



Issues and Programs List
Quarterly Report
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RADIO

Top 5 Issues Addressed:

1. Politics
2. Health
3. Race and Civil Rights
4. Education
5. Crime / Sexual Violence

Representative Programs That Addressed Issues:

1. Politics

Political Rewind

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Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 2pm.

GPB's four-times-per-week discussion of all things politics, *Political Rewind*, focused heavily on the mid-term elections, which included Georgia's race for Governor and other statewide offices. Host Bill Nigut and a rotating panel of political experts, including Atlanta Journal-Constitution Political Editor Jim Galloway, discussed the latest campaign news, polls, rumors and speculation, as well as happenings in state and local political races and preparations for future races. National political news was also a major focus, especially with the many investigations into the Trump Presidency.

On Second Thought

GPB

October 15, 2018, 9am.

A record 6.9 million Georgians are registered to vote in the midterm elections. Some will start voting next week, as in-person early voting officially begins. That made us wonder: How does Georgia's election process work? Are fears of hacking and mistrust of the system justified? And, what happens to your ballot once it's cast? GPB Political Reporter Stephen Fowler took a deep dive into Georgia's election system, beginning with the Secretary of State's office, which oversees elections. He joined us with his findings. Georgia Tech computer science professor Richard DeMillo also joined the conversation.

On Second Thought

GPB

December 13, 2018, 9am.

Security questions continue to swirl around Georgia's electoral process. Lawmakers largely agree the state's current touch-screen voting machines must go. They don't leave a paper trail, and some analysts worry they could be hacked. The question isn't whether the machines need to be replaced – but how. The Georgia Secretary of State's Office has created a commission to answer that question. GPB politics reporter Stephen Fowler and "Political Rewind" host Bill Nigut discussed the future of voting technology and how the state's lawmakers are leaning on the issue. They shared what they learned with "On Second Thought" host Virginia Prescott.

2. Health

On Second Thought

GPB

October 22, 2018, 9am.

Women in Georgia are more likely to die from pregnancy-related and associated complications than in Uzbekistan. The state allocated \$2 million to help reduce that number in this year's health budget. "On Second Thought" host Virginia Prescott spoke with Wanda Irving, whose daughter, Shalon, died after giving birth in metro Atlanta, and Breanna Lipscomb, U.S. maternal health campaign manager

for The Center For Reproductive Rights, about efforts to improve maternal health outcomes in Georgia and across the nation.

On Second Thought

December 14, 2018, 9am.

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Americans are living longer, but, as a whole, are sicker. The U.S. spends far more on health care per person than other high-income countries yet lags far behind on a range of health indicators. Preventable chronic diseases and behavioral issues, including opioid addiction, are on the rise across all populations, but the most disadvantaged communities are disproportionately affected. Improving economic prosperity is among the priorities for the nation's top doctor, U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams. He spoke with "On Second Thought" host Virginia Prescott while visiting Atlanta to outline a community-based initiative to a group at the Federal Reserve Bank.

On Second Thought

December 10, 2018, 9am.

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According to the American Immigration Council, about 25 percent of the nearly one million physicians who practice medicine in the United States were trained in foreign medical schools. In Georgia, about 17 percent of doctors were born in another country, but they face high barriers to entry into the U.S. That could be a cause for concern in states like Georgia, which has a severe shortage of physicians. The problem is especially pronounced in rural areas. Nearly a third of Georgia counties don't have a pediatrician. Six have no doctor at all. In places like Houston County, doctors from India have revitalized the landscape of medical care. Andy Miller, editor of *Georgia Health News*, and Max Blau, a freelance reporter, recently collaborated on a five-part series with independent journalist Katja Ridderbusch about immigrant doctors in Georgia. They told "On Second Thought" host Virginia Prescott about doctors from other countries who have been slowed down by President Trump's immigration ban or stymied by underfunded residency programs, which are a required step toward becoming a doctor in the U.S. Miller and Blau also spoke about the potential of an assistant physician program, in which internationally trained physicians could care for patients under the supervision of doctors who have completed a residency in the U.S.

3. Race and Civil Rights

On Second Thought

December 12, 2018, 9am.

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A new investigation has found more than \$40 million in taxpayer dollars have been spent over the past decade on the maintenance and expansion of Confederate monuments and sites. A pair of journalists visited more than 50 of those sites and filed 175 open records requests to track public spending. Among these sites were A.H. Stephens State Park in Crawfordville, the Robert Toombs House in Wilkes County and Stone Mountain in Atlanta. Brian Palmer and Seth Freed Wessler reported "The Costs of the Confederacy" for the Investigative Fund at the Nation Institute, which collaborated with Smithsonian Magazine on the story. They joined "On Second Thought" host Virginia Prescott to share their findings. In their reporting, they found not only a rough estimate of how much public funding goes to upkeep for memorials to the Confederacy, but also how little attention is given to the history of slavery at these sites. "These are in public spaces, public

institutions [and] state parks," said Seth Freed Wessler of Confederate monuments and statues in the South. "If there's public money going to them, it would seem there's an obligation to make sure histories being told in these spaces conform with the facts."

On Second Thought

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October 17, 2018, 9am.

In 1991, Troy Davis was convicted of the murder of Savannah police officer Mark MacPhail and sentenced to death. The state of Georgia executed Davis in 2011 amid public debate over his guilt or innocence. A new radio drama based on a 2016 play explores the meaning of "reasonable doubt" in the Davis case. Host Virginia Prescott spoke with Lee Nowell, the playwright of "Beyond Reasonable Doubt: The Troy Davis Project," about the play's origins and its new life as a podcast on GPB. To create the play, Nowell combined research from court transcripts and fictitious characters who wrestle with Davis' guilt or innocence. "The people who won in the court of law lost in the court of public opinion, and the people who won in the court of public opinion lost in the court of law," said Nowell of the Davis case. "We're interested in telling why people believe what they believe," said Nowell, "The play is trying to get us to discern."

On Second Thought

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October 23, 2018, 9am.

The first class of women graduated from the University of Georgia in 1918, one hundred years ago. Their resiliency changed higher education, but they were segregated. UGA admitted the first black woman, [Charlayne Hunter-Gault](#), in 1961. She inspired [Mary Frances Early](#) to attend the school a year later, and Early became the first black UGA graduate. She graduated in 1962 with a master's degree in music education. Host Virginia Prescott spoke to her about the barriers she faced in admission, the isolation of being the only black student on campus, and the way her legacy inspires students today.

4. Education

On Second Thought

GPB

October 16, 2018, 9am.

The Georgia gubernatorial candidates are campaigning on opposing views about the future of the state's education system. Democratic candidate Stacey Abrams is in favor of funding wrap-around services by ending the state's private school scholarship program. Republican candidate Brian Kemp wants to expand that program. Host Virginia Prescott spoke to GPB reporter Grant Blankenship about these two visions for education, along with the choices parents have between private and public schools.

On Second Thought

GPB

November 27, 2018, 9am.

The National Science Foundation awarded Morehouse College a new \$1.5 million grant to increase student recruitment and retention in STEM fields. According to a Pew research study, black and latin professionals are underrepresented in STEM careers. Black professionals make up only nine percent of the total STEM workforce. Lyncurgus Muldrow, executive director of the HBCU Identity Research Center, joined "On Second Thought" host Virginia Prescott to discuss the impact of the grant on students across the nation.

Meanwhile, Georgia's high school graduation rate has increased over the past several years. For the second year in a row, the state's graduation rate is above 80 percent. That's according to the Georgia Department of Education. Innovative mentorship programs have helped. "On Second Thought" host Virginia Prescott spoke with two Atlanta mentors. Next Generation Men and Women executive director Phil Olaleye gave us some insight about his youth program. Kimberlin Bolton also joined the conversation. Bolton is the operations director at re:imagine ATL.

5. [Crime / Sexual Violence](#)

On Second Thought

GPB

November 5, 2018, 9am.

Over the past decade, Georgia has ranked among the top fifteen U.S. states for domestic violence-related deaths. During the past decade, an average of 126 Georgians were killed due to domestic violence each year, according to the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence (GCADV). In 2017, that number rose, and domestic violence killed 149 Georgians. According to the Georgia Domestic Violence Fatality Review Project, 70 percent of those deaths were attributed to firearms. To understand why domestic violence-related deaths are on the rise, "On Second Thought" host Virginia Prescott spoke with Shenna Morris, GCADV policy and community engagement director. We also spoke with Lavon Morris-Grant, founding executive director of MACOSH Healing Network. Morris-Grant is also a domestic violence survivor.

On Second Thought

GPB

October 1, 2018, 9:00am.

The FBI is currently investigating allegations of sexual assault made against U.S. Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh. Tens of millions of Americans watched testimony from Christine Blasey Ford and Judge Kavanaugh. Responses to the hearings and the #MeToo Movement make clear sexual violence is something that must be addressed in the public sphere. Host Virginia Prescott spoke with University of Georgia psychology professor Isha Metzger and Sally Sheppard, executive director of The Cottage, a sexual assault center and children's advocacy center. We discussed how we talk about sexual assault in our communities. Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network reports that 1 in 6 women and 1 in 33 men in the United States experience some form of sexual violence in their lifetime.