



Issues and Programs List
Quarterly Report

4th Quarter 2016
October – November - December

Radio

Top 5 Issues Addressed:

1. Politics
2. Discrimination / Race
3. Education
4. Health
5. Immigration

Representative Programs That Addressed Issues:

1. Politics

Political Rewind

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

GPB's semi-weekly discussion of all things politics, *Political Rewind*, focused heavily on the Presidential campaign and its aftermath, as well as the U-S Senate race in Georgia and preparations for the 2017 state legislative session. 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.

On Second Thought

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October 3rd and 4th, 2016, 9am.

In the midst of a contentious Presidential election campaign, *On Second Thought* devoted two programs to profile the candidates in Georgia's contested race for U.S. Senate. On October 3rd, Democratic challenger Jim Barksdale discussed his campaign and talked about how his career in finance helped prepare him for a political race. The next morning, on October 4th, the program welcomed incumbent Republican Johnny Isakson, who talked about his competition and his plans for the upcoming Congressional session should he win re-election.

On Second Thought

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November 9, 2016, 9am.

After a Presidential campaign that deeply divided the country, it was time to discuss the results which defied expectations. *On Second Thought* host Celeste Headlee welcomed Professor Andra Gillespie of Emory University, Charles Richardson of The Telegraph in Macon, and Mark Thomason of the [Fannin Focus](#) newspaper for a round of analysis about how the election played out in Georgia and the nation.

2. Discrimination / Race

On Second Thought

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October 27, 2016, 9am.

Creative Loafing senior staff writer Rodney Carmichael spent weeks interviewing the old and new guard of Atlanta's Civil Rights Movement. One group he profiled in his piece is *its Bigger than You*, founded by 20-year-old Aurielle Lucier. She and other groups have staged multiple protests in the area in the wake of events in Ferguson, Mo. and local police shootings. *On Second Thought* host Celeste Headlee talked to Lucier, Carmichael and civil rights leader Lonnie King, who led the Atlanta Student Movement in the 1960s, to discuss the current state of race relations and who is leading the current Civil Rights movement.

On Second Thought

December 12, 2016, 9am.

GPB

From its earliest days as a nation, the United States has struggled with a problem that we can't seem to solve - racism. Ibram Kendi chronicled the evolution of racism in his book "[Stamped From the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America](#)." On today's program, host Celeste Headlee talked with him in advance of his lecture at the Atlanta History Center about his book and about the state of racism in America.

On Second Thought

November 10, 2016, 9am.

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A new PBS documentary "Black America Since MLK: And Still I Rise," explores the many twists and turns of the civil rights movement over the last 50 years. The four-part series aired in November on PBS. The documentary ends with the current struggles highlighted by the Black Lives Matter movement. To talk about those issues, Georgia Public Broadcasting hosted a panel discussion with three experts and leaders in the African-American community in Atlanta. Today's program featured that discussion as *On Second Thought* host Celeste Headlee is joined by Mary Hooks, Co-Director of Southerners on New Ground and a local leader of the Black Lives Matter movement; Maurice Hobson, Assistant Professor of African-American studies at Georgia State University; and David Wall Rice, Associate Professor and Chair of Psychology at Morehouse College.

3. Health

On Second Thought

October 25, 2016, 9am.

GPB

Within the span of two months in 2015, four children living in or near Waycross, Georgia, were diagnosed with similar types of very rare and aggressive cancers. Three of the four have the very same cancer, and one little girl had a kind that's even rarer. She recently lost her battle with the disease. Their families and the community are still struggling to find out why and what, if anything, is being done to make sure other people don't get sick. On today's program, guest host Adam Ragusea talked with Andy Miller, editor and CEO of *Georgia Health News*, and *WebMD* staff writer Brenda Goodman about their new four-part series updating the investigation into a possible cancer cluster in Waycross.

On Second Thought

November 29, 2016, 9am.

GPB

Electronic cigarettes, or e-cigs, were introduced more than a decade ago as a healthier alternative to regular cigarettes. But a recent study from Georgia State University suggests public skepticism of e-cigs tripled between 2012 and 2015. On today's program, host Celeste Headlee spoke to GSU School of Public Health Dean Michael Eriksen who joined us to talk about the findings, along with Kristin Higgins from Emory University's Winship Cancer Institute.

On Second Thought

December 19, 2016, 9am.

GPB

A new study from the University of Georgia suggests about half of Americans won't get flu shots this year. The Centers for Disease Control recommends just about everyone above the age of six months get an influenza vaccination. But people still seem to have questions about what these shots are and how they work. On today's show, we explained flu shots in our regular series, "Break It Down." Then, host Celeste Headlee joined Professor Robert A. Bednarczyk from the Hubert Department of Global Health and Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University, for more details.

4. Education

On Second Thought

November 29, 2016, 9am.

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On November 28th, Georgia governor Nathan Deal suspended all five members of the Dooly County school board following concerns about the district's accreditation. At the same time, High school graduation rates in Georgia remain below the national average, but data released last month by the U.S. Department of Education shows the state has improved. Gov. Deal's plan to allow a state takeover of failing schools failed at the ballot box. However, Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle has his own ideas on how to improve the state's schools. They're outlined in his new book, "Education Unleashed." Lt. Gov. Cagle joined host Celeste Headlee live to talk about the book, the state of education in Georgia and his future political plans.

On Second Thought

November 16, 2016, 9am.

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According to a National Science Foundation report from 2014, Hispanic college students received only 12 percent of science and engineering bachelor's degrees and African-American students less than 9 percent. The Peach State Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP) funds and encourages students of color to get involved in more STEM majors. LSAMP provides stipends and career development opportunities at six different colleges in Georgia. The LSAMP program recently won a \$4 million grant from the National Science Foundation to continue its work over the next five years. Director Angela Birkes-Grier joined host Celeste Headlee to discuss the program's next steps. Also on the show were two seniors from the University of Georgia in Athens to talk about their experience in the program.

On Second Thought

December 9, 2016, 9am.

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One of the final acts by the Obama administration deals with corporal punishment in schools. In a recent letter to governors and state school leaders, Education Secretary John King called the practice "harmful, ineffective, and often disproportionately applied to students of color and students with disabilities" Corporal punishment is legal in 22 states, including Georgia. On today's program, host Celeste Headlee talked with Georgetown University professor Rebecca Ryan, whose research shows fewer parents are spanking their kids.

5. Immigration

On Second Thought

October 13, 2016, 9am.

GPB

More people are prosecuted for illegally crossing the border than any other federal crime. But these inmates are not held in prisons run by the U.S. government. They're placed in a little-known system of private prisons that were set up to save money. Two of these prisons are in Georgia. Host Celeste Headlee today spoke with reporter Seth Freed Wessler, who wrote about the history of these prisons and why dozens of men have died in this system. Then, thousands of refugees are detained at the Stewart Detention Facility in Lumpkin, Georgia. The majority of them end up being deported. But for families and loved ones of detainees, the ministry known as El Refugio can provide invaluable assistance. We heard from the director of El Refugio, Amilcar Valencia, and from a woman who experienced the kindness of his organization firsthand.

On Second Thought

November 18, 2016, 9:00am.

GPB

President-elect Donald Trump says he plans to crack down on people living in the country illegally by deporting or jailing those with criminal records. A recent Southern Poverty Law Center report shows undocumented immigrants in Georgia are already deported and denied bond at rates higher than the national average. On today's program, GPB producer/reporter Sean Powers followed the case of one man stuck in a Georgia detention center as he seeks political asylum.