

WPBS-TV ISSUES/PROBLEMS REPORT

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Title	Description	Source	Type	Time/Date	Broadcast
ECONOMY/BUSINESS/GOVERNMENT					
Frontline – The Power of the Fed	When COVID struck, the Federal Reserve stepped in to try to avert economic crisis. As the country's central bank continues to pump billions of dollars into the financial system daily, who is benefitting and at what cost?	PBS	Gen. Int.	7/14/21 10pm	1 hour
PBS NewsHour	New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo on Tuesday said he will resign after the state's attorney general last week released a scathing probe that found he sexually harassed at least 11 women. He will be replaced by Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul, who will become the first woman to lead the state.	PBS	Gen. Int.	8/10/21 6pm	6 mins.
PBS NewsHour	The Census Bureau on Thursday issued its most detailed portrait yet of how the U.S. has changed over the past decade, releasing a trove of demographic data that will be used to redraw political maps across an increasingly diverse country. The census figures have been eagerly awaited by states, and they are sure to set off an intense partisan battle over representation at a time of deep national division and fights over voting rights. The numbers could help determine control of the U.S. House in the 2022 elections and provide an electoral edge for the next decade. The data will also shape how \$1.5 trillion in federal spending is distributed each year.	PBS	Gen. Int.	8/12/21 6pm	7 mins.
Frontline – America After 9/11	How 9/11 ushered in an era of fear, mistrust, and division in America. The compromises and consequences for American democracy—from the terror attacks, through four presidencies, wars abroad, and ultimately insurrection at home.	PBS	Gen. Int.	9/7/21 9pm	2 hours

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PBS NewsHour	The share of Americans living in poverty rose slightly as the COVID-19 pandemic shook the economy last year, but massive relief payments pumped out by Congress eased hardship for many, the Census Bureau reported Tuesday. The official poverty measure showed an increase of 1 percentage point in 2020, indicating that 11.4% of Americans were living in poverty. It was the first increase in poverty after five consecutive annual declines.	PBS	Gen. Int.	9/14/21 6pm	6 mins.
PBS NewsHour	Many people ordering food during the on-going pandemic have learned their order is coming from “Ghost Kitchens.” They have no tables, no storefront, and no waitstaff. In fact, there is no kitchen. Your order went to a “ghost kitchen”—and your food was prepared at a nearby catering shop, or maybe even at the chain restaurant around the corner. Ghost Kitchens, sometimes also called Cloud Kitchens, are just one of many business and technical innovations restaurants have adopted in the last year to survive the economic pressures of the pandemic.	PBS	Gen. Int.	9/14/21 6pm	5 mins.
Connect NY	A lack of affordable housing and the economic pressures of the pandemic have put stress on landlords, renters, and buyers. But did the troubles with housing begin with COVID 19? Since the 2008 recession, fewer young adults have the financial means to become homeowners. With prices skyrocketing and many relying on rent relief, how can New Yorkers invest in their future?	WCNY	Gen. Int.	9/28/21 12 am	1 hour

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HEALTH					
PBS NewsHour	Overdose deaths soared to a record 93,000 last year in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the U.S. government reported Wednesday. That estimate far eclipses the high of about 72,000 drug overdose deaths reached the previous year and amounts to a 29 percent increase.	PBS	Gen. Int.	7/14/21 6pm	5 mins.
PBS NewsHour	The Pentagon will require members of the U.S. military to get the COVID-19 vaccine by Sept. 15, according to a memo obtained by The Associated Press. That deadline could be pushed up if the vaccine receives final FDA approval or infection rates continue to rise.	PBS	Gen. Int.	8/9/21 6pm	5 mins.
PBS NewsHour	Impatient with years of inaction in Washington on prescription drug costs, U.S. hospital groups, startups and nonprofits have started making their own medicines in a bid to combat stubbornly high prices and persistent shortages of drugs with little competition. The efforts are at varying stages, but some have already made and shipped millions of doses. Nearly half of U.S. hospitals have gotten some drugs from the projects and more medicines should be in retail pharmacies within the next year as the work accelerates. Most groups are working on generics, while at least one is trying to develop brand-name drugs. All aim to sell their drugs at prices well below what competitors charge.	PBS	Gen. Int.	8/10/21 6pm	5 mins.
PBS NewsHour	New technology is changing the way we think about the human brain. Miles O'Brien gives us a personal look at how rewiring the mind with the aid of machines is transforming the lives of those with amputated limbs. It is the second part of this story in our "Breakthroughs" series on innovation and invention.	PBS	Gen. Int.	9/1/21 6pm	7 mins.

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PBS NewsHour	COVID-19 vaccines are both safe and effective for pregnant people and those who plan to become pregnant, according to all of the data gathered by researchers so far. But the baseless concern or belief that they could hurt a person's ability to conceive and deliver a healthy child has influenced many in choosing not to get a shot. In August, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention officially recommended that pregnant people get vaccinated against COVID-19, in part because they are at a higher risk of becoming severely ill from the disease compared to non-pregnant people.	PBS	Gen. Int.	9/16/21 6pm	5 mins.
PBS NewsHour Weekend	Dealing the White House a stinging setback, a government advisory panel overwhelmingly rejected a plan Friday to give Pfizer COVID-19 booster shots across the board, and instead endorsed the extra vaccine dose only for those who are 65 or older or run a high risk of severe disease.	PBS	Gen. Int.	9/18/21 6pm	4 mins.
PBS NewsHour	COVID-19 has now killed about as many Americans as the 1918-19 Spanish flu pandemic did — approximately 675,000. And like the worldwide scourge of a century ago, the coronavirus may never entirely disappear from our midst. Instead, scientists hope the virus that causes COVID-19 becomes a mild seasonal bug as human immunity strengthens through vaccination and repeated infection. That would take time.	PBS	Gen. Int.	9/20/21 6pm	5 mins.

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CRIME/LEGAL ISSUES/LAW ENFORCEMENT					
PBS NewsHour	The frequency of anti-Asian incidents — from taunts to outright assaults — reported in the United States so far this year seems poised to surpass last year despite months of political and social activism, according to a new report released Thursday. Stop AAPI Hate, a national coalition that became the authority on gathering data on racially motivated attacks related to the pandemic, received 9,081 incident reports between March 19, 2020, and this June. Of those, 4,548 occurred last year, and 4,533 this year. Since the coronavirus was first reported in China, people of Asian and Pacific Islander descent have been treated as scapegoats solely based on their race.	PBS	Gen. Int.	8/12/21 6pm	5 mins.
PBS NewsHour Weekend	The Texas law that took effect this week bans abortion after a fetal heartbeat is detected, typically around six weeks. In states like Kansas and Colorado, where abortion is more accessible, providers and aid organizations said they already are seeing more patients from other states.	PBS	Gen. Int.	9/4/21 6pm	5 mins.
PBS NewsHour	A federal judge ordered Apple to dismantle part of the competitive barricade guarding its closely run app store, threatening one of the iPhone maker's biggest moneymakers. Such a change could potentially also save app developers billions of dollars that could encourage them to lower the prices paid by consumers. The ruling issued Friday decides an antitrust case brought by Epic Games, best known as the maker of Fortnite, the popular video game played by about 400 million people worldwide.	PBS	Gen. Int.	9/10/21 6pm	5 mins.

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PBS NewsHour	It's been a year since Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg died. Her seat on the bench is now occupied by Justice Amy Coney Barrett, the third judge appointed by former President Donald Trump. On October 4th, the court will resume in-person hearings -- and will also be the first time the bench will meet since RBG's passing. Amy Howe, co-founder of SCOTUSblog, a website covering the Supreme Court, joins to discuss how the court has changed -- and what lies ahead.	PBS	Gen. Int.	9/18/21 6pm	5 mins.
EDUCATION/CAREER					
PBS NewsHour Weekend	After more than a year of restrictions and online schooling, educators and counselors are focusing on ways to assess the long-term social, emotional and mental impact of the pandemic on school children when they return to the classroom.	PBS	Gen. Int.	8/1/21 6pm	5 mins.
PBS NewsHour	The Biden administration on Friday issued what it says will be the final extension to a student loan moratorium that has allowed millions of Americans to put off debt payments during the pandemic. Under the action, payments on federal student loans will remain paused through Jan. 31, 2022. Interest rates will remain at 0 percent during that period, and debt collection efforts will be suspended. Those measures have been in place since early in the pandemic but were set to expire Sept. 30.	PBS	Gen. Int.	8/6/21 6pm	5 mins.
Disrupted: How COVID-19 Changed Education	At the end of another disrupted school year, students, families and educators are grappling with the long-term, profound impacts of the pandemic. Hosted by PBS NewsHour senior correspondent Amna Nawaz, this one-hour special showcases teen stories and students in conversation with each other and leading journalists about what they've been through, future challenges and opportunities, and their hopes for tackling systemic education problems exacerbated by the pandemic.	PBS	Gen. Int.	8/8/21 1pm	1 hour

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PBS NewsHour	The Biden administration announced Thursday it will automatically erase student loan debt for more than 300,000 Americans with severe disabilities that leave them unable to earn significant incomes. The move will wipe out more than \$5.8 billion in debt, according to the Education Department.	PBS	Gen. Int.	8/19/21 6pm	5 mins.
PBS NewsHour	More incarcerated people in the United States may soon have the chance to take college courses, thanks to the expansion of an Obama-era program that makes higher education accessible in prison. The U.S. Department of Education announced last month it will expand the Second Chance Pell experiment to support up to 200 colleges and universities in offering prison education programs, up from the 131 institutions currently participating.	PBS	Gen. Int.	8/25/21 6pm	6 mins.
PBS NewsHour	The college football season gets into full swing this weekend. Players are returning to the field for what they hope will be a more normal year after a COVID-plagued 2020 season. But there's another difference for student athletes this year. As John Yang reports, it has to do with their financial opportunities off the field.	PBS	Gen. Int.	9/2/21 6pm	7 mins.
ARTS					
PBS NewsHour	A wide Broadway coalition of theater owners, producers, union leaders, creators and casting directors have hammered out a series of reforms and commitments for the theater industry to ensure equity, diversity, inclusion and accessibility. The New Deal for Broadway emerged following a summit of industry leaders organized by Black Theatre United earlier this year. It outlines reforms that are short-term — to be implemented prior to Broadway's reopening this fall — and long-term over the next few years.	PBS	Gen. Int.	8/24/21 6pm	5 mins

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Wicked in Concert	Celebrate the iconic hit Broadway musical with this all-star concert version featuring songs from the beloved score, including "The Wizard and I," "Defying Gravity," "Popular," "Wonderful," "No Good Deed," "For Good" and "As Long As You're Mine."	PBS	Gen. Int.	8/29/21 9pm	2 hours
Great Performances – The Red Shoes	Experience Hans Christian Andersen's dark fairytale from acclaimed director-choreographer Matthew Bourne with this Olivier Award-winning stage adaptation starring Ashley Shaw, Adam Cooper, Dominic North and Michaela Meazza.	PBS	Gen. Int.	9/17/21 9pm	2 hours
ENVIRONMENT					
PBS NewsHour	Solar energy has the potential to supply up to 40 percent of the nation's electricity within 15 years — a 10-fold increase over current solar output, but one that would require massive changes in U.S. policy and billions of dollars in federal investment to modernize the nation's electric grid, a new federal report says. The report by the Energy Department's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy says the United States would need to quadruple its annual solar capacity — and continue to increase it year by year — as it shifts to a renewable-dominant grid in order to address the existential threat posed by climate change.	PBS	Gen. Int.	9/8/21 6pm	6 mins.
Extinction: The Facts	With 1 million species at threat, David Attenborough explores extinction and how this crisis has consequences for us all, even putting us at greater risk of pandemic diseases.	PBS	Gen. Int.	9/14/21 9pm	1 hour
CULTURAL ISSUES, RECREATION					
New York's Seaway Lighthouses	"New York's Seaway Lighthouses" visits over 20 lights along New York's scenic Seaway Trail, seeking out interesting stories and giving a brief history of each light. Beautiful scenic aerial and land video and historic pictures accompanies each story to create a fast-paced, exciting documentary.	WPBS	Gen. Int.	7/4/21 3pm	1 ½ hours

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Discovering Watertown	Discover how and why Watertown was founded as we journey through the 1700's into the mid 1800's during the first of this three-part series	WPBS	Gen. Int.	8/1/21 2pm	Three ½-hour programs
Discovering Jefferson County	Four-part series takes viewers back in time to when the towns and villages of Jefferson County were explored, settled, and economically established. Early colonial settlers of the North Country were drawn to the area because of its vast forests, plentiful wild game and fish, and accessible waterways. They saw it as an untouched gem. As word spread about the useful lands and waterways, more and more pioneers found their way to the Northern edge of New York State to establish the many towns and villages that are still historic in so many ways today.	WPBS	Gen. Int.	8/22/21 1 pm	Four ½-hour programs
Exploring the 1000 Islands	The fascinating history of the 1000 Islands, from the first explorers to the development of tourism and the construction of hundreds of luxury hotels eventually destroyed by fire or torn down, to the new millionaires who built gilded-age mansions and castles on many of the islands.	WPBS	Gen. Int.	9/26/21 3pm	1 hour
Capitol Fourth	The 41st edition of America's Independence Day celebration features performances by top stars from pop, country, R&B, classical and Broadway, capped off with patriotic classics and spectacular fireworks display over the Washington, DC skyline.	PBS	Gen. Int.	7/4/21 8pm & 9:30pm	1 ½-hour program
Generation 9/11	Follow seven young people whose fathers died on 9/11. When they were born, the nation was drawn together. Twenty years later, in a divided America, they enter adulthood with a sense of responsibility that stems from their own personal tragedy.	PBS	Gen. Int.	8/31/21 9pm	2 hours