

**Quarterly Issues/Program List**  
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This report documents the significant issues ascertained within the 12 present transmitter areas The University of North Carolina Center for Public Media for the period of October, November and December 2020.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requires that each licensee ascertain the significant issues within its community each quarter in a manner it deems most effective.

The information extracted is used for research and planning by the program and production departments of The Center. Provided in this report is a list of programs broadcast which represent the most significant treatment of the enumerated community issues.

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# THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA CENTER FOR PUBLIC MEDIA

## QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS LIST FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2020 STATEWIDE LIST OF MOST SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

ECONOMY/BUSINESS

Critical shortages of workers, growing trend in apprenticeship programs, homelessness, Open for  
Business initiative, economic stimulus

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

Elections and runoffs, surprise medical bills, voter fraud, presidency transition, deep divisions in America

ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE

Suicide prevention, mental health & opioid abuse, obesity & food access issues, PPE, weekly COVID-19  
statistics, co-work spaces, vaccines

MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS/CRIME/LEGAL/LAW ENFORCEMENT

Exclusionary discipline practices, returning citizens

ISSUE	DATE	TIME	LENGTH	PROGRAM	FORMAT	DESCRIPTION
<b>OCTOBER</b>						
ECONOMY/BUSINESS	Weekly (Thursdays)	5pm	30 minutes	Carolina Business Review	Public Affairs	Weekly program about doing business in the Carolinas
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	Weekly (Fridays)	7:30pm	30 minutes	NC Spin	Interview/ Discussion/ Review	Hosted by Tom Campbell, NC SPIN is a balanced discussion with four expert panelists and thought leaders on current events and significant issues regarding the state of North Carolina. Four topics are selected for discussion each week, based on what is timely and topical for each show. Panelists are carefully chosen to debate these topics based on political, philosophical and demographic diversity.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	Weekly (Fridays)	8:30pm	30 minutes	Front Row with Marc Rotterman	Interview/ Discussion/ Review	Host Marc Rotterman and a rotating panel of guests assess the week's national headlines and assess how North Carolinians are affected.
ECONOMY/BUSINESS	10/1/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	8 minutes	With large parts of the economy still sputtering under the weight of the coronavirus pandemic, many people are having to scale back. But some older Americans were already living a minimalist lifestyle on the road -- and some of them have leveraged their nomadic approach into income. Economics correspondent Paul Solman has their story as part of our Making Sense series on Unfinished Business.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	10/1/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	7 minutes	After Tuesday's remarkable presidential debate, much attention has been focused on President Trump's unconventional conduct. But does the lack of substantive debate and civil discourse reflect a broader phenomenon in American society? Two distinguished political scientists, Harvard University's Danielle Allen and Pepperdine University's Pete Peterson, join Jeffrey Brown to discuss.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	10/1/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	8 minutes	Is the Trump administration politicizing intelligence and the community that provides it? Johns Hopkins University's John McLaughlin, who was acting CIA director during the George W. Bush administration, and Larry Diamond, who also served under President George W. Bush and has written extensively about the decline of democracy and the rise of authoritarianism, join Nick Schifrin to discuss.

ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	10/1/2020	8pm	30 minutes	ncIMPACT	Public Affairs	As the country works to flatten the curve and pull itself out of the Covid-19 pandemic, the tools needed to fight and protect citizens have run into short supply. Host Anita Brown-Graham looks at how a network of textile manufacturers in North Carolina is responding to the health crisis by collaborating to manufacture Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
ECONOMY/BUSINESS	10/2/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	7 minutes	The last jobs report before Election Day showed the smallest monthly gain since May, raising concerns about a slowing and deeply uneven economic recovery. About half the initial 22 million jobs lost to the pandemic have been added back, but millions of Americans are struggling -- and running out of federal aid. We hear from some of them, and Amna Nawaz talks to The Washington Post's Heather Long.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	10/2/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	5 minutes	As President Trump relocates to Walter Reed National Medical Center following his COVID-19 diagnosis, there are many questions about his medical condition -- and about who else might have been exposed amid his busy schedule of events and travel. Dr. Ashish Jha of Brown University School of Public Health joins Judy Woodruff to discuss what we know about Trump's health -- and what we don't.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	10/2/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	7 minutes	How does President Trump's coronavirus diagnosis affect the executive branch -- and American national security? Leon Panetta was White House chief of staff to President Clinton as well as CIA director and secretary of defense during the Obama administration. He joins Judy Woodruff to discuss the risks and how the federal government can help reassure the public at this "very vulnerable moment.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	10/2/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	12 minutes	The nation awoke Friday to the stunning news that President Trump and the first lady had tested positive for COVID-19. As the day went on, officials acknowledged that Trump is experiencing mild symptoms, and by evening, he was being transported to Walter Reed National Medical Center, reportedly as a precaution. Yamiche Alcindor reports and joins Lisa Desjardins and Judy Woodruff to discuss.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	10/2/2020 & 10/6/2020	7pm	30 minutes	2020 NC JUDICIAL CANDIDATES FORUM	Interview/ Discussion/ Review	Candidates for North Carolina's Supreme Court discuss their vision and experience as they seek election in 2020.

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	10/4/2020	1pm	30 minutes	ELECTION 2020: NC SECRETARY OF STATE	Interview/Discussion/Review	Democrat Elaine Marshall & Republican E.C. Sykes discusses their platforms and vision for NC's Secretary of State office.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	10/4/2020	4:30pm	30 minutes	ELECTION 2020: NC AUDITOR	Interview/Discussion/Review	Beth Wood discusses her re-election effort ahead of Election 2020
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	10/5/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	5 minutes	President Trump is being discharged from Walter Reed National Military Medical Center Monday evening, although serious questions about his health remain. His doctor, Sean Conley, said Trump's "clinical status" supported his release, and Trump tweeted that he feels better than he did 20 years ago. But does his medical team have credibility after its confusing updates? Yamiche Alcindor reports.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	10/5/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	5 minutes	President Trump returned to the White House Monday evening, after spending just under three days at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center for coronavirus treatment. How will his medical care continue outside the hospital, and what does his illness mean for White House staff and Trump's reelection campaign? Yamiche Alcindor joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	10/5/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	5 minutes	After three nights at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, President Trump is preparing to return to the White House. His release comes after several days of inconsistent updates from the medical team caring for him, as well as news that he was given a steroid treatment usually reserved for severe cases of COVID-19. What happens now? Yamiche Alcindor joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	10/5/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	6 minutes	President Trump's COVID-19 diagnosis also affects the campaign of former Vice President Joe Biden in the final weeks before Election Day. Symone Sanders, a senior adviser to the Biden campaign, joins Judy Woodruff to discuss her reaction to Trump's illness and how Biden, Sen. Kamala Harris and their staff have been working to prevent coronavirus exposures while still appealing to voters.

ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	10/5/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	9 minutes	Some medical experts have expressed confusion and concern over President Trump's treatment. George Washington University's Dr. Leana Wen, an emergency physician and former Baltimore health commissioner, and Dr. William Lang, former deputy White House physician and director of the White House medical unit under Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush, join Judy Woodruff to discuss.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	10/6/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	8 minutes	The United States' experience with the coronavirus pandemic has been marked by misinformation and disagreement. What do we know for sure about the risks of COVID-19 -- and where incorrect information is originating? Former CDC director Tom Frieden of Resolve to Save Lives and Graham Brookie, director of the Atlantic Council's digital forensic research lab, join Judy Woodruff to discuss.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	10/6/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	5 minutes	President Trump is back in the White House after a hospital stay for COVID-19 treatment -- and he's again making headlines, announcing virus relief talks are tabled until after the election. He also repeated misleading claims about the severity of the illness, likening it to the seasonal flu when it is in fact much more deadly. Yamiche Alcindor and Lisa Desjardins join Judy Woodruff to discuss.
ECONOMY/BUSINESS	10/7/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	7 minutes	While parts of the U.S. economy have recovered from the pandemic better and more quickly than expected, there are signs that millions of Americans could be without a job for six months or longer. That prospect -- along with the expiration of certain federal benefits -- has some economists worried. Neel Kashkari, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	10/7/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	7 minutes	Election Day is less than four weeks away, and millions of Americans have already cast ballots. But rules in many states are still undecided due to pending court cases -- mostly over the distribution, verification and return of mail-in ballots. John Yang talks to Tammy Patrick of Democracy Fund, a nonpartisan foundation aiming to improve the democratic process, about what voters should know.

ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	10/8/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	8 minutes	Cases of COVID-19 are continuing to climb in many parts of the country -- including in Washington, D.C., where President Trump's infection and those of numerous White House insiders have been a source of serious concern recently. Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at NIH, joins Judy Woodruff to discuss the latest on the pandemic.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	10/8/2020	8pm	30 minutes	ncIMPACT	Public Affairs	Co-working spaces are popular in dense metropolitan areas, but the trend is also growing in some rural communities. Host Anita Brown-Graham looks at the City of Wilson and what they are doing to foster a community of innovation, networking and creativity in the newly launched "Gig East Exchange."
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	10/11/2020	4:30pm	30 minutes	ELECTION 2020: COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE	Interview/Discussion/Review	Incumbent commissioner Steve Troxler and Democratic challenger Jenna Wadsworth discuss agricultural policy and their campaigns for Election 2020.
MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS/CRIME/LEGAL/LAW ENFORCEMENT	10/12/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	8 minutes	This year, U.S. protests over police brutality and violence against Black Americans have led to a prominent national conversation on racism. Indigenous peoples in Canada, Australia and New Zealand have leveraged the momentum both to show solidarity and to bring attention to similar issues in their own countries. Amna Nawaz reports on a global effort to identify and address racism and oppression.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	10/12/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	5 minutes	Senate confirmation hearings for Amy Coney Barrett began Monday. With her nomination, President Trump and Republican lawmakers are seeking to put a conservative stamp on the Supreme Court for years to come. But Senate Democrats expressed concerns both about Barrett's perspective on the Affordable Care Act and the process by which she is being evaluated. John Yang reports.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	10/12/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	6 minutes	With Election Day less than a month away, a former top official with the 2016 Trump campaign has written a new book about his experiences with Donald Trump the candidate and Donald Trump the president. William Branham talks to Rick Gates, a Republican political consultant who ended up as a key witness for Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian election interference, about "Wicked Game."

ECONOMY/BUSINESS	10/13/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	9 minutes	During the pandemic, Americans have become even more reliant on online shopping -- a realm Amazon continues to dominate. But the company's vast inventory, fast shipping and low prices come with a dangerous tradeoff: an increased risk to workers rushing to fulfill orders. Will Evans of the Center for Investigative Reporting's Reveal has an update on injury patterns at Amazon's busy warehouses.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	10/13/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	5 minutes	The Senate Judiciary Committee pressed Judge Amy Coney Barrett for answers on hot-button issues Tuesday, the second day of her confirmation hearing. Senators asked the Supreme Court nominee about her judicial philosophy, her opinions of court precedent on abortion and the Affordable Care Act and whether she would recuse herself from any cases resulting from the election. John Yang reports.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	10/13/2020	7pm	30 minutes	ELECTION 2020: LT. GOVERNOR	Interview/ Discussion/ Review	Democrat Yvonne Lewis Holley and Republican Mark Robinson discuss their 2020 campaigns to become North Carolina's next Lieutenant Governor.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	10/14/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	5 minutes	Discussions about how to vote safely in a pandemic have been occurring across the country for months. Will Americans be willing to wait in line at the polls to cast their ballots? In Georgia, early in-person voting began this week. Daniel Bush has been reporting in the state, and he joins Judy Woodruff to discuss what he's seeing at polling places -- and hearing from concerned voters.
MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS/CRIME/LEGAL/LAW ENFORCEMENT	10/14/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	6 minutes	Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee spent Wednesday completing their questioning of Amy Coney Barrett at her Supreme Court confirmation hearing. While senators pressed again for answers on a range of issues, the nominee largely avoided committing herself. And given Barrett's support among the Republican majority, her confirmation appeared to be all but guaranteed. John Yang reports.

MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS/CRIME/LEGAL/LAW ENFORCEMENT	10/14/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	8 minutes	Questions of judicial philosophy and Supreme Court precedent arose again on Day 3 of Amy Coney Barrett's confirmation hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee. Judy Woodruff talks to Georgetown University's Victoria Nourse, who was chief counsel to Vice President Joe Biden in 2015 and 2016, and the University of Virginia's Saikrishna Prakash, a former law clerk for Justice Clarence Thomas.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	10/14/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	5 minutes	Amy Coney Barrett faced another day of questioning from members of the Senate Judiciary Committee on Wednesday. Lawmakers again brought up highly charged political issues such as abortion and the Affordable Care Act, but overall the hearing's tone was more civil than for previous Supreme Court nominees. The National Law Journal's Marcia Coyle and Lisa Desjardins join Judy Woodruff to discuss.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	10/14/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	8 minutes	During this election, early and absentee voting are expected to reach record levels, with mail-in ballots drawing significant attention as a result. President Trump has repeatedly claimed, without evidence, that voting by mail is not safe or reliable -- but what do election experts say is the best method? Miles O'Brien reports on the security of paper ballots compared to older voting machines.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	10/14/2020	7pm	60 minutes	2020 NC Gubernatorial Debate	Interview/ Discussion/ Review	Incumbent Democratic Governor Roy Cooper & Republican challenger Dan Forest square off in the only face-to-face debate in the 2020 Gubernatorial Race in North Carolina
ECONOMY/BUSINESS	10/15/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	6 minutes	In late February, when the pandemic was beginning to take hold in the U.S., President Trump and his team downplayed the risk to the American public. But a new report finds that key advisers to the president were conveying a very different message to other audiences -- and some financial traders may have profited as a result. Amna Nawaz talks to author and former investment banker William Cohan.

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	10/15/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	6 minutes	President Trump and Democratic rival Joe Biden are holding televised town hall events Thursday night, on different networks, in lieu of the originally scheduled debate. With only 19 days until the election, Democrats are pulling in record amounts of cash, and Biden is leading in national polls. Which groups of voters are favoring him? Lisa Desjardins reports and joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	10/15/2020	8pm	30 minutes	ncIMPACT	Public Affairs	Some rural and low-income communities across North Carolina are still fighting for access to clean water and sanitation. With a dwindling customer base and no access to capital, many communities struggle to repair and improve their decaying infrastructure. Host Anita Brown-Graham looks at how three rural counties are coming together to bring needed improvements.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	10/19/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	6 minutes	As the coronavirus surges across much of the United States, infection rates are particularly high in some less-populated Western and Midwestern states, including Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota. Amna Nawaz talks to Dr. Michael Osterholm, director of the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy at the University of Minnesota about the crisis -- and how to address it.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	10/19/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	8 minutes	There are more than 50 million caregivers in the United States, from in-home providers to family volunteers. For these essential workers, the pandemic has represented a crisis on a different scale. We hear some of their stories about what the past few months have been like, and Dr. Jennifer Olsen, executive director of The Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving, joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	10/19/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	6 minutes	This year's election is raising anxiety levels across the country. Why are so many Americans feeling stressed and fearful as the presidential campaigns enter their final sprint? We hear from some of them, and Lisa Desjardins reports on the conscious political strategy of scaring voters into a particular point of view.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	10/19/2020	7pm	30 minutes	ELECTION 2020: NC ATTORNEY GENERAL	Interview/ Discussion/ Review	Democratic incumbent Josh Stein and Republican Jim O'Neill discuss their vision for North Carolina's top law enforcement job - the Attorney General office.

ECONOMY/BUSINESS	10/20/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	6 minutes	The coronavirus relief package Congress and the White House are negotiating over has a dual purpose of easing financial hardship for the unemployed and putting more money into the hands of consumers to keep the economy running. What happens when that aid doesn't materialize? The Brookings Institution's David Wessel joins Judy Woodruff to discuss why years of economic growth are at stake.
ECONOMY/BUSINESS	10/20/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	8 minutes	When outbreaks of COVID-19 at meat processing plants in the U.S. slowed production, American wholesalers and grocery chains turned to foreign beef suppliers. Producers in the small country of Nicaragua were happy to fulfill U.S. demand -- but doing so has come at a high cost for local communities. Nate Halverson of the Center for Investigative Reporting's Reveal has the story.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	10/20/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	6 minutes	With only two weeks before the election, the rules around voting in some states are still being determined. On Monday, the U.S. Supreme Court couldn't agree whether to stop Pennsylvania from counting mail-in ballots postmarked by November 3rd but that arrive after Election Day. William Brangham talks to Nate Persily of Stanford Law School about this important decision and other looming cases.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	10/20/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	6 minutes	The Justice Department is suing Google for allegedly leveraging its market power to block competition illegally. In the most significant challenge to a big tech company in decades, prosecutors say Google pays phone manufacturers to make its search engine users' default, among other charges. Amna Nawaz talks to Dipayan Ghosh of the Harvard Kennedy School's Digital Platforms & Democracy Project.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	10/21/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	10 minutes	With just under two weeks remaining before voting in the 2020 presidential election ends, we turn to the view from three battleground states. North Carolina Public Radio's Jeff Tiberii, Ohio Public Radio and Television's Karen Kasler and Mary Lahammer of Twin Cities PBS in Minnesota join Judy Woodruff to discuss the voter behavior they are seeing in their states -- and what's motivating it.

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	10/21/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	10 minutes	Where do President Trump and former Vice President Joe Biden stand on dealing with China? The Trump administration calls itself tough on Beijing, but Trump has praised Xi Jinping on a personal level. Biden believes the U.S. and China benefit from economic cooperation. Nick Schifrin talks to the Hudson Institute's Michael Pillsbury and Christopher Hill, a former assistant secretary of state.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	10/21/2020	7:30pm	30 minutes	Focus on Coronavirus	Interview/ Discussion/ Review	Host Tom Campbell and Dr. Mandy Cohen, Secretary of the NC Dept. of Health and Human Services, discusses the week's COVID-19 statistics and policies in this special on-going series.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	10/22/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	5 minutes	On Wednesday night, the director of national intelligence, the director of the FBI and other top U.S. officials appeared at a news briefing to discuss foreign interference in the 2020 election. They pointed in particular to a campaign they allege Iran launched to sow confusion and mistrust. But some lawmakers fear the assessment itself may have political motivations. Nick Schifrin reports.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	10/22/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	6 minutes	President Trump and former Vice President Joe Biden will face off for the final time Thursday night in a Nashville debate. After a rancorous first meeting in September, the second scheduled debate was canceled due to Trump's COVID-19 diagnosis. Tim Murtaugh, communications director for the Trump campaign, joins Judy Woodruff to discuss what the president's objective will be for this last meeting.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	10/22/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	6 minutes	It has been more than three weeks since Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden and President Trump squared off on the debate stage. Since then, 47 million Americans have voted. But for those who haven't, Thursday's Nashville debate represents the final chance to see the candidates face off before Election Day. Kate Bedingfield, Biden's deputy campaign manager, joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.

ECONOMY/BUSINESS	10/22/2020	8pm	30 minutes	ncIMPACT	Public Affairs	There are critical shortages of workers in key industry sectors across the state. There is a growing trend in apprenticeship programs that teach the skills necessary to apply for openings. Host Anita Brown-Graham examines a collaboration in Rowan, Cabarrus and Iredell counties that has created a Certified Production Technician program responding to this need.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	10/23/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	11 minutes	Coronavirus is spreading across the United States more widely than it did in previous waves. U.S. hospitalizations rose 40 percent in the past month and increased across 38 states during the past week. The country saw more than 75,000 new cases Thursday; over 41,000 people are hospitalized with the virus. Judy Woodruff talks to Dr. Francis Collins, director of the National Institutes of Health.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	10/23/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	5 minutes	President Trump and former Vice President Joe Biden faced tough questions in their final debate Thursday, but the face-off remained civil. On Friday, both candidates sought momentum for the closing sprint to Election Day. Trump rallied in the crucial state of Florida in an attempt to galvanize the senior vote, while Biden, in Delaware, focused on the pandemic. Amna Nawaz reports.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	10/26/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	6 minutes	Coronavirus is spiking in parts of the U.S. spared the worst of the pandemic in its early days, as well as in states that already suffered. With an average of 75,000 new daily cases over the past week, hospital admissions are rising, straining health care systems and forcing very difficult decisions. William Brangham talks to Dr. Edward Stenejem of the Intermountain Healthcare system in Utah.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	10/26/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	5 minutes	Amy Coney Barrett is poised to become the third Supreme Court justice chosen by President Trump, ensuring a judicial legacy that will be felt for years to come. And after her confirmation, Barrett will quickly have a chance to make her imprint on some important and timely issues, including voting access and the Affordable Care Act. John Yang reports on how Barrett could change the Supreme Court.

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	10/26/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	7 minutes	Protecting the American voting process from outside interference is a top priority this election season. But public and political opinion are divided over the best voting systems to prevent tampering. Miles O'Brien takes a look at the latest technology being used in Georgia -- and whether it provides a stronger defense against meddling than the traditional paper ballot.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	10/26/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	7 minutes	As President Trump and Joe Biden enter the final week of the presidential campaign, COVID-19 is roiling the race again. At least five of Vice President Mike Pence's staffers have tested positive for the virus, including one deemed a close contact of Pence's by the CDC. But Pence continues to hold rallies that, like many of Trump's, violate state health guidelines. Judy Woodruff reports.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	10/27/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	6 minutes	During the coronavirus pandemic, the world has become reliant on personal protective equipment, or PPE. Most of this essential gear, from masks to gowns to goggles, comes from China -- and experts in the U.S. say this foreign dependence is problematic. But for now, the country where the virus originated is producing much of what's needed to fight it off. Special correspondent Patrick Fok reports.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	10/27/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	7 minutes	With a week to go before Election Day, cases of COVID-19 are rising across the country, and economic stimulus talks appear to be stalled. Brooke Rollins is acting director of the White House Domestic Policy Council. She joins Judy Woodruff to discuss where negotiations stand on providing another round of federal pandemic relief and President Trump's plan to replace the Affordable Care Act.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	10/27/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	5 minutes	This year, more women are running for Congress than ever before, shattering records set in 2018. But this time, the increase in female candidates is driven in part by Republican women on the ballot. Lisa Desjardins reports on what the GOP has done to attract women -- and what they still need to do to close the wide gender gap in the House.

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	10/27/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	6 minutes	The country is seeing record turnout for early voting, as well as some late legal challenges around when -- and if -- all those votes get counted. Almost 70 million people have already cast their ballots, with Election Day still a week away. William Brangham reports and talks to the University of Florida's Michael McDonald, who runs the United States Election Project, about what the numbers show.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	10/28/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	5 minutes	President Trump has promised to dismantle the federal government's administrative state -- and made moves in that direction. Now, one of his political appointees has resigned in protest over an executive order that could strip protections from federal employees. Ron Sanders, who worked under presidents of both parties during decades as a civil servant, tells Amna Nawaz why he gave up his job.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	10/28/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	7 minutes	With only a few days remaining before Election Day, U.S. security officials anticipate that millions of Americans will be exposed to even more misinformation online than they already have. Christopher Krebs, director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency at the Department of Homeland Security, joins William Brangham to discuss the effort to detect and mitigate misinformation.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	10/28/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	9 minutes	With Election Day in less than a week, how is the final campaign sprint playing out across the country -- especially in key battleground states? Judy Woodruff talks to Tom Hudson of WLRN Public Radio in Florida, Alex Samuels of The Texas Tribune and Zoe Clark of NPR member station Michigan Radio, about what issues are resonating with voters and the surge in early ballots cast.
ECONOMY/BUSINESS	10/29/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	6 minutes	The last major economic report before Election Day indicates a 7.4 percent growth rate in economic output during the year's third quarter. It's a sharp rebound from the record plunge of the previous quarter, and the fastest pace since World War II. But economists point to federal stimulus as a key driver -- and that's running out. The Washington Post's David Lynch joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	10/29/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	5 minutes	The Supreme Court is playing a key role in the 2020 election in these final days of the campaign. Just this week, it handed down rulings on absentee ballot deadlines in three crucial battleground states: North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. Daniel Bush joins John Yang to discuss what the Pennsylvania decision means for voters, election officials and when we might have the state's results.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	10/29/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	5 minutes	Although most national attention is focused on the races for president and Congress, policies and agendas at the state and local levels are on the ballot as well. Voters across the country are considering ballot measures about racism and election reform, among others -- as well as who should represent them in their own state legislatures. Reid Wilson of The Hill joins Amna Nawaz to discuss.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	10/29/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	5 minutes	How are state and local governments verifying the accuracy of the vote in this critical election year? One approach designed to simplify a major challenge for election officials as the ballots arrive is the risk-limiting audit, which enables double-checking only a sample of paper ballots to make sure they match electronic results. Miles O'Brien reports.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	10/29/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	7 minutes	With U.S. intelligence officials united in their assessment that American adversaries are trying to influence the presidential election, can voters be assured of its integrity? William Evanina is the top U.S. counterintelligence official charged with combating foreign attacks on American electoral systems. He joins Nick Schifrin to discuss why he feels confident the country is prepared.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	12/29/2020	8pm	30 minutes	ncIMPACT	Public Affairs	Healthier Highland serves its low-income community in the Gastonia area. It is leading a partnership committed to improving health outcomes through strong community outreach and listening processes. Host Anita Brown-Graham looks at how the community tackles obesity, food access issues and opportunities for physical activity as key ways to improve the lives of residents.

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	10/30/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	5 minutes	How do President Trump and Joe Biden plan to leverage their final four days before voting concludes? Both candidates turned their attention to the Midwest on Friday, but they have a flurry of additional stops to make prior to Election Day. Yamiche Alcindor and Lisa Desjardins join Judy Woodruff to discuss closing messages, campaign priorities and which states look to be the most competitive.
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<b>NOVEMBER</b>						
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	11/2/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	6 minutes	Election security, voter intimidation and foreign interference have represented major concerns during this 2020 campaign. William Brangham and Nick Schifrin have been following these issues closely, and they join Judy Woodruff to discuss preparation measures, law enforcement's role and why most election authorities are urging voters to have confidence in the results.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	11/2/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	9 minutes	President Trump and former Vice President Joe Biden are making their final pitches to voters in the presidential campaign's closing hours. We check in with representatives for each: Erin Perrine, communications director for Trump's reelection campaign, and Symone Sanders, a senior adviser to Biden. They join Judy Woodruff to discuss strategies and messages for the lead-up to Election Day.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	11/2/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	9 minutes	As the final hours of the 2020 presidential campaign tick away, nearly 100 million Americans have already cast their ballots -- representing more than two-thirds of all 2016 votes. Meanwhile, the candidates appealed to voters in swing states, including Pennsylvania, which is shaping up to play a critical role. Yamiche Alcindor reports and joins Judy Woodruff and Lisa Desjardins to discuss.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	11/4/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	5 minutes	What shifts in the electoral map drove results in the 2020 presidential and congressional races? Amna Nawaz and Lisa Desjardins review the data behind outcomes for President Trump, former Vice President Joe Biden and party control of the House and Senate.

MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS/CRIME/LEGAL/LAW ENFORCEMENT	11/4/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	5 minutes	President Trump has made it clear he is willing to challenge the results of state vote counts that have not yet been completed. What legal recourse do candidates have in this situation? Anna Nawaz talks to Tammy Patrick, an expert on election administration with the Democracy Fund and a former Arizona election official, and Stanford Law School's Nate Persily of the Healthy Elections Project.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	11/4/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	10 minutes	With votes still being counted in several states, the outcome of the U.S. presidential election remains unknown. Former Vice President Joe Biden expressed confidence in his chance of winning but urged Americans to be patient for results. President Trump, meanwhile, launched unfounded attacks on the integrity of the vote. Yamiche Alcindor reports and joins Judy Woodruff and John Yang to discuss.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	11/4/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	17 minutes	Several U.S. states were still counting ballots Wednesday, and some of them will decide the outcome of the presidential race. We get updates from Daniel Bush in Pennsylvania, William Brangham in Michigan, Zac Schultz of PBS Wisconsin, Miles O'Brien in Georgia and John Ralston of the Nevada Independent about the election status in those five states.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/ HEALTHCARE	11/4/2020	7:30pm	30 minutes	Focus on Coronavirus	Interview/ Discussion/ Review	Host Tom Campbell and Dr. Mandy Cohen, Secretary of the NC Dept. of Health and Human Services, discusses the week's COVID-19 statistics and policies in this special on-going series.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	11/5/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	5 minutes	President Trump and his allies continue to attack the integrity of the vote-counting process. They have taken multiple complaints to court across several of the battleground states that have yet to be called. Some lawsuits seek process changes, while others aim to invalidate specific votes. Election law expert Rick Hasen of the University of California, Irvine joins Jeffrey Brown to discuss.

ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	11/5/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	6 minutes	While the U.S. is focused on the pending outcome of the presidential election, the pandemic is not on hold. The country has now crossed another unwelcome threshold: more than 100,000 new coronavirus cases recorded in a single day. Sixteen states have reached high for hospitalizations related to COVID-19. Dr. Carlos del Rio of Emory University School of Medicine joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	11/5/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	7 minutes	Although uncertainty over the presidential race's outcome is the dominant political story, there are still important congressional contests to settle, as well. Amna Nawaz and Lisa Desjardins provide an update on electoral votes, key Senate races in Georgia and North Carolina and the shifting balance of power in the House of Representatives.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	11/5/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	9 minutes	The outcome of the presidential race is still unknown, as a handful of states continue counting ballots. In the meantime, legal challenges to the electoral process and protests are being mounted. Lisa Desjardins reports, and Yamiche Alcindor and John Yang join Judy Woodruff to discuss President Trump's "misinformation machine" and how the Biden campaign is responding to Trump's court action.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	11/5/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	11 minutes	What's happening on the ground in the critical states where ballots are still being counted -- and how many votes remain to be totaled? Judy Woodruff gets updates from Daniel Bush in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, William Brangham in Detroit, Michigan, and Miles O'Brien in Atlanta, Georgia.
ECONOMY/BUSINESS	11/5/2020	8pm	30 minutes	ncIMPACT	Public Affairs	Rocky Mount was historically a mill town, one of many in North Carolina that was hurt by the closure of textile factories and mills during the 20th century. Host Anita Brown-Graham looks at how historic preservation and adaptive reuse can become a draw for new workers, tourism, and enhance the overall health of a community.

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	11/6/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	5 minutes	The week has seen a flood of disinformation about the election -- much of it coming from President Trump and his allies. In addition to false claims about voter fraud, there have been allegations that polling firms conspired to discourage Trump supporters from voting, and social media misinformation remains difficult to control. William Brangham joins Judy Woodruff to discuss facts vs. falsehoods.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	11/6/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	9 minutes	Former Vice President Joe Biden is leading President Trump in three of the five states yet to be called by the Associated Press. Still, it's not clear when vote counting will conclude. Meanwhile, Trump lashed out at the voting process in a Thursday news briefing, and his campaign is filing lawsuits to challenge results. Yamiche Alcindor reports and joins John Yang and Judy Woodruff to discuss.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	11/9/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	5 minutes	As drug companies around the world rush to develop candidates for coronavirus vaccines, Pfizer announced encouraging early data from its own trials Monday. What do the preliminary results show, and even if they are borne out, what challenges remain with regard to production and distribution of the vaccine? Science correspondent Miles O' Brien joins William Brangham to discuss.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	11/9/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	5 minutes	The drug company Pfizer announced Monday that early data indicates its COVID-19 vaccine could be highly effective. Their candidate is only one of a number in development, and it's quite possible the world will ultimately need several vaccines made by different companies to bring the pandemic to an end. Pfizer CEO Dr. Albert Bourla joins William Brangham to discuss what comes next.

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	11/9/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	6 minutes	This transition of power is shaping up to be unlike any we have seen in the past. What's involved in the shift from one presidential administration to another? David Marchick of the Center for Presidential Transition, a nonpartisan group that helps presidents and candidates prepare for the handoff of power, joins Judy Woodruff to discuss public health, national security and economic implications.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	11/9/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	6 minutes	Health experts in the U.S. are worried too many children are not receiving the standard childhood vaccinations they need. In the beginning of the pandemic, doctors' offices told people to stay away in order to control the spread of the virus. Now, it's possible parents listened too well, as standard vaccinations inch upward but remain below target levels. Stephanie Sy reports from Michigan.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	11/9/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	7 minutes	Although President Trump insists he has not lost the election and continues to make unsubstantiated allegations of voter fraud, President-elect Joe Biden is moving forward with plans for his own administration. Meanwhile, a reportedly "angry" Trump fired Secretary of Defense Mark Esper on Monday. Lisa Desjardins, Yamiche Alcindor and Nick Schifrin join Judy Woodruff to discuss the latest.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	11/10/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	5 minutes	Health care policy was a major topic during the presidential campaign, and President Trump's administration has long sought to invalidate the Affordable Care Act. But Obamacare, as it is popularly known, is now deeply woven into American health. With health insurance for tens of millions in the balance, the legislation was back before the U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday. John Yang reports.

ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	11/10/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	6 minutes	The Affordable Care Act allows young adults to stay on their parents' insurance for several years, prohibits insurance companies from refusing to cover pre-existing medical conditions and enables roughly 12 million Americans to receive Medicaid. But without congressional support, could President-elect Biden still expand it? William Brangham talks to The Washington Post's Paige Winfield Cunningham.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	11/10/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	6 minutes	With President Trump's refusal to accept the results of the election, his supporters are doubling down on his message, and national tensions persist. Those calling for Trump to concede point to the long American history of presidential concessions and peaceful transitions of power. David Priess of the Lawfare Institute and a former CIA intelligence officer, joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	11/10/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	12 minutes	President-elect Joe Biden is reassuring Americans about the transition of power -- even if President Trump never admits he lost. Biden has 290 electoral votes, 20 more than he needed to win. On Tuesday, he held his first news conference since Election Day, promising that his team is continuing to make progress. Yamiche Alcindor reports and joins Judy Woodruff and Lisa Desjardins to discuss.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	11/11/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	7 minutes	The deep divisions in American politics are also on display within the Republican Party since the election. Many GOP officials are standing with President Trump as he makes false claims about election fraud. Some have remained silent, and still others are calling Trump's allegations "unacceptable." Former Missouri Congressman Tom Coleman is among the last group. He joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	11/11/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	7 minutes	President Trump made his first public appearance since losing reelection with a Veterans Day visit to Arlington National Cemetery. Against the backdrop of Trump's refusal to concede to President-elect Joe Biden, Georgia's secretary of state announced a hand recount of votes in both the presidential and Senate races. Lisa Desjardins reports and joins Yamiche Alcindor and Judy Woodruff to discuss.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	11/11/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	8 minutes	Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., represents progressives in Congress. While Democrat Joe Biden won the presidential election, his party lost seats in the House and failed to achieve a Senate majority. The mixed election results reinforce the ideological divide between the moderate and liberal wings of the Democratic Party, on issues from health care to policing. Sanders joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	11/12/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	5 minutes	The U.S. has hit another record for new daily cases of COVID-19, with more than 144,000 reported on Wednesday. Hospitalizations have topped 65,000 for the first time, and 22 states are reporting more hospitalizations than at any time since the pandemic began. With health care workers exhausted and no end in sight, we hear from Americans directly affected by the worsening coronavirus surge.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	11/12/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	6 minutes	While Dr. Anthony Fauci of the National Institutes of Health and other health experts are hopeful vaccines will make a real difference in managing COVID-19, some of the pandemic's challenges are likely to persist for a long time. Dr. Nicholas Christakis, a physician and sociologist at Yale University, has written a book about what the virus means for our lives. He joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	11/12/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	6 minutes	President Trump has repeatedly made misleading and false statements about mail-in ballots, the vote-counting process and more. Some of his supporters and members of the conservative media have, too. Social platforms like Twitter and Facebook have tried to limit the spread of disinformation -- but doing so is complicated. William Brangham talks to The Washington Post's Elizabeth Dwoskin.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	11/12/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	6 minutes	A growing number of Republicans say President-elect Biden should be able to receive a daily national security briefing. Biden has also announced longtime aide Ronald Klain will be his chief of staff. Meanwhile, President Trump's reelection campaign continues its legal challenges to the election -- despite many rejections. Yamiche Alcindor and Lisa Desjardins join Judy Woodruff to discuss.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/ HEALTHCARE	11/12/2020	8pm	30 minutes	ncIMPACT	Public Affairs	The City of Jacksonville launched their "One City, Our City, My City" campaign to strengthen and improve relations between its police force and its residents. Strategies were developed to counter misunderstandings about mental health and opioid abuse. The focus of "One City" is to promote respect, caring, and collaboration among all community members.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	11/13/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	5 minutes	On Friday, President Trump made his first public statement since Joe Biden became the president-elect nearly one week ago. But in a Rose Garden news conference, Trump made no direct comments about the election results. Lisa Desjardins and Yamiche Alcindor join Judy Woodruff to discuss the latest on the transition of power, including Biden's staffing plans and Trump's legal claims.

ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	11/13/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	6 minutes	The coronavirus set all kinds of records in the United States this week -- none of them good. More than 67,000 people are hospitalized, and the country has averaged close to 1,000 deaths per day for the past week. In Texas, which has recorded a million cases itself, hospitals are adding tents for extra bed capacity. Amna Nawaz talks to Dr. Joel Hendryx of the University Medical Center in El Paso.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	11/13/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	8 minutes	This week, President-elect Biden announced a COVID-19 task force to prepare specific plans for the months ahead -- and assess what can be done differently as coronavirus rages across the country. Dr. Vivek Murthy, a former U.S. surgeon general, is a co-chair of the group, and he joins Judy Woodruff to discuss the current surge, encouraging vaccine data and how Americans can keep coping.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	11/16/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	6 minutes	The race to develop vaccine candidates to prevent COVID-19 represents an unprecedented national and global effort. President Trump and some public health experts say encouraging early results from Pfizer and Moderna suggest the approach is working. But there are also questions about the risks of ramping up vaccine research and development at this scale and on this timeline. Miles O'Brien reports.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	11/16/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	6 minutes	Early results from Pfizer and Moderna vaccine candidates are very encouraging. But even if a successful vaccine is developed, challenges around production and distribution remain -- not to mention public trust and willingness to receive it. Dr. Francis Collins, director of the National Institutes of Health, joins Judy Woodruff to discuss the advances and how Americans can fight the pandemic now.

ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	11/16/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	9 minutes	The drug company Moderna has released encouraging data from research on its COVID-19 vaccine candidate. The research has not yet been published in a peer-reviewed medical journal, but it is nonetheless raising hopes. Noubar Afeyan is a co-founder and chairman of Moderna and the CEO of Flagship Pioneering, a venture capital firm that helped launch Moderna. He joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	11/17/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	5 minutes	For the million people living with Parkinson's disease in the United States, medication is the most common form of treatment. But some doctors are now prescribing dance as a way to slow the symptoms -- and bring joy to patients in the process. Special correspondent Shana Fischer visits a ballet class for Parkinson's patients.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	11/17/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	5 minutes	President Trump and some of his allies refuse to acknowledge President-elect Joe Biden's electoral victory and continue to criticize the vote-counting process in key states. Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., is now facing criticism for contacting state officials -- and reportedly pressuring them, although Graham denies that. Lisa Desjardins and Yamiche Alcindor join Judy Woodruff to discuss.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	11/17/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	6 minutes	The first known case of infection from the novel coronavirus was recorded one year ago, in China's Hubei province. The city of Wuhan was infamous the world over as the original virus epicenter, seeing more than half of China's reported cases and deaths. Now, reminders of COVID-19 in Wuhan reflect the story the Chinese government wants to tell. Special correspondent Patrick Fok reports.

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	11/17/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	6 minutes	President Trump and his allies continue to sow doubt over the American electoral process, questioning the intentions of election administrators and poll workers and falsely claiming rampant voter fraud. How do these essential workers, who represent both parties, feel about their jobs, Trump's accusations -- and the integrity of the election? William Brangham talks to several of them to find out.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	11/17/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	6 minutes	Despite denial of the election results by President Trump, the transition to a Biden administration is moving forward. One of Biden's closest allies in the Capitol is Democratic Sen. Chris Coons of Delaware, who reportedly is under consideration to become secretary of state. Coons joins Judy Woodruff to discuss his concerns about U.S. military moves in Afghanistan and Trump's refusal to concede.
ECONOMY/BUSINESS	11/18/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	5 minutes	President-elect Joe Biden is set to be sworn in in nine weeks. But President Trump and his allies continue to reject the results of the election, filing legal challenges in key states and falsely claiming widespread voting fraud. Lisa Desjardins and Yamiche Alcindor join Judy Woodruff to discuss Trump's latest moves, how lawmakers are reacting to them and upcoming congressional priorities.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	11/18/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	6 minutes	President Trump's termination of Christopher Krebs, the top Department of Homeland Security official for cybersecurity, drew criticism from prominent lawmakers, including several Republicans. What does the move suggest about Trump's outlook for the remainder of his term -- and beyond? Journalist Ron Suskind joins William Brangham to discuss.

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	11/18/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	10 minutes	As President Trump presses forward with legal challenges to the election and reiterates false claims that he won, Georgia has been in the spotlight due to its massive statewide recount. The deadline for completing the recount is approaching -- and President-elect Joe Biden's advantage in the state is holding. Miles O'Brien reports on the largest hand recount in U.S. history.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	11/18/2020	7:30pm	30 minutes	Focus on Coronavirus	Interview/ Discussion/ Review	Host Tom Campbell and Dr. Mandy Cohen, Secretary of the NC Dept. of Health and Human Services, discusses the week's COVID-19 statistics and policies in this special on-going series.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	11/19/2020	8pm	30 minutes	ncIMPACT	Public Affairs	Adolescent suicide prevention is a public health priority, with the highest rates of suicide attempts nationally found in NC. In 2018, 12 percent of adolescents in NC attempted suicide -- a number expected to increase in the context of COVID-19. Appalachian State University partners with seven schools and three counties to provide mental health services to help prevent suicides in Alleghany, Ashe, and Watauga Counties.
ECONOMY/BUSINESS	11/19/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	7 minutes	Unless more federal aid is approved soon, COVID-19 relief measures like unemployment assistance will expire by Christmas. More than 10 million jobs have been lost since the pandemic began, and many Americans are facing food and housing insecurity. Dr. Richard Besser, former acting director of the CDC, joins Judy Woodruff to discuss the pandemic's toll on public health and economic wellbeing.

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	11/19/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	7 minutes	Political polling is under scrutiny once again. While pre-election surveys set expectations of a Democratic landslide, the presidential contest and many Senate and House races came down to the wire instead. In fact, Republicans gained ground in the House. To understand what went wrong, Judy Woodruff talks to pollsters J. Ann Selzer of Selzer and Company and Chris Kofinis of Park Street Strategies.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	11/19/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	11 minutes	Failing to prove any widespread fraud, President Trump's allies have turned the post-election spotlight to the people who canvass and certify votes. Now, Wisconsin officials formally ordered a recount in two heavily Democratic counties. Stephanie Sy reports and William Brangham talks to Yamiche Alcindor and Nate Persily of the Healthy Elections Project.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	11/20/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	7 minutes	President Donald Trump shows no signs of conceding the election despite vote counts showing President-elect Joe Biden leading by millions of votes. Judy Woodruff, Yamiche Alcindor, and Lisa Desjardins discuss the latest on Trump's continuing legal challenges and growing impatience from lawmakers and the incoming Biden administration about the resistance to accepting the election results.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	11/23/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	6 minutes	President-elected Joe Biden named the first wave of top cabinet positions on Monday, even as President Trump continued to deny he lost the election. White House correspondent Yamiche Alcindor joins Judy Woodruff to discuss the latest election developments, and how a handful of Republican senators are now telling Trump to give up his fight.

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	11/23/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	8 minutes	The General Services Administration is calling President-elect Joe Biden the “apparent winner” of the 2020 presidential election, a move that could allow the transition process to finally begin after being delayed by the Trump administration. It comes as Biden on Monday announced several nominations to his cabinet. Yamiche Alcindor joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	11/23/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	8 minutes	The head of the General Services Administration Monday authorized President-elect Joe Biden to begin transitioning to the White House weeks after voters went to the polls and as Biden continues to make selections to top cabinet posts. NPR’s Tamara Keith and Amy Walter of the Cook Political Report join Judy Woodruff to discuss that development and the latest political news.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	11/24/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	7 minutes	As President-elect Joe Biden on Tuesday continued to ratchet up his cabinet after weeks of delays in the White House transition process, President Trump and White House aides sent contradictory messaging about the handover of power. White House correspondent Yamiche Alcindor joins Judy Woodruff to discuss the transition.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	11/24/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	8 minutes	President-elect Joe Biden on Tuesday formally introduced his national security team as he begins the transition process to the White House after a weeks-long delay. Judy Woodruff speaks with Leon Panetta, former secretary of defense and CIA director during the Obama administration, and Andrew Card, former U.S. secretary of transportation under President George H. W. Bush., to discuss.

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	11/25/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	5 minutes	President-elect Joe Biden made news this week when he announced key members of his national security team. But missing from that lineup is his choice for secretary of national defense. Nick Schifrin joins Judy Woodruff for a breakdown of the transition and a look at one leading candidate for the nomination.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	11/25/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	6 minutes	President-elect Joe Biden on Wednesday urged national unity during this holiday season as President Trump erased the criminal conviction of his former national security adviser, Michael Flynn, for lying to the FBI during the Russian investigation. White House correspondent Yamiche Alcindor joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.
MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS/CRIME/LEGAL/LAW ENFORCEMENT	11/25/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	7 minutes	Six months ago, George Floyd was killed under the knee of a Minneapolis police officer, triggering protests and spasms of property destruction in cities across America. The Minneapolis Police Department is now facing calls for its abolition while struggling with high attrition and low morale. Special correspondent Fred de Sam Lazaro reports as part of his series, "Agents for Change."
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	11/26/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	35 minutes	On this Thanksgiving Day, tens of thousands of our friends and neighbors have one less person at the table because of COVID-19. It is this pandemic, and the devastation it has wrought in this country, that makes this holiday so different for all of us. Judy Woodruff takes an extended look back at just some of the more than 260,000 Americans lost so far to COVID-19.

ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	11/27/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	5 minutes	There are now more than 90,000 people hospitalized in the country with COVID-related illness, the highest number since the pandemic began. Hospital ICU's are nearly filled in some places, and the U.S. currently averages more than 1,500 deaths a day. Amna Nawaz spoke with Bonnie Castillo, executive director of National Nurses United, to learn more about the strain this is putting on health workers.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	11/27/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	6 minutes	President Trump's visit this year to Mt. Rushmore has drawn new attention to a decades-long battle between Native Americans and the federal government over millions of acres in South Dakota. Special correspondent Fred de Sam Lazaro reports on the campaign to reclaim that land. This report is in partnership with the Under-Told Stories Project and is part of the series, "Agents for Change."
ECONOMY/BUSINESS	11/27/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	6 minutes	These are perilous times for independent bookstores. More than one independent bookstore has closed each week since the pandemic began, and 20 percent across the country are in danger of closing, according to a recent study by the American Booksellers Association. Jeffrey Brown has the story.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	11/30/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	5 minutes	President Trump's immigration policies and the U.S. census were back at the Supreme Court on Monday. As John Yang reports, the issues at stake in the case have the potential of shaping congressional and presidential politics for years to come.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	11/30/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	5 minutes	Even as hopes grow about the distribution of vaccines in the coming months, COVID-19's impact continues to ripple across the U.S. with enormous consequences. Twenty-six states set records for COVID-related hospitalizations during Thanksgiving week. William Brangham spoke with Dr. Céline Gounder, an epidemiologist and infectious disease specialist at Bellevue Hospital, to learn more.

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	11/30/2020	6pm	PBS NewsHour	News	6 minutes	President-elect Joe Biden on Monday named a diverse group to lead his economic team, including Janet Yellen, the former head of the Federal Reserve, as his choice for treasury secretary. Jim Tankersley, who covers economics for The New York Times and is author of the recent book, "The Riches of This Land," joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.
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<b>DECEMBER</b>						
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	12/1/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	While President-elect Joe Biden won a decisive victory in the 2020 election, down-ballot candidates from across the country struggled to hold the seats they won in 2018. Rep. Donna Shalala, a Florida Democrat who lost her race against Maria Elvira Salazar, joins Judy Woodruff to discuss why Republicans had success in gaining seats.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	12/1/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The recommendations made on Tuesday by the CDC advisory committee about who should get the earliest doses of a COVID vaccine kick off a series of crucial decision points for the coming weeks, including how states make their own decisions about distributing a vaccine. Dr. Paul Offit, professor of pediatrics at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, joins Amna Nawaz to discuss.
ECONOMY/BUSINESS	12/1/2020	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	President-elect Joe Biden on Tuesday introduced his economic team, which is planning on making a sharp shift from the Trump years and his economic policies. Lisa Desjardins and Yamiche Alcindor join Judy Woodruff to discuss.
ECONOMY/BUSINESS	12/2/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Lawmakers are under pressure to reach another economic relief deal as COVID-19 cases and deaths spike across the country. Illinois Sen. Dick Durbin is the second-highest ranking Democrat in the U.S Senate. He joins Judy Woodruff to discuss a new bipartisan proposal and why Democrats have changed their stance on a relief bill.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	12/2/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer said in a statement Wednesday that the bipartisan COVID relief bill just unveiled should be the starting point for negotiations going forward. Republican Sen. Bill Cassidy of Louisiana is one of the lawmakers responsible for that bipartisan bill. He joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	12/3/2020	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	As President-elect Joe Biden continues to unroll selections for his Cabinet, some have questioned how diverse his choices have been thus far. Yamiche Alcindor spoke with California Rep. Karen Bass, chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, to learn more.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	12/3/2020	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The U.S. hit new milestones with the coronavirus Wednesday with record numbers of hospitalization, deaths and a medical staffing system that's burning out. Dr. Amy Compton-Phillips, chief clinical officer for the Providence Health System, which runs hospitals across the country, joins Judy Woodruff discuss.
ECONOMY/BUSINESS	12/3/2020	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	With just weeks left in the year, bipartisan support is growing in Congress for a more than \$900 billion COVID-19 relief bill. If passed, it would extend aid for small businesses, unemployment benefits and provide extra funding for state and local governments. Utah Republican Sen. Mitt Romney is among those backing the bipartisan negotiations. He joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.
ECONOMY/BUSINESS	12/3/2020	8pm	30 minutes	ncIMPACT	Public Affairs	Chronic homelessness is an ever-present issue in North Carolina impacting around 9,300 citizens every year. Veterans also are at an increased risk of homelessness following multiple and extended deployments. Since 2006, Homeward Bound in Asheville, has already made an impact by moving more than 2,050 people off the streets, out of cars, camps, and shelters and into permanent homes.
ECONOMY/BUSINESS	12/4/2020	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The latest jobs report released by the Department of Labor Friday estimates the economy has not yet replaced about 10 millions jobs lost last spring, with many Americans now close to losing their unemployment benefits. Wendy Edelberg, director of the Hamilton Project and a former chief economist for the Congressional Budget Office, joins Amna Nawaz to discuss the country's economic outlook.

ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	12/4/2020	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The first doses of the long-awaited COVID-19 vaccine are on their way to the United Kingdom, the earliest western country to grant emergency authorization. The vaccine is manufactured by the U.S pharmaceutical giant Pfizer, but most of the 1.3 billion shots Pfizer hopes to deliver in 2021 will be produced in the tiny factory town of Puurs, Belgium. Special correspondent Lucy Hough reports.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	12/4/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	While House Democrats lost races in some Republican-leaning districts, one Republican was ousted by a challenger from his own party on the right. Lisa Desjardins spoke with Rep. Denver Riggleman, a first-term Virginia Republican, about why he lost the race.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	12/7/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The nation's immediate future comes down to this: one month in one state. In Georgia, Democrats need to win both U.S. Senate runoffs in January in order to control the chamber, and Republicans need to keep their base fired up. Lisa Desjardins has the story.
MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS/CRIME/LEGAL/ LAW ENFORCEMENT	12/7/2020	6pm	9 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The coronavirus pandemic has upended the lives of all Americans but it's been especially hard on individuals known as returning citizens -- formerly incarcerated men and women who are re-entering society. William Brangham has the story of one man in Washington D.C. who is trying to beat the odds as part of our series, "Searching for Justice."
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	12/8/2020	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	A COVID-19 vaccine may be ready for distribution as soon as this month in the U.S. for some of those who are most in need of protection against the virus. But how will a rollout look in the coming months, including for some hard-to-reach populations? Dr. Carlos del Rio, a professor of global health at Emory University School of Medicine, joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	12/8/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Next Monday members of the Electoral College will meet in state capitals across the country to cast their votes officially for president, even as President Trump and his allies continue to press to overturn the results of the election in some states. William Brangham spoke with Trevor Potter, president of the Campaign Legal Center, to discuss.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	12/8/2020	6pm	9 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Pandemic deaths nationwide have now reached 285,000, as hope builds for a new vaccine and as President-elect Joe Biden assembles a team to address the pandemic. White House Correspondent Yamiche Alcindor joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.
ECONOMY/BUSINESS	12/9/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	As Congress continues to debate the details of an economic relief package, one key voice of dissent over the current framework of a bipartisan plan is Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders. He joins Judy Woodruff to discuss why he believes stimulus money should go directly into the pockets of Americans.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/ HEALTHCARE	12/9/2020	7:30pm	30 minutes	Focus on Coronavirus	Interview/ Discussion/ Review	Host Tom Campbell and Dr. Mandy Cohen, Secretary of the NC Dept. of Health and Human Services, discusses the week's COVID-19 statistics and policies in this special on-going series.
MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS/CRIME/LEGAL/ LAW ENFORCEMENT	12/10/2020	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Across the U.S. random drug testing is required for many people charged with or convicted of crimes dealing with alcohol or drugs. But a joint NewsHour and AL.com investigation found that one state system, Alabama's, can trap people with high fees, difficult scheduling and unreliable tests. AL.com investigative reporter Ashley Remkus, and journalist Elizabeth Flock, join John Yang to discuss.

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	12/10/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	As President-elect Joe Biden prepares to take office next month, many see an opportunity to restore U.S.-European relations after a Trump administration that backed away from the two side's traditional multilateral framework. Nick Schifrin spoke with Philippe Étienne, France's Ambassador to the U.S., to discuss Brexit, climate change, Iran's nuclear program and future relations with America.
ECONOMY/BUSINESS	12/10/2020	8pm	30 minutes	ncIMPACT	Public Affairs	Open for Business is designed to support Charlotte's small businesses throughout the pandemic and beyond. The two-phase "Survive and Thrive" strategy centers on several programs that will support small businesses during the pandemic and initial reopening. Open for Business will establish an information-sharing program through the help of partner support and provide access to capital and strengthening workforce readiness. This initiative will also focus on workforce resiliency to address staggering unemployment, and business innovation and resiliency to ensure small businesses are prepared for future pandemic challenges this winter.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	12/11/2020	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	With the U.S. about to approve emergency use for Pfizer's vaccine, there have been some setbacks with others now being tested. Sanofi and GlaxoSmithKline said on Friday the launch of their vaccine will be delayed, and AstraZeneca announced confusing results for its potential vaccine. William Brangham spoke with Matthew Herper, a senior writer for STAT News, to learn more.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	12/11/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	There was a swirl of activity in Washington, D.C. Friday from the U.S. Capitol to the Supreme Court. Congress remains at a stalemate over a bipartisan relief bill, while the Supreme Court rejected a lawsuit brought by Texas that challenged the validity of election results in four states won by President-elect Joe Biden. Judy Woodruff spoke with John Yang and Lisa Desjardins to discuss.

ECONOMY/BUSINESS	12/14/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	As we mark 300,000 deaths from COVID, a deal to provide economic relief still eludes lawmakers. Time is running out, with benefits from CARES Act set to expire the day after Christmas. A bipartisan group offered two proposals Monday afternoon to try and break the gridlock. West Virginia Sen. Joe Manchin is one of the key architects of the effort. He joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	12/14/2020	6pm	10 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Childhood trauma impacts millions of Americans, and its consequences can be devastating. Those experiencing high levels of trauma can see dramatically lower life expectancies, and the CDC estimates it accounts for billions of dollars in healthcare costs and lost productivity. Special correspondent Cat Wise reports as part of our series, "Invisible Scars: America's Childhood Trauma Crisis."
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	12/14/2020	6pm	26 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	President-elect Joe Biden addressed a fractured nation on Monday evening, just hours after the Electoral College certified his election victory six weeks after voters went to the polls. In a PBS NewsHour special, we analyze Biden's comments and the political landscape he'll inherit once he takes the helm of the most powerful office in the land.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	12/15/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	President-elect Biden on Tuesday flew to the battleground state of Georgia, where two races will decide the Senate's balance of power. The visit came after Vice President Pence's trip last week to Georgia and as President Trump continues questioning the election. Judy Woodruff spoke with Deborah Scott, executive director of the nonpartisan group, Georgia Stand-Up, about efforts to turn out voters.

ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	12/15/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Residents and staff in most long term-care facilities will start receiving vaccinations next week. More than 1 million Americans live in nursing homes and they've been especially vulnerable to COVID-19. Amna Nawaz spoke with Dr. Richard Feifer, chief medical officer for Genesis Healthcare, a large for-profit nursing home company, to learn more.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	12/15/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	More than a month after the 2020 election, President Donald Trump continues to falsely insist the results are fraudulent and the election was stolen from him. And for some immigrants, hearing those claims reminds them of the political turmoil they fled back home. Yamiche Alcindor has the story.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	12/16/2020	6pm	9 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Millions of doses of COVID-19 vaccines are expected to be distributed soon, but how many people are willing to take the vaccine and is politics hindering the response? William Brangham spoke with Dr. Gianfranco Pezzino, who recently resigned as the health officer in Shawnee County, Kansas, and Dr. Eva Galvez, of the Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center in Oregon, to discuss.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/ HEALTHCARE	12/16/2020	7:30pm	30 minutes	Focus on Coronavirus	Interview/ Discussion/ Review	Host Tom Campbell and Dr. Mandy Cohen, Secretary of the NC Dept. of Health and Human Services, discusses the week's COVID-19 statistics and policies in this special on-going series.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	12/17/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	President-elect Biden has said that tackling climate change, the environment and green energy are top priorities for his administration. And so far, his team appears to be a mix of some familiar faces and some not-so-familiar faces. John Yang spoke with Amy Harder, an energy and climate reporter for Axios, to learn more.

ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	12/17/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	In the race to get COVID vaccines out the door, public health experts have labored over who should receive vaccinations first. But they also hope to find solutions to deep-rooted unfairness laid bare by the virus, with Black, LatinX and indigenous people more likely than white individuals to get COVID-19. But reluctance and mistrust over the vaccine is presenting barriers. Miles O'Brien reports.
ECONOMY/BUSINESS	12/17/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	While Congress continues to debate another round of COVID economic relief aid, funding for state and local governments appear to be on the chopping block. Judy Woodruff spoke with Dayton Ohio Mayor Nan Whaley and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Mayor David Holt to learn how this may impact cities across the country.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	12/17/2020	6pm	9 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Just as our understanding of trauma's long-term impacts has grown in recent years, so too has our grasp of how to treat and prevent it. And this evolution has continued during the pandemic, forcing those who are giving and receiving treatment to adapt. Special correspondent Cat Wise and producer Rachel Wellford report as part of our series, "Invisible Scars: America's Childhood Trauma Crisis."
MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS/CRIME/LEGAL/ LAW ENFORCEMENT	12/17/2020	8pm	30 minutes	ncIMPACT	Public Affairs	Exclusionary discipline practices including suspensions, expulsions, and referrals to the courts, negatively impact both students and their communities. Students of color and students with disabilities are disproportionately impacted by these practices as they are more likely to be suspended, expelled, and referred to court. New Hanover County implemented a School Justice Partnership (SJP) in November 2015 that resulted in a 47% decrease in school-based referrals in its first year. The SJP strives mitigate these issues by clarifying roles between law enforcement and schools and leveraging support services that both reduce misbehavior and eases strain on court agencies.

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	12/18/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The U.S may narrowly avoid another federal shutdown Friday as members of Congress scrambled to reach an agreement over government funding and COVID relief. Judy Woodruff spoke with Lisa Desjardins and Yamiche Alcindor to learn more.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	12/18/2020	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The U.S. cybersecurity team is still trying to determine exactly who is responsible for a major cyberattack in the U.S., with many signs pointing to the Russian government. Microsoft, which has built the systems for a majority of computers in the U.S., said they too have found malicious software on its systems. William Brangham spoke with Brad Smith, president of Microsoft, to learn more.
MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS/CRIME/LEGAL/ LAW ENFORCEMENT	12/21/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Murders across the U.S. have skyrocketed in 2020, while nonviolent offenses have largely dropped, according to publicly available crime data. But efforts to curb homicides come at a time when police departments are facing both staffing shortages because of the COVID-19 pandemic and lingering distrust in communities of color following months of nationwide protests. John Yang reports.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	12/21/2020	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The stalemate is over as the nation's lawmakers prepared to vote Monday on measures to provide financial relief during the pandemic, to fund the federal government and to address other key concerns. Lisa Desjardins joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	12/21/2020	6pm	14 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Shipments of the new Moderna vaccine began arriving Monday in the U.S., with more than 6 million doses expected by the end of the week. But that news was almost overshadowed by fears of a mutation in the coronavirus, which has led to lockdowns and closed borders in Europe. Judy Woodruff spoke with Dr. Anthony Fauci, head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, to discuss.

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	12/22/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Surprise medical bills occur when a patient goes to a hospital or an emergency room believing their insurance will cover their treatment. But if they get care from someone outside their insurance network they could unexpectedly be charged hundreds or thousands of dollars. A new law passed Monday aims to change those practices. New York Times reporter Sarah Kliff joins William Brangham to discuss.
ECONOMY/BUSINESS	12/22/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Millions of Americans have been crushed by the pandemic but older workers have faced both an economy with high levels of unemployment and a virus that puts them more at risk than younger people. And once they do lose a job it can be harder to find new ones, with many older workers simply giving up the search. Paul Solman reports as part of our series, "Unfinished Business."
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	12/22/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	President-elect Joe Biden spoke Tuesday in Delaware, addressing the pandemic surge and the new relief package ahead of the holiday. White House correspondent Yamiche Alcindor, who was at the event, joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	12/22/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	States across the country continue to grapple with the economic fallout of COVID-19 as they plan the rollout of vaccinations. For the view from Michigan, Judy Woodruff spoke with Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer to learn more.
ECONOMY/BUSINESS	12/23/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	As the nation nears 325,000 total deaths, millions of Americans are feeling the economic impact of the pandemic. The Department of Labor on Wednesday reported 803,000 new jobless claims last week, and up to 14 million people could soon lose unemployment benefits unless President Trump signs the COVID relief bill passed by Congress. POLITICO's Anna Palmer joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	12/23/2020	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Controversy swirls as Trump issues new wave of pardons and commutations

ECONOMY/BUSINESS	12/24/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	With the pandemic raging and the nation's economy teetering, now might seem like a curious time to start a business. But is it? Paul Solman asks the question, and answers it.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	12/24/2020	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	This Christmas Eve has been anything but quiet in Washington after President Trump's surprise announcement that he doesn't support a new COVID relief bill. And last night, the president added 29 pardons and commutations, with many familiar names on the list. William Brangham spoke with Andrew Weissmann, former lead prosecutor in special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia probe, to discuss.
MINORITIES/CIVIL RIGHTS/CRIME/LEGAL/ LAW ENFORCEMENT	12/25/2020	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The ability to pardon criminals is a unique power of a president, one that can be politically motivated and often draws criticism But as Reveal's Michael Schiller explains, pardons can also change lives.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	12/28/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The showdown is over. In a surprise move late Sunday night, President Trump signed the covid relief and government funding bill, demanding last-minute changes. Amna Nawaz speaks with Anna Palmer, Senior Washington Correspondent for Politico, about what was behind President Trump's decision to finally sign – and what comes next.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	12/28/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	The development of COVID-19 vaccines is raising questions about their rollout across the world. As the richest nations buy up the lion's share of doses, how and when will developing countries be able to vaccinate their populations? Countries like the Democratic Republic of Congo are now wrestling with that reality in a nation that's already endured recent epidemics. Chris Ocamringa has more from Kinshasa.

ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	12/28/2020	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	At key moments over the last year leaders around the globe made critical mistakes that worsened the pandemic and led to more deaths. That's the argument put forth by the New Yorker's Lawrence Wright in "The Plague Year," an article that fills the magazine's entire January issue. Wright explains what went wrong in an interview with Senior National Correspondent Amna Nawaz.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	12/29/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	For much of the year, millions of Americans have been hunkering down and avoiding crowds to try to stay safe from COVID-19. But with that, many have also been delaying important medical care, sometimes with devastating consequences. John Yang reports.
ECONOMY/BUSINESS	12/29/2020	6pm	7 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Efforts to increase stimulus payments to \$2,000 were blocked in the U.S. Senate on Tuesday, while Republican Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell put forth a new bill. Sen. Bernie Sanders was one of those making the case for higher stimulus payments. He joins Amna Nawaz to discuss.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	12/29/2020	6pm	9 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	When President-elect Joe Biden enters the Oval Office three weeks from now, his health team will be tasked with taking over the U.S. response to COVID-19, including the vaccine rollout. One of the members of Biden's team is Dr. Rochelle Walensky, who was named the next director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. She joins Amna Nawaz to discuss.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	12/30/2020	6pm	5 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	With the number of COVID cases and hospitalizations surging in many parts of the country, health care systems and their staff are becoming further strained, including many areas in Arizona. In Phoenix, six hospitals are now diverting incoming emergency patients to other facilities. Dr. Quinn Snyder, an emergency physician in Mesa, Arizona, joins Amna Nawaz to discuss his view from the frontline.

ECONOMY/BUSINESS	12/30/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Most Republican senators remain skeptical about raising direct payments to \$2,000, which Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell says has no realistic path to pass. One of the Republicans opposed to the increase is Wisconsin Sen. Ron Johnson. He joins Amna Nawaz to discuss.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	12/30/2020	6pm	6 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	As the pandemic continues spiraling out of control in much of the U.S., the number of infections have declined in recent weeks in Scotland County, Missouri. But despite that good news, medical professionals there may not receive any doses of the coronavirus vaccine until the end of January, and they fear their community could soon have another surge. Special correspondent James Fox reports.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	12/30/2020	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	In the first two weeks of America's vaccination campaign, just 2 million people have received the first of the two required doses for their vaccinations -- far short of the Trump administration's projections of 20 million vaccinations by the end of this year. William Brangham spoke to Dr. Carlos del Rio, a professor of global health at Emory University School of Medicine, to discuss.
LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	12/31/2020	6pm	8 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	We're now just days away from the final elections of the 2020 campaign, with two critical runoffs in Georgia determining control in the U.S. Senate. More than 2.8 million people have cast ballots so far. Stephen Fowler, a political reporter for Georgia Public Broadcasting and host of the Battleground: Ballot Box podcast, joins Woodruff to discuss what is at stake.
ENVIRONMENT/SCIENCE/HEALTH/HEALTHCARE	12/31/2020	6pm	9 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	Since the first reported case of COVID-19 a little more than a year ago, the pandemic has taken a devastating toll in the U.S. -- far worse than in many other developed countries. Donald G. McNeil Jr., a science and health reporter for The New York Times, joins Judy Woodruff to give some perspective.

LOCAL & NATIONAL POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	12/31/2020	6pm	15 minutes	PBS NewsHour	News	During the early days of the 2016 campaign trail, then-candidate Donald Trump assured supporters he would pursue an "America First" approach to foreign policy. But what legacy will President Trump leave behind, and what are the challenges for President-elect Biden? Judy Woodruff spoke with four foreign policy experts to learn more.
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