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Quarterly Report
4th Quarter 2017
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1. [Politics](#)

Political Rewind

GPB

Every Monday and Wednesday, 2pm, and every Friday, 3pm.

GPB's three-times-per-week discussion of all things politics, *Political Rewind*, focused heavily on the continued controversies of the Trump administration. 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. The race to fill a Senate vacancy in Alabama and the Atlanta Mayor's Race were major topics during the quarter.

On Second Thought

GPB

December 4, 2017, 9am.

Churches in the United States are barred from endorsing political candidates, or contributing to campaigns. This part of our tax code is known as the Johnson Amendment. It includes all non-profit organizations. But Republicans, including President Trump, want to repeal the amendment as part of a federal tax overhaul happening now. On today's program, host Celeste Headlee talked about politics from the pulpit with researcher Matthew Boedy, an assistant professor at the University of North Georgia. And we discussed how taxes change behavior with Susan Anderson, an accounting professor at Elon University in North Carolina.

On Second Thought

GPB

December 18, 2017, 9am.

At a time when the #metoo movement is highlighting sexual harassment on the job and the imbalance of power in the workplace, state politicians are finally talking about that issue in the Georgia. But one gubernatorial candidate says women are missing from that conversation. Last week, former state representative Stacey Evans called out Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle for excluding women from a new committee on sexual harassment. She brought us a commentary.

2. [Race](#)

On Second Thought

GPB

November 1, 2017, 9am.

At a time when the racial divide in the country appears to be widening, various hate groups are taking advantage of the situation to become more visible. The terms "alt-right," "far-right," and "radical right" are being used to describe these groups, but there's actually very little research on what those terms mean and who the people are identifying with them. Cas Mudde, Professor in the Department of International Affairs at UGA, is looking to change that. His new book is "The Far-Right in

America.” He joined us to analyze the movement and its many subsets. Also, militias are named in the U.S. Constitution’s Second Amendment. Many of the groups bearing that name today self-identify as members of the alt-right movement. Filmmaker James Burns spent time embedded with a Georgia militia for a VICE.com documentary. Host Celeste Headlee spoke with him about the rise of right-wing militias.

On Second Thought

GPB

October 23, 2017, 9am.

Earlier this month, Vice President Mike Pence left an Indianapolis Colts game to protest players kneeling during the National Anthem. It’s something athletes across the country, including Atlanta, are doing on the field to protest police violence against African-Americans. Ameer Mohammed of Atlanta says he wants his own experiences with police to be a learning experience for his children. GPB News intern Maya Martin brought us a conversation between Ameer and his 14-year-old son Faheem. Meanwhile, in the Jim Crow South, black and white neighborhoods were separated by law. Some police departments added African-American officers to their squads to cover the black communities. Atlanta hired eight men in 1948. But their authority was greatly restricted. These officers inspired Thomas Mullen’s novel “Darktown,” and a sequel from this year, “Lightning Men.” On today’s program, host Celeste Headlee spoke with Thomas Mullen.

On Second Thought

GPB

December 14, 2017, 9am.

Georgia’s legislative session begins January 8th. But a bill addressing the debate over Confederate monuments has already been filed by Decatur’s State Representative, Mary Margaret Oliver. The bill would allow local governments to decide whether or not to keep or remove monuments. Georgia has about 175 Confederate markers and they are mostly protected by state law. Supporters often say those monuments are about history. But a recent study from Georgia State University found many people who support the display of the Confederate flag lack basic knowledge of the Civil War. On today’s program, host Celeste Headlee spoke with historians Kevin Levin and Daina Ramey Berry about the issue.

3. Health

On Second Thought

GPB

November 15, 2017, 9am.

Good news: breast cancer death rates dropped by nearly 40 percent in the last three decades. Breast cancer is the second most common cancer diagnosis for U.S. women. Skin cancer’s first. But there is bad news. Black women continue to die at a higher rate than whites, especially in the South. Some states have eliminated the racial disparity in breast cancer deaths. These are recent findings by the Atlanta-based American Cancer Society. Host Celeste Headlee spoke with Carol DeSantis, Director of Breast and Gynecological Surveillance for the organization. Meanwhile, modern gynecology was largely born in the antebellum South -- because some of this country’s first gynecologists conducted experiments on enslaved women. This history is explored in a new book, “Medical Bondage: Race, Gender and The Origins Of American Gynecology.” Headlee discussed the issue with author Deirdre Cooper Owens, an Assistant Professor at Queens College in New York.

On Second Thought

GPB

December 6, 2017, 9am.

New research from Georgia State University finds the majority of smokers are looking to quit cigarettes. That’s especially difficult in a world that glorifies smoking through media, advertising, and regulatory language. The new study recommends we change the way regulators talk about

smoking, and give less emphasis to the pleasurable aspects of the habit. On today's program, host Celeste Headlee talked about this with Terry Pechacek, Professor of Health Management & Policy at Georgia State University and Carla Berg, a Professor in the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Health Education at Emory University. Meanwhile, "On Second Thought" Associate Producer Ryan McFadin just quit smoking after 10 years. He's over a month in, and told us what the experience has been like for him.

On Second Thought

GPB

November 21, 2017, 9am.

In 2016, over two million cases of gonorrhea, chlamydia, and syphilis were reported in the United States. Georgia is among the most infected states. According to new data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Georgia has the fourth highest rate of sexually transmitted diseases in the nation. On today's show, guest host Adam Ragusea talked about this with Michelle Allen, Director of the Infectious Disease Section for the Georgia Department of Health, and Andy Miller, Editor for Georgia Health News.

4. Education

On Second Thought

GPB

November 20, 2017, 9am.

In recent years, Atlanta has been on a mission to turn around failing public schools, while many parents have turned to charter schools. David Osborne is author of the new book, "Reinventing America's Schools." He suggests treating all schools a bit like charter schools would improve the situation. On today's show, host Celeste Headlee talked with David Osborne and Maureen Downey, Education Reporter for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, about how to improve Georgia's public schools.

On Second Thought

GPB

November 30, 2017, 9am.

An investigative report from the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* finds about 12 percent of cops in Georgia schools were forced out of a previous job. The officers were terminated or investigated for a wide range of reasons, including chronically poor performance, lying to superiors, sexual misconduct and inappropriate use of force. For some, however, jobs in the school system means a second chance for these troubled cops. Host Celeste Headlee talked about the situation with Brad Schrade, reporter for the AJC.

On Second Thought

GPB

October 4, 2017, 9am.

The top American universities admit more students from the top one percent of earners than the bottom 60 percent combined. Those numbers contradict the annual rankings made by *U.S. News & World Report*, which seem to reward schools contributing to the rich-poor gap. Georgia State University is a national model for graduating low-income students, even though it dropped 30 spots in the *U.S. News* rankings. Host Celeste Headlee talked with Tim Renick, Vice President for Student Success Programs at GSU, and Mitchell Stevens, Professor of Sociology at Stanford University.

5. Gun Violence

On Second Thought

GPB

October 25, 2017, 9am.

Today's show devoted the entire hour to look at guns in the South: the people who own them, the emotions they stir, how they're bought and sold, the total cost of gun violence, and the history of laws controlling who has access to them.

Guns are a staple of many Southern homes. Pew Research estimates at least one in three households keep a gun. We caught up with some gun owners around Georgia to ask why and when they're armed. Then, we got a primer on current Georgia gun laws, and how we became one of the most permissive states in the country when it comes to firearms. Turns out, it wasn't always this way.

Georgia's hunting season opened last Saturday. GPB's Emily Cureton joined a father and son hunting deer together in Middle Georgia. She put together an audio postcard from the woods of Monroe County.

For 29-year-old Anthony Mackey, guns were part of his upbringing in Albany, Georgia. As a teen, he joined a gang and saw firsthand the incredible power of a gun. Mackey says being shot at was a turning point in his life.

Health economist Ted Miller says to understand the real cost of gun violence, you must factor in the value of human life. But according to Miller, the monetary cost of gun violence in Georgia in 2012 was more than \$9 billion. He broke down the cost of shootings.

Guns are more controversial in America than abortion, marijuana, and same-sex marriage. Many of the opinions surrounding guns come from what we hear and see through the media. And yet, our passions about weapons reflect deeper psychological values. Host Celeste Headlee talked about the emotion of gun culture with Katherine White, Professor of Psychology at Kennesaw State University. We also discussed how the media played its part in perpetuating stereotypes, or even violence, with Ben Hallman, Deputy Editor for *The Trace*, a nonprofit journalism outlet focused on gun reporting.

Amid the barrage of news stories about gun violence, there are the real people whose lives are torn apart by tragedy. Semaj Clark is one of them. Two years ago, he was paralyzed after being shot in Savannah. Now, he's confined to a wheelchair. Before becoming a vocal anti-gun violence advocate, Semaj was involved in gang activity. He told us the media have a certain responsibility when they cover shootings.

On Second Thought

GPB

October 26, 2017, 9:00am.

You may have heard about the **Iron Pipeline**. It's an underground network used to ship guns from states like Georgia with relatively lax gun laws to other states with tighter regulations. Many of these weapons are purchased legally in the South, but some are stolen. **An investigative report** finds Atlanta has an alarming rate of guns stolen from cars. Guest host Adam Ragusea talked with reporter Brian Freskos of *The Trace* about this trend in local crime.