



Issues and Programs List  
Quarterly Report  
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January - February - March

Radio

**Top 5 Issues Addressed:**

1. Politics
2. Health
3. Economy
4. Environment
5. Immigration

## Representative Programs That Addressed Issues:

### 1. Politics

#### **Political Rewind**

**GPB**

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

GPB's now three times per week discussion of all things politics, *Political Rewind*, focused heavily on the inauguration of President Trump and the early days of his 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. Georgia's state legislature was a regular topic as the 40-day session took place mostly during the quarter.

#### **On Second Thought**

**GPB**

February 24, 2017, 9am.

The Georgia Senate is one of 26 chambers in the nation that does not offer video streaming of committee meetings. Lawmakers often bar reporters and citizens from observing, and they don't want other lawmakers recording the proceedings. Some senators are going rogue--using mobile phones or small cameras to stream committee meetings. Those actions have called for new rules, leading to a mess of tension and controversy. Atlanta Journal-Constitution reporter Kristina Torres visited the *On Second Thought* studios to break down the debate.

#### **On Second Thought**

**GPB**

March 15, 2017, 9am.

As the race to fill Tom Price's 6th District Congressional seat heats up, Democrats hope all that activity translates to votes in the special election in April. Jon Ossoff, 30, is encouraging Democrats with his "Make Trump Furious" campaign, and raising a considerable amount of grassroots support. We learned more about Ossoff's campaign and the race ahead as Atlanta Journal-Constitution reporter Greg Bluestein and University of Georgia professor Audrey Haynes joined host Celeste Headlee to discuss the campaign.

### 2. Health

#### **On Second Thought**

**GPB**

February 13, 2017, 9am.

As the new Presidential Administration works to repeal the Affordable Care Act there are estimates that action could cost Georgia more than \$20 million a year. It would also cost Atlanta's Centers for Disease Control and Prevention nearly \$900 million—12 percent of the agency's budget. Republicans leading the repeal effort call the money a "slush fund." That means to imply that millions of untracked dollars are used for projects that have little benefit for public health. On today's program, Andy Miller, editor for *Georgia Health News*, discusses how the proposed changes could have a devastating effect on healthcare in Georgia and the nation.

### **On Second Thought**

**GPB**

January 12, 2017, 9am.

According to research from CNN, Georgia is among the worst in the nation for stress. Atlanta, at least, ranks as one of the most stressed-out cities in America. Host Celeste Headlee looked at the problem and discussed the reasons behind it with three experts: Esther Sternberg, a physician and Director of the Institute on Place and Wellbeing at the University of Arizona, Bob Bilder, a professor of Creativity Research at the University of California, Los Angeles, and Dana Wyner, a Clinical Psychologist and Coordinator of Stress Management at Emory University Counseling Center.

### **On Second Thought**

**GPB**

March 13, 2017, 9am.

Personal finance site WalletHub conducted a recent study rating the healthiest and unhealthiest cities in the country. According to the study, Augusta, Georgia, is one of the unhealthiest cities in the nation. This is based on a number of factors, including the cost of a doctor visit, fruit and vegetable consumption, and fitness clubs per capita. Host Celeste Headlee discussed this news with Rodney Lyn, the director of the Division of Health Management and Policy at Georgia State University. Also, we heard from Kelsey Budge, a personal trainer in the Augusta area.

## **3. Economy**

### **On Second Thought**

**GPB**

January 17, 2017, 9am.

With the start of the New Year and the beginning of a new Administration in Washington that took office based on dissatisfaction with the national economy, new unemployment numbers in Georgia are showing mixed results. Working Nation is a not-for-profit campaign focused on finding solutions to the unemployment issue. Founder Art Bilger says Georgia's low ranking is due to a number of factors, including poor performance in some areas and lack of awareness. Guest host Kathy Lohr asked him about some of these analytics, and what his organization believes the future holds for the state.

### **On Second Thought**

**GPB**

February 8, 2017, 9am.

A recent report from the federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau shows Georgia leads most states in harassment by debt collectors. Often these are for debts people already paid, or don't even owe. Beth Kobliner is on a mission to make sure you and your kids don't fall prey to one of these collectors. She is the author of the new book *Make Your Kid a Money Genius (Even If You're Not)*. She told host Celeste Headlee that it is never a bad idea to start teaching kids about personal finance, even when they're really young.

### **On Second Thought**

**GPB**

March 7, 2017, 9am.

March is Women's History Month, but this year doesn't bring a lot of good news for women in Georgia. A new study found Georgia is the sixth worst state in the nation for females based on a number of factors, including wages, health care, dropout rates and life expectancy. On this show, we focused on several issues that affect the women in the state. In particular, the wage gap between men and women in the South is larger than any other region in the country. According to a recent report by the Institute for Women's Policy Research, closing that gap would cut poverty for working women in

the South by more than half and add billions of dollars to the economy. Host Celeste Headlee spoke with two of the study's authors. We also checked in with Charmaine Davis, the Georgia chapter director of *9to5*. She shared the greatest struggle women in Georgia face in the workplace and what's being done to improve conditions.

#### 4. Environment

##### **On Second Thought**

***GPB***

February 15, 2017, 9am.

Today's program focused on a major climate change conference that was set to begin in Atlanta. The conference took place at the Carter Presidential Center because it had been canceled by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Host Celeste Headlee talked with Georges Benjamin of the American Public Health Association, who is giving the keynote address at the conference. We also checked in with environmental journalist Peter Dykstra of Environmental Health News to discuss the current state of the environment.

##### **On Second Thought**

***GPB***

March 1, 2017, 9am.

Georgia Tech is creating what it calls the most environmentally friendly building in the Southeast. It's a structure that collects its own water and solar power and uses them to satisfy energy needs and irrigate nearby vegetation. This "living building" is on track to break ground later this year. On today's program, host Celeste Headlee got a preview of this new edifice from Howard Wertheimer, the school's assistant vice president for capital planning and space management.

##### **On Second Thought**

***GPB***

January 11, 2017, 9am.

A new study from the University of Georgia shows birds, like White Ibises, have a high risk of contracting and spreading Salmonella in congested areas like urban parks. The study furthermore suggests feeding of these birds corrupts their ecosystem, and hopes to dissuade pedestrians and city planners from creating this mutually harmful environment. On today's show, host Celeste Headlee spoke with researcher Dr. Sonia Hernandez, an Associate Professor at the School of Forestry and Natural Resources and College of Veterinary Medicine at UGA.

#### 5. Immigration

##### **On Second Thought**

***GPB***

January 19, 2017, 9am.

From the beginning of his Presidential campaign, Donald Trump had said he wanted to take aggressive action on immigration. In response, nearly 40 cities declared they will be sanctuaries for immigrants and Trump says one of his top priorities was to "cancel all federal funding to sanctuary cities." A Georgia lawmaker plans to introduce legislation to discipline universities that declare "sanctuary" status for undocumented immigrants. Emory University's president says it supports undocumented immigrants, and the school is reviewing a petition to become a so-called "sanctuary campus." Host Celeste Headlee talked with Professor Elissa Steglich of the University of Texas School of Law's Immigration Clinic. She outlined the legal questions surrounding what makes a school a sanctuary campus.

**On Second Thought*****GPB***

March 1, 2017, 9:00am.

New reports from Atlanta-based health clinic CETPA find that Latino youth are being harassed and bullied more since last November's presidential election. However, the Georgia Department of Education says it has not received complaints about bullying of Latino students during that time. On today's program, host Celeste Headlee tried to sort all of this out with Georgia Health News editor Andy Miller. We also heard from Belisa Urbina, who is executive director of Ser Familia, which provides counseling and other services to Hispanic families in the metro Atlanta area.

**On Second Thought*****GPB***

January 30, 2017, 9:00am.

Over the weekend before today's program, federal immigration officials detained and later released 11 lawful permanent residents at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. They were returning from a trip to Iran, one of seven predominantly Muslim countries where there is now a three month ban on travel to the United States. That's the result of an executive order signed by new President Trump. Host Celeste Headlee talked with Atlanta immigration attorney Sarah Owings about the impact of that order on the state of Georgia.