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<p>January 5-6, 2013</p> <p>Washington, DC – Show #1 2013 (WFDC)</p>	<p>Host: Armando Guzmán</p>	<p>2013 is a big year in Congress and for the Obama administration regarding the Hispanic community. First, with the Immigration Reform, which is the number one priority in the Latino political and social arena; and also the Health Care Reform and the Social Security benefit.</p> <p>What can we expect with these pivotal topics in the next months, and during this Congressional session? Would any of the social programs take a toll on taxpayers, or would the benefits dramatically decrease before the year is over? Would we see a bipartisan commitment to guarantee both an Immigration Reform and the federal programs for the poor? These are some of the questions discussed and analyzed in our next show, when Democratic strategist Melisa T. Díaz; Conservative strategist, Israel Ortega; and Independent Analyst, Prof. Emilio Viano, join Armando Guzmán for our next show.</p>	<p>TRT is 23:51 and segment times as follows: Segment #1: 08:21 Segment #2: 06:26 Segment #3: 08:43 Segment #4: 00:21</p>
<p>January 12-13, 2013</p> <p>Washington, DC – Show #2 2013 (WFDC)</p>	<p>Host: Armando Guzmán</p>	<p>Days away from the U.S. Presidential Inauguration, we discuss America's relation of one of its closest neighbors: Mexico. We get to analyze foreign policy and relations, immigration, firearms trade, Border Patrolling, as well as the focus of the new Mexican President, Enrique Peña Nieto and his administration.</p> <p>Former US-Mexico Ambassador, Jeffrey Davidow will be part of the discussion panel, along with Luis Carlos Ugalde, former President of Mexico's Electoral Commission during Vicente Fox's administration. Former Minister for Economic Affairs at the Mexican Embassy in the U.S and distinguished Economy scholar, Manuel Suárez-Mier will also be in the show.</p>	<p>TRT is 23:50 and segment times are as follows: Segment #1: 11:13 Segment #2: 06:17 Segment #3: 05:50 Segment #4: 00:30</p>

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<p>January 19-20, 2013</p> <p>Washington, DC – Show #3 2013 (WFDC)</p>	<p>Host: Armando Guzmán</p>	<p>The Immigration Reform is, without a doubt, the greatest challenge for Barack Obama on his second term as President of the U.S. High profile Hispanic figures started 2013 publicly supporting the passage of said Reform, in an effort to urge politician and the White House to agree and act on the matter. Among them is Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, who visited Washington, DC this week. About his remarks and Immigration, we talk with Florida's Republican Congressman, Mario Díaz-Balart.</p> <p>Also, President Obama presented a group of gun violence proposals to the Congress. We get to analyze the measures with two Second Amendment supporters: Larry Pratt, from Gun Owners of America, and Jeffrey D. Gordon, from Protect America Today. Though both favor firearms, Gordon makes an interesting point on how the film and video games industries influence violence in the country, which is precisely the topic we address with Psychologist Claudia Campos.</p>	<p>TRT is 23:50 and segment times are as follows: Segment #1: 10:58 Segment #2: 07:09 Segment #3: 05:13 Segment #4: 00:30</p>
<p>January 26-27, 2013</p> <p>Washington, DC – Show #4 2013 (WFDC)4</p>	<p>Host: Armando Guzmán</p>	<p>The Immigration Reform is the main Latino issue for President Obama's second term. In our next show, we get to discuss the topic with new Congressman Tony Cárdenas from California, who will tell us if there's a political will at the House of Representatives for this pivotal legislative piece, and if he is willing to accept a "bits and pieces Immigration Reform", as proposed by some Republican Congressional leaders.</p> <p>We also discuss the topic with representatives of two organizations supporting the Immigration Reform: Ben Monterroso, from Mi Familia Vota; and Maximiliano Sevilla, from the National Assn. of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO).</p> <p>New Virginia Senator, Tim Kaine, also analyzes Immigration Reform, as well as gun control proposals and the future of MediCare's budget.</p>	<p>TRT is 23:50 and segment times as follows: Segment #1: 08:56 Segment #2: 06:40 Segment #3: 07:49 Segment #4: 00:25</p>

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<p>February 2-3, 2013</p> <p>Washington, DC – Show #5 2013 (WFDC)</p>	<p>Host: Armando Guzmán</p>	<p>Washington has been the focus of the news this week as a group of eight senators announced framework for bipartisan immigration bill and President Obama embraced the plan. We all know there is a long road to an Immigration Reform and we asked senators Marco Rubio (R-FL) and Charles Schumer (D-NY) what needs to be done to make it happen.</p> <p>We also discuss the issue with state representatives Lucy Flores from Nevada and Rafael Anchia from Texas. They both fight against anti-immigrant state laws.</p> <p>But will the immigration reform include undocumented in the Affordable Care Act? We discuss the issue with Dr. Jane Delgado, president of the National Alliance for Hispanic Health.</p>	<p>TRT is 23:50 and segment times as follows: Segment #1: 10:50 Segment #2: 07:13 Segment #3: 05:27 Segment #4: 00:21</p>
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<p>February 9-10, 2013</p> <p>Washington, DC – Show #6 2013 (WFDC)</p>	<p>Host: Armando Guzmán</p>	<p>As the Presidential State of the Union address approaches, Congress faces the tough decision to cut government expenses... but at what cost? Lawmakers are accusing President Obama of failing to provide concrete measures to lower the public debt, and as times goes by without an agreement between Congress and the White House, a sequestration of the government budget approaches... as soon as March 1st.</p> <p>Republican leaders have proposed a budget reduction to social programs, which greatly benefit poor families nationwide. Other proposals include to reduce the defense expense. Can we afford to leave thousands of families without important social benefits, or should the nation manage without important warfare?</p> <p>We start our discussion with Congressman Raúl Grijalva from Arizona, who introduced a Balancing Act proposal this week, as a preventive measure to sequestration. He vehemently urges fellow Congress members to look past political agendas, and find ways to reach an arrangement, without making the working class pay for the fiscal situation.</p> <p>Economist Isaac Cohen gives us a brief radiography of the risks of sequestration, or the Congressional power to control the government spending without incurring in a greater public debt. In terms of which area would have a deeper impact in the country, budget cuts to social programs or defense, we have an interesting debate with Military and Foreign Policy expert, Lajos Szászdi, and former Pentagon spokesman, Jeffrey D. Gordon.</p>	<p>TRT is 23:50 and segment times as follows: Segment #1: 09:53 Segment #2: 08:28 Segment #3: 04:51 Segment #4: 00:38</p>
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<p>February 16-17, 2013</p> <p>Washington, DC – Show #7 2013 (WFDC)</p>	<p>Host: Armando Guzmán</p>	<p>Following the Presidential State of the Union earlier this week, Immigration is the number one issue for the Latino community. While there is a bipartisan will to work on the Immigration Reform, the various proposals to solve the legal situation of millions of immigrants include a Temporary Protection Service or TPS. It would echo the one that more than half a million people from El Salvador, Nicaragua and Honduras currently have in the U.S. Though some politicians find it the best solution, it has its opponents.</p> <p>Among the contenders to such measure is Eliseo Medina, leader of the labor union SEIU, with whom Armando Guzmán gets to thoroughly discuss its pros and cons, as well as what the real solution would be. Joining Mr. Medina is Héctor Sánchez, president of the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda, which groups organizations defending the Latino communities rights and Immigration Reform movement.</p> <p>A conservative voice gets to analyze the topic as, represented by the political analyst Alfonso Aguilar. He argues that, though a comprehensive Immigration Reform is imminent, the President needs to compromise and commit on several points to achieve it. But that's not exactly how Congressman Luis Gutiérrez sees it. He also joins our show to put things into perspective, with tips from inside the Capitol Hill.</p>	<p>TRT 23:50 and segment times are as follows:</p> <p>Segment #1: 10:16 Segment #2: 05:47 Segment #3: 07:03 Segment #4: 00:44</p>
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<p>February 23-24, 2013</p> <p>Washington, DC – Show #8 2013 (WFDC)</p>	<p>Host: Armando Guzmán</p>	<p>Last week, Armando Guzmán and his guests discussed the possibility of a Temporary Protection Service (or TPS), as a solution for the 11 million people waiting for the Immigration Reform. Among those currently under the TPS are people from El Salvador living in America, who claim that a better measure should be granted. Arq. Francisco Altschul, Ambassador from El Salvador in the U.S., joins us in the show to defend why a broader solution to his constituents should be included under the Immigration Reform. A special report from Cristian Benavides from Tampa, FL, will tell us more of the personal struggle from people under the TPS.</p> <p>Also, we get to discuss the impact of the federal budget sequestration to municipalities and counties around the country. Arlington County in VA, serves as an example. It's a prosperous area which will suffer a severe impact, if the reduction of government employees takes effect starting March 1st. J. Walter Tejada, Arlington Co. Chief Executive will go into details of how the local economy will be affected, a situation that will be echoed in several counties and cities throughout the country. To further discuss the measures that State governments are evaluating to avoid the fiscal impact of federal cuts, Maryland Delegate Ana Sol Gutiérrez joins us in the show, along with Economist and American University professor, Manuel Suárez-Mier.</p> <p>Included in the economic discussion, we will also discuss school security proposals across the nation. While some cities are considering granting more money to better prepare security officers in schools, in Denver, CO, different steps are taken to guarantee safe and arm-free classrooms. Rafael Henríquez will give us a special report on the issue.</p>	<p>TRT is 23:51 and segment times as follows: Segment #1: 09:07 Segment #2: 08:12 Segment #3: 06:07 Segment #4: 00:25</p>
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<p>March 2-3, 2013</p> <p>Washington, DC – Show #9 2013 (WFDC)</p>	<p>Host: Armando Guzmán</p>	<p>This week, important issues are under scrutiny in our show. First, Congressman Tony Cárdenas, from California, will join us in the show to discuss the decision before the Supreme Court to change Section 5 from the Voting Rights Act. He will also discuss the Immigration Reform, in terms of the status of this legislative piece in Congress and the possible provisions and protections it will grant to the 11 million immigrants in America. Along with him will be Immigration attorney Luis Paoli, and Jaime Contreras, leader of the SEIU Labor Union.</p> <p>Also, political activists have the state of Texas on the aim. Why? They want to turn this republican bastion into a democrat territory before the next election. Will the Lone Star state become a battleground state in 2016? The topic is discussed with Ricardo Ramírez, Democrat strategist, and Estuardo Rodríguez, political analyst.</p> <p>Finally, this weekend there will be rallies in various cities in the U.S., where Puerto Ricans who favor statehood will demand action from Congress and President Obama to include the island in the Federal Union. Last November, a referendum determined that people in Puerto Rico preferred statehood as a political status... and right when they celebrate the 96th anniversary of obtaining the U.S. citizenship, the topic is still a problem without an apparent solution. That's what we get to discuss with Pedro Pierluisi, Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico in Congress.</p>	<p>TRT is 23:50 and segment times as follows: Segment #1: 10:56 Segment #2: 06:27 Segment #3: 06:01 Segment #4: 00:26</p>
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<p>March 9-10, 2013</p> <p>Washington, DC – Show #10 2013 (WFDC)</p>	<p>Host: Armando Guzmán</p>	<p>The theme this week again is the Immigration Reform. This time, as part of a national event that was held in Washington, in which dozens of organizations serving Latinos in the United States came together to advocate for the issues that matter most to this community. At this time, the main focus is immigration, but also issues such as social justice, civil rights, economics, among others. Behind this event is the National Council of La Raza (NCLR), which is represented in our show with Janet Hernandez. She will be joined by Abel Núñez from CARECEN, and Ramona Félix, spokesperson of Mujeres Campesinas in California. Both organizations visited Congress and other agencies in Washington to advance the Latino causes in America.</p> <p>In addition, we discuss the situation in Venezuela. Much was speculated about President Hugo Chavez because of his deteriorating health, and now after the announcement of his death, we'll take a look at the political maelstrom that dominates this country and what is the outlook for the region. Two Latin American analysts join us to discuss the topic, Carl Meacham from the Center for Strategic International Studies (CSIS), and Juan Carlos Hidalgo of the Cato Institute. They also offered their views on the foreign policy of the United States to that country.</p> <p>Hon. Aníbal Gómez, Consul of Mexico in the capital city, will visit us to warn about unscrupulous approaches to Mexican immigrants, which under the the promise to "advance" the papers for Immigration Reform, a new scheme of Immigration fraud has developed.</p>	<p>Total running time is <u>23:51</u> and segment times as follows: Segment #1: 09:10 Segment #2: 07:49 Segment #3: 06:25 Segment #4: 00:27</p>
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<p>March 16-17, 2013</p> <p>Washington, DC – Show #11 2013 (WFDC)</p>	<p>Host: Armando Guzmán</p>	<p>For those who thought that partisan politics is a matter of every four years, we have to say: think again! This week, conservatives gathered in Washington to discuss, among other things, the future of the Republican party. But the Democrats have taken a bit of lead when it comes to strategy, and to tell us why Congressman Henry Cuéllar from Texas and Ben Ray Luján of New Mexico, joins us in the show.. They are responsible for a campaign to recruit Latinos to the ranks of their party, to run for a seat in Congress.</p> <p>And with the election of the first Latin American Pope to lead the Catholics in the world, it is time to rethink the future of the Church. What will happen with the cases of pedophilia among priests of this faith? Is there place in the near future for Catholic women to become ministers, bishops and religious leaders? What about celibacy? Could such old discipline be revoked soon? That's what we discussed in our next show with Father Eugenio Hoyos, of Virginia, and with Father Vidal Rivas, a priest of the Episcopal Church, who left the Catholic faith to exercise his religious vocation with the inclusion of women.</p>	<p>TRT is 23:50 and segment times as follows: Segment #1: 10:38 Segment #2: 07:10 Segment #3: 05:04 Segment #4: 00:58</p>
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<p>March 23-24, 2013</p> <p>Washington, DC – Show #12 2013 (WFDC)</p>	<p>Host: Armando Guzmán</p>	<p>This week several deadlines weren't met by various legislative groups to present a draft of what could become the Comprehensive Immigration Reform. Despite public pressure, Congress ended up with nothing, failing to present the country with a solution that could determine the immigration status of 11 million people. Precisely because it needs to be done, Washington has received this week hundreds of activists who came to press on the Reform. These include Colorado businesswoman Ellen Krible, who depends on Mexican seasonal workers each year for her business. She joins us in the show to explain why she calls for action not only to politicians, but also proposes the "Red Card Solution", an identification which she says is the fastest and most effective way to address the immigration issue. In this segment we will have a special report from Luisa Collins in Denver, who puts us in perspective what the situation of workers and immigration is in the state of Colorado.</p> <p>In addition to Mrs. Krible , community organizations and evangelical churches join the clamor for an Immigration Reform. Kica Matos, from Keeping Families Together, and Bishop Minerva Carcaño of the United Methodist Church in the U.S. will tell us why they've gone door to door in Congress to demand immediate action on the issue.</p> <p>Others who have been lobbying in Washington this week are organizations that promote and protect the Latino vote. Why? To prevent the Supreme Court from supporting an Arizona law requiring proof of citizenship to register to vote, a move that Lydia Camarillo, from the Southwestern Voter Registration Education Program, says is aimed to reduce the Latino vote, which in the case of Arizona corresponds to 25% of the population.</p>	<p>TRT is 23:54 and segment times as follows: Segment #1: 11:33 Segment #2: 06:28 Segment #3: 05:17 Segment #4: 00:36</p>
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<p>March 30-31, 2013</p> <p>Washington, DC – Show #13 2013 (WFDC)</p>	<p>Host: Armando Guzmán</p>	<p>The Organization of American States (OAS) met in assembly last week, to discuss the situation of the Americas regarding human rights. The Secretary General of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, Emilio Alvarez Icaza, visited the show to tell us what's the 21st century perspective being addressed by this organism, in charge of enforcing justice and equality for all people in the Western Hemisphere. Most interestingly is, says Alvarez Icaza, that what motivated the creation of this court were cases under dictatorships and other anti-democratic systems, a scenario that has greatly changed today. Now the complaints have the face of the immigrants, looks after social justice and socio-economic status of the citizens, among other examples ... including cases in the United States.</p> <p>And speaking of justice, Arizona is yet again the center of controversy, after state Rep. John Kavanaugh proposed that, in order to use a public restroom in that state, people have to show documents evidencing their biological sex. This move is seen as discriminatory by LGBT groups, including transgender people. The topic is discussed with three activists who have experienced firsthand gender discrimination: Lisbeth Melendez Rivera, Conzuella Lopez and Cindi Reyes.</p> <p>Finally, two months before the election in Los Angeles that will determine who will succeed Antonio Villaraigosa, mayoral candidate Eric Garcetti joins us in the show. With him, Armando Guzmán discusses his projects for the city and what the future holds for the people of Los Angeles, if elected to office.</p>	<p>TRT is 23:50 and segment times as follows:</p> <p>Segment #1: 08:15 Segment #2: 08:33 Segment #3: 06:07 Segment #4: 00:55</p>
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