11p 2:37
23rd Avenue construction projects are a mess for businesses.

Jan 26 630p
Plans for opening of the University Link light rail extension from downtown Seattle to the University of Washington.

Feb 1 6a 2:20

The new First Hill Street Car is up and running, but how's it working so far? Jake tested it out and found that in some spots, it was actually faster to walk. We'll hear from the city about the goal of the street car (to get people out of their cars) and their plans to improve speed moving forward.

Feb 2 11p 2:12

Bothell has been hard hit by changes to 405 and 520 tolling. A lot more folks are driving on 527 and 522 through their city (and Kenmore) to avoid the tolls. Tonight they're briefed - and get the chance to ask DOT about the tolling

Feb 11 630p 1:52

INRIX, Inc., a Kirkland-based leading provider of traffic information and driver services, published a new report on the I 405 HOT lanes. The data confirms that despite increasing capacity by 25 percent, the HOT lanes have made traffic worse for drivers in the general purpose lanes and only benefit drivers who use the HOT lanes.

Feb 25 5p 2:16

Demand for commuting to SnoCo has become so high that SoundTransit is turning to a London favorite: the double decker bus.

Mar 1 5p 2:01

Council transportation commission talks Pronto & Bike Share...

Mar 7 5p 1:45

Included in the plans for ST3 is a subway that may link ballard to west seattle

Mar 25 630p 2:01

Construction of the new Amtrak Cascades station in Tacoma's Freighthouse Square will begin in June, Washington State Department of Transportation officials announced

SENIORS

Jan 8 630p 2:16

The Art of Alzheimer's presents The Artist Within: A Different View of Dementia features 50 fascinating artworks, by individuals' ages 60 to 101 years old, living with Alzheimer's and other dementias.

Feb 12 630p 2:11

DSHS has unveiled the state's first "alzheimer's plan." Gov has instructed the state agencies to begin implementing the plan, which will raise awareness and education, improve well-being and safety, and begin working towards more accessible and affordable long-term care

CHILDREN/FAMILIES

Jan 5 630p 2:30

Families in the Seattle area who have sick children are forced to leave the room of their sick child because there's no place for them to stay. An oncology nurse has quit her job to open a hospice facility for kids.

Jan 6 630p 2:31

Hundreds of orphaned children in China now have hope that they will one day be matched with a loving forever family here in the U.S., as the Bamboo Project started by Bethany Christian Services is matching children with loving couples

Jan 8 4p 1:52

Bryant Elementary School to partner with Hunger Intervention Program to provide weekend food for students in need

Jan 12 5p 1:57

A new non-profit is working to bridge the gap by trying to dispel the belief that all foster children are damaged goods. They're putting together videos and launching a campaign to get locals to open their hearts and homes to these kids in need of a caring family.

Jan 20 11p 2:21

The Seattle School board will bring a proposal to re-purpose childcare/after-school spaces in Seattle Public Schools. The proposal is a part of the recent decision for smaller class sizes, but dislocating these childcare programs will exacerbate the growing childcare crisis in Seattle

Jan 20 5p 2:15

Holocaust survivor George Brady and others visit Stanislav Elementary (Seattle) to talk to kids about their experiences. The talk is aimed at engaging the local community in a discussion about diversity and tolerance

Jan 21 6a 2:15

Puyallup School District partners with Madigan Army Medical Center to serve military families. A look at the stresses kids of military families face.

Jan 26 5p 1:47

In the medical journal, JAMA pediatrics, new research shows when teens talk with their parents about sex, especially their mothers, it's associated with safer sex.

ECONOMY

Jan 7 5p 2:28

Boeing still doing well, no signs of a slowdown. What's the scorecard with Airbus?

Jan 11 5p 2:10

Workers, advocates for working families and social justice, and others gather in Olympia to file a 2016 citizen initiative

Jan 18 630p 2:51

Sea-Tac baggage handlers and ramp workers join strike with others in nine major cities in commemoration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Jan 20 5p 1:05

Gas prices drop below \$2.

Jan 27 5p 2:03

Supermarkets have been closing around Western Wa for about a year due to a botched buyout between Haggen and Albertsons. The ripple effect is now being felt. Not only are people having to pay higher prices by having to go to more expensive stores, but neighboring businesses are hurting because their anchor stores are gone

Jan 28 6a 2:22

The issue of removing Boeings MASSIVE tax breaks is getting more traction. More lawmakers are hopping on board and one bill would link the tax breaks to the number of jobs Boeing maintains.

Jan 29 5p 2:10

Seattle's One Night homeless count shows 19% increase over 2015.

Feb 3 11p 2:15

It was back in November when Haagen-Dazs Ice Cream served up its final scoops on "The Ave" in Seattle. But it was only a temporary goodbye to ice cream at that location on University Way NE, as the shop owner made changes to make ends meet under Seattle's new minimum wage law. "Sweet Alchemy" is undergoing final renovations now and expects to be open by Valentine's Day.

Feb 4 630p 1:47

The biggest challenge for the city of Tacoma is economic growth! Tacoma doesn't have a same business growth as Seattle and the city is trying to get more businesses to expand and come to the city.

Feb 16 5p 2:52

EXCLUSIVE interview with Bev Wyse, head of Boeing Charleston.... among the issues, the 100th plane delivered to American Airlines from the factory

Mar 30 5p 2:32

Boeing is planning on up to 4,000 layoffs in the Puget Sound area

ARTS

Jan 8 630p 2:16

The Art of Alzheimer's presents The Artist Within: A Different View of Dementia features 50 fascinating artworks, by individuals' ages 60 to 101 years old, living with Alzheimer's and other dementias.

Jan 19 630p 1:45

Writer will paid to be in a tower at the Fremont Bridge and write something that the city can present on the bridge.

Jan 21 630p 2:12

Movie makers are lobbying for a tax break. They will have people dressed like zombies walking around the capitol trying to show that there actors are in the state and more would come here if lawmakers give them a tax break.

Jan 22 630p 2:20

Instead of backing away from the "white rapper talking about racial injustice" controversies that've accompanied his career in the past, Macklemore's new song with Ryan Lewis dives right in.

Jan 25 11p 1:50

A report that evaluates both the economic impact of the music industry in Seattle, and the working conditions of club musicians themselves. The report is the first evaluation of the economic impact of the music scene in Seattle since 2008.

Feb 5 5p 2:06

There is a new documentary about African Americans getting in touch with their roots and knowing where they come from. We talk to Kinteh decendent (of Roots) before the film

Feb 18 5p 2:06

Seattle Opera looking to update its building.

EDUCATION

Jan 11 5p 1:57

As the legislative session gets underway questions abound - will they be able to fix the education system to meet McCleary mandates?

Jan 12 5p 1:44

Families from charter schools in Seattle and Tacoma will head down to Olympia to testify before 2 senate committees on recent charter school legislation.

Jan 13 630p 1:52

A Tacoma Public School Teacher is one of four finalists for the National Teacher of the Year.

Jan 22 5p 2:19

Bill to make teaching cursive mandatory in the Washington schools.

Jan 28 6a 1:45

Washington State's representatives for the We the People competition are from Tahoma High School. They are a group of young students that compete in civics competitions.

Feb 4 5p 2:23

There is a bill in Olympia designed to keep kids from switching out of PE classes in favor of other electives. The goal is to make kids take PE. Here's the rub: At Oak Harbor High lots of kids opt out of PE in favor of "Military Science." These are typically your ROTC kids, in the heavily Navy town.

Feb 9 5p 2:17

Second to eighth grade students at Brighton School in Mountlake Terrace, a private school for pre-school to eighth graders, are slated to visit El Capitan, Ocean Safari, Aztec & Mayan Ruins, U.S. Monuments, Greece, Galapagos--all in one day-- thanks to Google Expeditions.

Feb 18 6a 2:05

Schools all across Seattle gather before the school day and hold 'Walk-In' events, drawing attention to the issue of funding for education. They walk into school together wearing red to protest the legislature failing to fully fund education.

Mar 7 5p 2:12

A group has formed at South Seattle Community College to push for more women in the STEM fields. The club meets twice a month on every other Tuesday

Mar 10 630p 1:52

2nd and 3rd graders in Federal Way created the "Buddy Spot" to deal with bullying and/or loneliness. It's a spot at recess where kids can have a safe spot to hang with student leaders.

Mar 21 6a 2:03

Seattle School Board approves expansion of preschool program and acceptance of state subsidy for free kindergarten

MEET THE PRESS (6am Sundays on KING)

2016 1st QUARTER MEET THE PRESS TOPICS

Chuck Todd is NBC News Political Director and the moderator of "Meet the Press," the flagship Sunday Morning public affairs program and longest-running broadcast in television history.

COMING UP ON "MEET THE PRESS" (1/3/16): SUNDAY EXCLUSIVES: GOV. KASICH, SEN. PAUL; ALSO – GUNS IN AMERICA: CAPT. KELLY (RET.), TEXAS LT. GOV. PATRICK

SUNDAY EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW: PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE GOV. JOHN KASICH (R-OHIO)

Presidential candidate **Gov. John Kasich (R-Ohio)** speaks with Chuck Todd about his attacks against the two other Republican establishment candidates – Gov. Christie and former Gov. Bush – as well as his strategy a month out from Iowa and New Hampshire.

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SUNDAY EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW: PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE SEN. RAND PAUL (R-KY.)

Once hailed “the most interesting man in politics” by Time, presidential candidate **Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.)** now trails in the polls as the Iowa caucuses and New Hampshire primary loom; he joins the show from Kentucky to address the future of his presidential campaign.

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THE FUTURE OF GUN CONTROL

President Obama is expected to press ahead with executive actions on gun control this month, meeting with Attorney General Loretta Lynch to discuss the measures on Monday.

Capt. Mark Kelly (Ret.), husband of former Rep. Gabrielle Giffords who was injured in a 2011 mass shooting, joins the show after having met with President Obama this past month to discuss gun control.

Meanwhile, Texas is becoming more gun-friendly with the passage of a law this week allowing openly-displayed handguns. **Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick (R-Texas)** joins the show to address the ongoing debate about the state’s controversial gun culture.

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NEW NBC NEWS/ESQUIRE POLL: ANGER IN AMERICA

A new NBC News/Esquire poll reveals the sources and expressions of American anger. **Esquire Senior Editor Richard Dorment** joins the show to discuss the poll's findings, debuting on "Meet the Press."

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ON THE TRAIL

NBC News correspondents **Kristen Welker** and **Hallie Jackson** join "Meet the Press" live from the campaign trail as presidential candidates kick off the New Year with campaigning in full swing.

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THE WEEK IN POLITICS

Will the latest top-level resignations from Ben Carson's campaign hurt his efforts going forward? How will Donald Trump's promised \$2 million/week ad buy affect the race? Will Jeb Bush's shift to a ground game in swing states boost his place in the polls? The roundtable discusses all of this and more from the week in politics.

Sara Fagen

Partner, DDC; former White House Political Director for President George W. Bush

Chris Matthews

Host, MSNBC's "Hardball"

Eugene Robinson

Columnist, The Washington Post

Jennifer Rubin

Columnist, The Washington Post

COMING UP ON "MEET THE PRESS WITH CHUCK TODD" 1/10/16: DONALD TRUMP; WH CHIEF OF STAFF DENIS MCDONOUGH

INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE DONALD TRUMP

After a week of disrupting his rivals' campaigns, Donald Trump speaks with Chuck Todd on the campaign trail in Iowa about his campaign, his business and his role in the Republican Party.

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INTERVIEW WITH DENIS MCDONOUGH, WHITE HOUSE CHIEF OF STAFF

White House Chief of Staff Denis McDonough joins the show on set to preview the president's State of the Union address Tuesday evening.

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THE GOP ESTABLISHMENT V. DONALD TRUMP

If Sen. Cruz is the “poster boy of the Republican who won’t compromise within his party,” as Alex Castellanos has noted, should establishment Republicans be focused more on “stop Trump” efforts or “stop Cruz” efforts? Alex Castellanos and Ben Ginsberg join the panel to discuss the state of the party.

Alex Castellanos

Republican Strategist

Ben Ginsberg

Republican Lawyer & Strategist

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WEEK IN POLITICS

With gun control and birtherism at the forefront of political conversation this week, the roundtable tackles the state of politics three weeks out from the Iowa caucuses.

Helene Cooper

Pentagon Correspondent, The New York Times

Robert Costa

National Political Reporter, The Washington Post

Jeff Greenfield

Former Senior Political Correspondent, CBS News

Jennifer Jacobs

Chief Politics Reporter, Des Moines Register

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COMING UP ON “MEET THE PRESS WITH CHUCK TODD” 1/24/16: SUNDAY EXCLUSIVE WITH HILLARY CLINTON; ALSO: SEN. BERNIE SANDERS, FORMER SEC. BOB GATES

SUNDAY EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH FORMER SEC. HILLARY CLINTON, PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

Democratic presidential frontrunner Hillary Clinton joins the show from the campaign trail in Iowa to discuss the narrowing race between her and Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), similarities in the race compared to eight years ago and more.

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INTERVIEW WITH SEN. BERNIE SANDERS (I-VT.), PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) speaks with Chuck Todd about his growing momentum in the Democratic field, how he feels one week from the Iowa caucuses and the state of his presidential campaign.

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INTERVIEW WITH FORMER DEFENSE SEC. ROBERT GATES

Former Defense Secretary Robert Gates joins Chuck Todd live on-set Sunday morning to discuss his new book “A Passion for Leadership.”

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THE WEEK IN POLITICS

Will Trump emerge triumphant from the Iowa caucuses? How would a Sanders nomination affect red state Democrats? What can we expect from Thursday’s debate? The roundtable discusses all of this and more from the week in politics.

David Brooks

Columnist, The New York Times

Chris Cillizza

Political Reporter, The Washington Post

Kasie Hunt

NBC News Political Correspondent

Kristen Welker

NBC News White House Correspondent

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COMING UP ON “MEET THE PRESS WITH CHUCK TODD,” LIVE FROM IOWA 1/31/16: SEN. TED CRUZ, SEN. BERNIE SANDERS, SEN. MARCO RUBIO

INTERVIEW WITH SEN. TED CRUZ (R-TEXAS), PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

For Sen. Ted Cruz, winning the Iowa caucuses could potentially propel him to the Republican convention as party nominee this summer. He joins Chuck Todd live Sunday morning in Des Moines to discuss the significance of Monday's caucus votes and his strategy going forward in the race.

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INTERVIEW WITH SEN. BERNIE SANDERS (I-VT.) PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

After a NBC News/Wall Street Journal/Marist poll this week showed Sen. Bernie Sanders neck-and-neck with Hillary Clinton in Iowa, Monday's nominating contest plays a crucial role in his fight for the party nomination. Sen. Sanders joins the show in Iowa to address the momentum he has gained across the country and what the future of his campaign looks like.

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INTERVIEW WITH SEN. MARCO RUBIO (R-FLA.), PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

How does Sen. Marco Rubio fare in Monday's caucuses? Does he have a third place finish as predicted by the NBC News/Wall Street Journal/Marist poll? Sen. Rubio joins Chuck Todd live in Iowa to talk about his strategy to win the Republican nomination.

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THE WEEK IN POLITICS

Did Donald Trump win Thursday's debate without even showing up? Which Democratic candidate will emerge victorious from the Iowa caucuses? How will Monday's nominating contest affect the New Hampshire primary next week? The roundtable discusses all of this and more from the week in politics.

Tom Brokaw

NBC News Special Correspondent

David Brody

Chief Political Correspondent, CBN News

Jennifer Jacobs

Chief Politics Reporter, Des Moines Register

Joy-Ann Reid

MSNBC National Correspondent

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**COMING UP ON “MEET THE PRESS WITH CHUCK TODD,” LIVE FROM N.H.
2/7/16: FORMER SEC. HILLARY CLINTON, DONALD TRUMP, SEN. BERNIE
SANDERS**

**INTERVIEW WITH FORMER SEC. HILLARY CLINTON, PRESIDENTIAL
CANDIDATE**

Former Sec. Hillary Clinton joins the show to address Thursday debate, the party’s embrace of progressivism, Sen. Sanders’ “artful smear” and how she feels before Tuesday’s New Hampshire primary.

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INTERVIEW WITH DONALD TRUMP, PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

Republican presidential frontrunner Donald Trump sits down with Chuck Todd to discuss his narrow loss in Iowa, his plan to win the Granite State primary and more.

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INTERVIEW WITH SEN. BERNIE SANDERS (I-VT.), PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) talks with Chuck Todd about the his relationship with Wall Street, foreign policy, the momentum of his campaign and more.

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THE WEEK IN POLITICS

Does Sen. Rubio have a chance to win New Hampshire? Will Sen. Sanders win by the margin that polls are predicting? What candidates will stay in the race after Tuesday’s primary? The political roundtable discusses all of this and more.

Hugh Hewitt

Host, “The Hugh Hewitt Show”

Hallie Jackson

NBC News National Correspondent

Chris Matthews

Host, MSNBC’s “Hardball”

Andrea Mitchell

NBC News Chief Foreign Affairs Correspondent; Host, MSNBC’s “Andrea Mitchell Reports”

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COMING UP ON “MEET THE PRESS WITH CHUCK TODD” 2/14/16: DONALD TRUMP, SEN. MARCO RUBIO, GOV. JOHN KASICH

INTERVIEW WITH DONALD TRUMP, PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

Republican presidential frontrunner Donald Trump speaks with moderator Chuck Todd live from Florida about his New Hampshire win, his strategy going into South Carolina and more.

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INTERVIEW WITH SEN. MARCO RUBIO (R-FLA.), PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

Amid criticism for “scripted” responses, Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) discusses his Saturday night debate performance, approach to the upcoming South Carolina GOP primary next week, released tax plan and more.

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INTERVIEW WITH GOV. JOHN KASICH (R-OHIO), PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

Following his second-place win in New Hampshire, Ohio Gov. John Kasich joins the show to address his potential to win the South, finding himself in the line of fire of former Gov. Jeb Bush and his path to Super Tuesday.

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THE WEEK IN POLITICS

Is the Democratic presidential race turning into a referendum on Sen. Bernie Sanders, not former Sec. Hillary Clinton? Will Donald Trump win South Carolina? Will Sen. Sanders’ relationship with President Obama be an effective South Carolina storyline? The roundtable discusses all of this and more from the week in politics.

Chris Cillizza

Political Reporter, The Washington Post

Ron Fournier

Senior Political Columnist, National Journal

Gwen Ifill

Moderator & Managing Editor, PBS “Washington Week”; Co-anchor & Managing Editor, PBS “NewsHour”

Kathleen Parker

Columnist, The Washington Post

Rev. Al Sharpton

Host, MSNBC's "Politics Nation"; Founder & President, National Action Network (NAN)

COMING UP ON "MEET THE PRESS WITH CHUCK TODD" 2/28/16: TRUMP, CRUZ, SANDERS, KASICH; ALSO: NEW NBC NEWS/WSJ/MARIST POLL NUMBERS

INTERVIEW WITH DONALD TRUMP, PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

Republican presidential frontrunner Donald Trump talks with Chuck Todd about his endorsement from New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie this past Friday, news from this week -- including calls for his tax returns and attacks on Trump University -- as well as his expectations for Tuesday night's primary contests.

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INTERVIEW WITH SEN. TED CRUZ (R-TEXAS), PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

Republican presidential candidate Texas Sen. Ted Cruz joins the show ahead of Super Tuesday to discuss how he'll fare in his home state and his path to the nomination.

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INTERVIEW WITH SEN. BERNIE SANDERS (I-VT.), PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders responds to his warning Friday from the Federal Election Commission on problems with his February campaign finance report, addresses his momentum into Super Tuesday and reacts to Saturday's South Carolina primary results.

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INTERVIEW WITH GOV. JOHN KASICH (R-OHIO), PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

Ohio Gov. John Kasich, who said "nobody's gonna win but Trump" on Super Tuesday after Thursday's Republican debate, speaks with Chuck Todd about his strategy to win voters.

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NEW TEXAS, TENN. & GA. POLL NUMBERS FROM NBC NEWS/WSJ/MARIST

Ahead of Tuesday's nominating contests, a new poll from NBC News/Wall Street Journal/Marist debuts on "Meet the Press" with the latest insight from the ground in Texas, Tennessee and Georgia.

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THE WEEK IN POLITICS

Will Clinton win big in Saturday's South Carolina Democratic primary? What does Gov. Christie's endorsement of Trump mean for the GOP field? Are Rubio's attacks on Trump too late? What are the possible delegate outcomes from Super Tuesday? The political panel discusses all of this and more from the week in politics.

Charlie Cook

Editor, Publisher of The Cook Political Report; Political Analyst, National Journal

Erick Erickson

Founder, Resurgent; Host, WSB Radio's "Atlanta Evening News"

Heather McGhee

President, Demos Action

Andrea Mitchell

NBC News Chief Foreign Affairs Correspondent

COMING UP ON "MEET THE PRESS WITH CHUCK TODD" 3/6/16: ROMNEY, GRAHAM, SPACEY; ALSO: NEW MICHIGAN POLL FROM NBC/WSJ/MARIST

INTERVIEW WITH FORMER GOV. MITT ROMNEY, 2012 REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney delivered a scathing speech on Thursday attacking Republican presidential frontrunner Donald Trump. He speaks with moderator Chuck Todd live Sunday morning to discuss the Republican Party's path to nomination.

"Donald Trump is a phony, a fraud. His promises are as worthless as a degree from Trump University. He's playing the American public for suckers: He gets a free ride to the White House and all we get is a lousy hat." - Former Gov. Romney in a speech Thursday

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INTERVIEW WITH SEN. LINDSEY GRAHAM (R-S.C.)

South Carolina Senator Lindsey Graham, who ended his presidential bid for the Republican nomination in December, has not hidden his disdain for fellow congressman Senator Ted Cruz in the past, so it was surprising this past Super Tuesday when he indicated support for Cruz. Graham joins "Meet the Press" to address the future of the Republican Party.

"Ted Cruz is not my favorite by any means, but ... we may be in a position where we have to rally around Ted Cruz as the only way to stop Donald Trump." - Sen. Graham on CBS this past Tuesday

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INTERVIEW WITH ACTOR KEVIN SPACEY, NETFLIX'S "HOUSE OF CARDS"

Actor Kevin Spacey, who plays Frank Underwood on Netflix's "House of Cards," joins Chuck Todd live in-studio Sunday morning to discuss the show's new season, which went live on Friday, and how it mirrors politics in real life.

“For those of us climbing to the top of the food chain, there can be no mercy. There is but one rule: hunt or be hunted.” - Frank Underwood on “House of Cards”

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NEW MICHIGAN POLL NUMBERS FROM NBC NEWS/WSJ/MARIST

New numbers from NBC News/Wall Street Journal/Marist debut on “Meet the Press” with the latest insight from the ground in Michigan ahead of the state’s primary for both parties this Tuesday.

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THE WEEK IN POLITICS

Is Trump unstoppable? Did Romney’s Thursday speech sway Republican voters? Because the majority of Saturday’s nominating contests are closed, will Senator Cruz benefit the most? The political roundtable discusses all of this and more from the week in politics.

David Brooks

Columnist, The New York Times

Stephen Henderson

Columnist, The Detroit Free Press

Mary Matalin

Republican Strategist

Kelly O’Donnell

NBC News Capitol Hill Correspondent

COMING UP ON “MEET THE PRESS WITH CHUCK TODD” 3/13/16: TRUMP, SEN. CRUZ, GOV. KASICH; PLUS: NEW OH, FL, IL POLL NUMBERS

INTERVIEW WITH DONALD TRUMP, PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

Republican presidential frontrunner Donald Trump joins the show to discuss recent disturbances at his campaign events as well as his path to the nomination.

“There are two different Donald Trumps. There’s the one you see on the stage and there’s the one who is very cerebral, sits there and considers things very carefully.” - Ben Carson in his endorsement of the candidate on Friday

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INTERVIEW WITH SEN. TED CRUZ (R-TEXAS), PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

After picking up his first congressional endorsement this week (Sen. Mike Lee) and one from the National Review, Texas Senator Ted Cruz speaks with Chuck Todd about his victories in seven states and how he'll work with his rivals against Donald Trump.

“Donald does well with voters who have relatively low information, who are not that engaged and who are angry and they see him as an angry voice.” – Sen. Ted Cruz in an interview Wednesday with CBN

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INTERVIEW WITH GOV. JOHN KASICH (R-OHIO), PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

Ohio Gov. John Kasich addresses how he feels ahead of the state's primary Tuesday, rumors of home state support from Sen. Marco Rubio's campaign and his thoughts on the current state of the Republican Party.

“If you're a Republican primary voter in Ohio, and you don't want Donald Trump to be the nominee, John Kasich is your best bet.” – Rubio campaign spokesperson Alex Conant

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NEW OHIO, FLORIDA & ILLINOIS POLL NUMBERS FROM NBC NEWS/WSJ/MARIST

Ahead of Tuesday's nominating contests, new polls from NBC News/Wall Street Journal/Marist debut on “Meet the Press” with the latest insight from the ground in Ohio, Florida and Illinois.

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THE WEEK IN POLITICS

Will the primary season last another three months? How much responsibility does a candidate bear for what happens at his or her events? What can we expect from this coming Tuesday's primaries? The roundtable discusses all of this and more from the week in politics.

Alex Castellanos

Republican Strategist

Anne Gearan

Political Correspondent, The Washington Post

Hugh Hewitt

Host, “The Hugh Hewitt Show”

Doris Kearns Goodwin

American Biographer; Author, “Lyndon Johnson and the American Dream”

COMING UP ON “MEET THE PRESS WITH CHUCK TODD” 3/20/16: KASICH; MCCONNELL, REID ON SCOTUS NOMINEE; SCHMIDT, STEVENS ON ‘STOP TRUMP’ MOVEMENT

INTERVIEW WITH GOV. JOHN KASICH (R-OHIO), PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

After winning his home state primary earlier this week, Ohio Gov. John Kasich speaks with Chuck Todd about the ‘Stop Trump’ movement, his pledge earlier this week to not hold his tongue when it comes to Republican presidential frontrunner Donald Trump and his path to the party nomination.

“I’m not interested in being combative, but every once in a while, when you see something that makes your blood boil, I think you should say something about it.” - Gov. Kasich in a Yahoo! News interview this week

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HOW CONGRESS IS REACTING TO SCOTUS NOMINEE GARLAND

President Obama’s nomination of Judge Merrick B. Garland on Wednesday has ignited debate across the aisle, as congressional Republican leaders continue to pledge they will not take any action during the president’s lame duck year. Todd talks with the Senate leaders of both parties about where the fight is headed.

Senator Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.)

“It seems clear that President Obama made this nomination not with the intent of seeing the nominee confirmed but in order to politicize it for purposes of the election.” - Sen. McConnell on Wednesday

Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.)

“Why can’t the Republicans do what they’re supposed to do, do their jobs?” - Sen. Reid on Thursday

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BEHIND THE ‘STOP TRUMP’ MOVEMENT

Republican strategists Steve Schmidt and Stuart Stevens join Todd to discuss why party opponents still don’t have a unified strategy to stop Trump from becoming the GOP presidential nominee.

Steve Schmidt

MSNBC Contributor; Former Strategist, 2008 McCain Presidential Campaign

Stuart Stevens

Former Strategist, 2012 Romney Presidential Campaign

“We are committed to ensuring a real conservative candidate is elected. We believe that neither Hillary Clinton nor Donald Trump, a Hillary Clinton donor, is that person.” - Thursday statement from Conservatives Against Trump

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THE WEEK IN POLITICS

Though the energy and math are there, will there be a unified strategy to stop Trump? What will President Obama’s more active role in the Clinton v. Sanders race look like? How will Arizona, the biggest delegate prize on Tuesday, play out for the GOP? The roundtable discusses all of this and more from the week in politics.

José Díaz-Balart

Anchor, NBC News; Anchor, Telemundo’s “Noticiero Telemundo” and “Enfoque”

Molly Ball

National Political Reporter, The Atlantic

Robert Costa

National Political Reporter, The Washington Post

Joy-Ann Reid

National Correspondent, MSNBC

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COMING UP ON “MEET THE PRESS WITH CHUCK TODD” 3/27/16: SEN. SANDERS; GOV. KASICH; LEITER, ENGEL ON NATIONAL SECURITY LATEST

INTERVIEW WITH SEN. BERNIE SANDERS (I-VT.), PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders is expected to fare well Saturday evening in the Washington, Hawaii and Alaska contests, but are those enough for the delegate math to play out in his favor? Sanders joins moderator Chuck Todd to discuss his showings in those states as well as his policy positions in light of this week’s terror attacks in Belgium.

“At the end of the day, we can not allow the Trumps of the world to use these incidents to attack all of the Muslim people in the world. That is unfair.” - Sen. Sanders Tuesday on Jimmy Kimmel Live

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SUNDAY EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH GOV. JOHN KASICH (R-OHIO), PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

Ohio Gov. John Kasich, who has recently drawn criticism from conservatives that he is hindering the party's efforts to stop Donald Trump, joins the show to discuss his campaign efforts and how he would have responded to Tuesday's attacks as president of the United States.

"If I'm the only one that can beat Hillary in the fall, why would anybody say I should leave? I mean that's just -- that's nuts!" - Gov. Kasich on CNN Monday

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LATEST IN U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY & THE FIGHT AGAINST ISIS

In the wake of Tuesday's terrorist attacks in Brussels, NBC News' Keir Simmons updates the show from Brussels; national security expert Michael Leiter and NBC News' Richard Engel discuss how the brothers who attacked the subway and the airport were listed in U.S. terror databases as well as how numerous terror plots have been thwarted in the U.K., France, Belgium and Germany.

Richard Engel

Chief Foreign Correspondent, NBC News

Michael Leiter

EVP, Leidos; Former Director, U.S. National Counterterrorism Center

Keir Simmons

Correspondent, NBC News

"We have an entire focus on foreign fighters. In fact, a month ago, here in Belgium, we had a foreign fighter search team here working with the Belgians in order to try and make sure that they were dealing appropriately with this potential at any time in the future." - Sec. Kerry to Engel Friday

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THE WEEK IN POLITICS

How did the week's political dialogue develop into a battle over wives after a terrorist attack? Is Texas Sen. Ted Cruz outmaneuvering Donald Trump in the delegate hunt? Will Sanders' expected wins in Alaska, Hawaii, and Washington tomorrow night even change the delegate math? The roundtable of NBC News correspondents discusses all of this and more from the week in politics.

Ben Ginsberg

Contributor, NBC News; Republican Strategist

Hallie Jackson

Correspondent, NBC News

Andrea Mitchell

Chief Foreign Affairs Correspondent, NBC News

Katy Tur

Correspondent, NBC News

Kristen Welker

White House Correspondent, NBC News

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