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AMERICAN HISTORY/BIOGRAPHY

Series Title: Frontline | America's Great Divide: Obama to Trump
Episode Title: Part 2
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 1/19/2020 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:56:46

This episode examines how Donald Trump's campaign exploited the country's divisions and how his presidency has unleashed anger on both sides of the divide.

Series Title: Fight: American Experience; The
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/17/2020 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

This program tells the interweaving stories of two extraordinary men, boxers Max Schmeling of Germany and American Joe Louis, culminating in what was arguably the most politicized sporting event in history: the 1938 heavyweight championship of the world.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Criminal Kind
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/16/2020 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. explores the roots of actor Laura Linney and journalists Lisa Ling and Soledad O'Brien, telling them stories of tricksters, scoundrels and outright criminals, who nevertheless laid the groundwork for their success.

CULTURE

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/7/2020 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:24

For those tired of the stresses and excesses of contemporary civilization, a survival expert in the Italian Alps offers a training program in living as the Neanderthals did. Participants endure a rough existence in the wilderness, learning to kill prey for food and build their own shelter. Special correspondent Malcolm Brabant left his own modern-day comforts to experience life as a caveman.

Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Cooked: Survival by Zip Code
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/8/2020 11:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Learn the story of a heat wave that overtook Chicago in July 1995, killing 739 residents, most of them poor, elderly and African American. The heat wave revealed a long-term crisis of poverty, racism, and economic and social isolation in the city.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/2/2020 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:14

Shane Bauer, author of our February pick for the NewsHour-New York Times book club, *Now Read This*, joins Amna Nawaz to answer reader questions on “American Prison,” and Amna announces the March book selection.

ENVIRONMENT/NATURE/NATURAL DISASTERS

Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: Animal Reunions
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/5/2020 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Feel the emotion as keepers and carers reunite with the wild animals that were once in their care to learn whether the close interspecies bonds that developed over many years in refuges and orphanages have stood the test of time.

Series Title: Expedition with Steve Backshall
Episode Title: Mexico - Flooded Caves
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/9/2020 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Dive into a network of unexplored caves under the Yucatan Peninsula with Steve Backshall. After trekking through kilometers of scorpion-infested Mexican jungle to reach the caves, he faces the terror of being lost in an underwater silt cloud.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/31/2020 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:27

The Trump administration wants to roll back another federal regulation intended to reduce global warming. Obama-era automobile fuel efficiency rules require U.S. vehicles to increase mileage standards by an average of 5 percent per year from 2021 through 2026. Tuesday's move would reduce the improvement threshold to 1.5 percent. The Washington Post's Juliet Eilperin joins John Yang to discuss.

Family/Marriage

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Homecomings
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/13/2020 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. helps actor Sterling K. Brown, comedian Sasheer Zamata and musician Jon Batiste discover the unexpected places their ancestors called home, providing new insight into the people and places that made them who they are today.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Italian Roots
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/24/2020 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. explores the roots of talk show host Jimmy Kimmel and actors Marisa Tomei and John Turturro, introducing them to ancestors who made immense sacrifices to bring their families from Italy to America.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/26/2020 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:57

Many Americans are staying home amid the coronavirus pandemic. But what does that mean for those who aren't safe where they live? John Yang talks to Katie Ray-Jones, CEO of the National Domestic Violence Hotline, about how abusers may leverage a broader societal crisis to exact further control and why physical distancing puts victims of abuse at even greater risk.

Health/Health Care

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/15/2020 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:08:36

An outbreak of the deadly Ebola virus has plagued Democratic Republic of Congo for nearly a year and a half, with more than 3,000 people getting sick and 2,000 dead. Major medical advances in prevention and treatment have kept the disease's toll from rising, but ongoing war -- and attacks on medical teams -- have forced the response to a standstill. Special correspondent Monica Villamizar reports.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/3/2020 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:08:42

With nearly 20,000 people in China infected by novel coronavirus, the country has essentially quarantined a population of 50 million. Countries including the United States have evacuated their citizens from China and restricted inbound travelers from there. Sec. of Health and Human Services Alex Azar joins William Brangham to discuss how U.S. health officials are handling the outbreak.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/6/2020 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:03:28

On Friday, President Trump signed a bipartisan, \$8 billion emergency spending package to fund the U.S. government response to novel coronavirus. Still, concerns remain over how quickly health officials are able to conduct tests for the illness. Meanwhile, the number of novel coronavirus cases across the globe is approaching 100,000, according to the World Health Organization. Amna Nawaz reports.

Minorities/Civil Rights

Series Title: Frontline | America's Great Divide: Obama to Trump
Episode Title: Part 1
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 1/18/2020 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:56:46

This episode traces how Barack Obama's promise of unity collapsed as increasing racial, cultural and political divisions laid the groundwork for the rise of Donald Trump.

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Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: The First Rainbow Coalition
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/1/2020 11:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

In 1969, Chicago community-based groups formed alliances across lines of race and ethnicity to confront issues like police brutality and substandard housing. Hear the movement's little-known story through archival footage and interviews with members.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/19/2020 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:07:39

The 2018 film "Roma," set in Mexico, won myriad awards and acclaim. But it also sparked a national debate about racial and social inequities. Now, its star, Yalitza Aparicio, has carved out a new offscreen role as an advocate for change, championing rights for indigenous people and Mexico's domestic workers. Jeffrey Brown reports from Mexico City.

Science/Technology

Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: The Whale Detective
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/12/2020 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

A filmmaker investigates his traumatic encounter with a 30-ton humpback whale that breached and almost landed on him while he was kayaking. What he discovers raises far bigger questions about humans' relationship with whales and their future.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Science Pioneers
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/10/2020 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. traces the family trees of Francis Collins, Shirley Ann Jackson, and Harold E. Varmus – three pioneering scientists who've made dramatic contributions to our understanding of the world, all the while knowing little about their own ancestry.

Series Title: Niall Ferguson's Networld
Episode Title: Networld War
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/23/2020 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Focusing on the geopolitics of our interconnected world, with lessons from terrorism and surveillance, Niall Ferguson shows how our democracies are under threat from forces that exploit and weaponize the social networks that we invented.