

WTVP-TV
ASCERTAINMENT PROGRAM-PROBLEMS LIST
OCTOBER-DECEMBER, 2000

1. HEALTH

THINK TANK WITH BEN WATTENBERG

“How Are We Healing the Heart?”

A panel of experts exchange views on whether new treatments for heart disease are financially motivated, whether free market principles applied to medicine result in less efficient procedures at lower costs, the extent to which angioplasties are overused, how surgeons determine which procedure to use for heart disease, and whether more competition for health treatments benefits, rather than harms, patients.

Monday, Oct. 9, 2000 10:30 p.m. 30 min. PBS

RENEE’S STORY

This moving special chronicles 36-year-old Renee Graziano’s personal battle with recurring cancer.

Sunday, Oct. 15, 2000 11 p.m. 60 min. APTVS

CRITICAL CONDITION WITH HEDRICK SMITH

A penetrating look at the quality, affordability and availability of health care from open heart surgery and cancer care to treatment for strokes, diabetes and children’s diseases.

Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2000 7 p.m. 180 min. PBS

HEALTHCARE CRISIS: WHO’S AT RISK

Through candid and wide ranging profiles of average Americans and their doctors—plus leading policy experts and medical ethicists—this program explores the human side of the healthcare debate in this important election year.

Friday, Nov. 3, 2000 9 p.m. 60 min. PBS

AT ISSUE—RU-486 AND ABORTION

A look at the recent FDA approval of the RU-486 abortion pill.

Thursday, Nov. 16, 2000 8:30 p.m. (R) 11/19 4:30 p.m.

30 min. WTVP

SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN FRONTIERS “ Changing Your Mind”

This program explores neuroplasticity, the brain’s ability to rewire itself.

Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2000 7 p.m. 60 min. PBS

FRONTLINE “Fat”

An examination of how the diet industry contributes to America's frustration over unwanted pounds—and a look at whether one can be healthy, fit, beautiful and fat.

Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2000 9 p.m. 60 min. PBS

IN THE MIX “Action Against AIDS”

On location at the AIDS Dance-A-Thon in New York City, IN THE MIX interviews Rosie Perez, Queen Latifah and KRS-1 about what they're doing for the cause. Plus, a look at an AIDS hotline started by students for other students, and a heated discussion among teens about HIV/AIDS and how it affects their lives.

Friday, Dec. 8, 2000 10 p.m. 30 min. PBS

NOVA “Dying to be Thin”

An epidemic of eating disorders is spreading through America's youth—and this conflict between real and fashionable images of the body can be a matter of life and death. The program takes viewers behind the scenes at laboratories and hospitals where specialists are experimenting with new approaches to eating disorder.

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2000 8 p.m. 60 min. PBS

AT ISSUE—COPING WITH HOLIDAY DEPRESSION

Representatives from Counseling and Family Services in Peoria and the Antioch Group in Morton talk about Seasonal Affective Disorder.

Thursday, Dec. 28, 2000 8:30 p.m. (R) 12/31 4:30 p.m.
30 min. WTVP

2. YOUTH/EDUCATION

A PUBLIC VOICE 2000: PUBLIC SCHOOLS

This special examines the declines of public schools and focuses on ways to improve the system.

Sunday, Oct 1, 2000 11 p.m. 60 min. APTVS

IN THE MIX “School Violence: Answers from the Inside”

In response to the recent incidents of violence in schools, this episode explores the reasons and what students and schools can do to prevent tensions from escalating.

Friday, Oct. 27, 2000 10 p.m. 30 min. PBS

THE MERROW REPORT

“School Sleuth: The Case of the Excellent School”

John Merrow becomes a private detective and discovers there are three kinds of schools—bad, good enough and excellent. “Detective” Merrow explores five aspects of schooling—safety, curriculum, physical environment, adults in the building, and the school’s sense of community.

Friday, Nov. 12, 2000 11 p.m. 60 min. PBS

THINK TANK WITH BEN WATTENBERG

“How Can We Save Our Schools?”

A panel of experts discuss education reform, and debate the viability of studies carried out on the successes of current US voucher programs, which have not been in place long enough to demonstrate long range effect on students.

Monday, Nov. 20, 2000 10:30 p.m. (R) 12/11 10:30 p.m.

30 min. PBS

AT ISSUE—EARLY INTERVENTION

The state’s Early Intervention program is designed to help at-risk children in the first three years of their lives, but the state only funds it at less than half its current costs. Representatives of local agencies discuss how to overcome the dilemma.

Thursday, Nov. 23, 2000 8:30 p.m. (R) 11/26 4:30 p.m.

30 min. WTVF

IN THE MIX “Sex: Everybody’s Doin’ It—Not!”

This special is aimed at raising awareness among teens that not “everyone” is having sex and that you don’t have to be sexually active to be popular or be in a loving relationship. Teens from across the country discuss the pressure from their peers and partners to have sex before they are ready and the effect of the media that too often glamorizes sex as “cool” and consequence-free. Using humor and real experiences, the program shows the emotional and physical consequences of having sex and empowers viewers to stick by their decision to wait, providing the practical skills to resist pressures.

Friday, Dec. 1, 2000 10 p.m. 30 min. PBS

A SONG FOR SISTERS

This special tells the story of “Sisters and Friends,” an Arts In Education program that helps adolescent girls create a vision for their futures by using a unique methodology—song.

Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2000 10:30 p.m. 30 min. APTVS

3. POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

AT ISSUE—TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT

This program, hosted by H Wayne Wilson with a special report by Shelli Dankoff, addresses the issue of whether there should be township government. Guests include Bryan Smith, executive director of the Township Officials of Illinois (TOI), and Bill Prather, president-elect of TOI and Peoria County’s Chillicothe Township Road Commissioner.

Sunday, Oct. 1, 2000 4:30 p.m. 30 min. WTVP

FRONTLINE “The Choice 2000”

As Americans prepare for the first presidential election of the 21st century, FRONTLINE correspondent and New Yorker writer Peter Boyer offers dual biographies of George W. Bush and Al Gore. The program goes beyond the political rhetoric to explore how the candidates and their values have been shaped by family background, history, victory and defeat. (Repeated Tuesday, Oct. 17 and Monday, Nov. 6, both at 9 p.m.)

Monday, Oct. 2, 2000 8 p.m. 120 min. PBS

NATIONAL PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES

Republican George W. Bush and Democrat Al Gore meet for three prime-time presidential debates. Each debate is followed by 30 minutes of analysis.

Tuesday, Oct. 3, Wednesday, Oct. 11 & Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2000
8 p.m. 120 min. each PBS

NATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

Republican Dick Cheney and Democrat Joe Lieberman meet for a prime-time vice-presidential debate. The 90-minute debate is followed by 30 minutes of analysis.

Thursday, Oct. 5, 2000 8 p.m. 120 min. PBS

THE :30 SECOND CANDIDATE

From statewide races in California to small-town elections in the Midwest, the 30-second television commercial dominates American politics. This program explores the evolution of this political art form.

Friday, Oct. 6, 2000 9 p.m. 60 min. PBS

IN THE MIX “Political Literacy: Seeing Thru the Spin”

In this special, the program raises awareness and understanding of how candidates use the media to convey their positions on issues and where students can get more information about the political process.

Fridays, Oct. 6, 20 & Nov. 3, 2000 10 p.m. 30 min. PBS

INSIDE THE BOX

Part of PBS' Democracy Project programming, this two-part program invites grass-roots America to speak up—informing people and politicians about their hopes and fears, their dreams and their local realities. Topics include "Health Care" and "Education."

Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2000 10 p.m. 60 min. PBS

ELECTION 2000—THE LAHOOD/HARANT DEBATE

As part of the national Democracy Project, WTVP presents an 18th Congressional District debate between Republican Congressman Ray LaHood of Peoria and Democratic challenger Joyce Harant of Peoria.

Sunday, Oct. 15, 2000 5 & 7 p.m. 60 min. WTVP

PBS DEBATE NIGHT

A special in which Congressional Democrats and Republicans face off on key campaign issues.

Sunday, Oct. 15, 2000 6 p.m. 60 min. PBS

AT ISSUE—LOCAL BALLOT REFERENDA

Host H Wayne Wilson and AT ISSUE reporter Shelli Dankoff explore ballot initiatives in Chillicothe, Pekin and Mackinaw.

Thursday, Oct. 19, 2000 8:30 p.m. (R) 10/22 4:30 p.m.
30 min. WTVP

ELECTION 2000—THE JOHNSON/KELLEHER DEBATE

As part of the national Democracy Project, WTVP presents a 15th Congressional District debate between Republican Tim Johnson of Sidney and Democratic Mike Kelleher of Normal—candidates for the seat being vacated by retiring U.S. Rep. Tom Ewing.

Sunday, Oct. 22, 2000 5 p.m. 60 min. WTVP

AT ISSUE—MARK BAKER & LANE EVANS

Republican Mark Baker and incumbent Democrat Lane Evans, vying for the 17th Congressional District seat, join AT ISSUE host H Wayne Wilson for an election special.

Thursday, Oct. 26, 2000 8:30 p.m. (R) 10/29 4:30 p.m.
30 min. WTVP

STANDARD DEVIANTS TV “American Government”

This fun-filled romp through history unearths the origins of democracy and the Constitution.

Friday, Oct. 27, 2000 10:30 p.m. 30 min. PBS

I'M ON THE BALLOT

This program is a candid look at third party efforts to expand American politics beyond Democrats and Republicans.

Sunday, Oct. 29, 2000 11 p.m. 60 min. PBS

THE GREAT CAMPAIGN OF 1960

Paul Duke, former moderator of WASHINGTON WEEK IN REVIEW, surveys the presidential campaign of 1960 between John F. Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon, the first national election campaign in which television played a major role.

Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2000 9 p.m. 60 min. PBS

TIME TO CHOOSE—A PBS/NPR VOTER'S GUIDE

Two of PBS' award-winning news and public affairs programs —THE NEWSHOUR WITH JIM LEHRER and FRONTLINE—join forces with National Public Radio (NPR) for an unprecedented live election broadcast. The program originates from five PBS stations—Atlanta, Chicago, San Francisco, New York and Washington, DC—and examines the critical issues and questions that determine each voter's decision on Election Day.

Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2000 7 p.m. 180 min. PBS

A NEWSHOUR SPECIAL REPORT—ELECTION NIGHT 2000

THE NEWSHOUR's senior correspondents Gwen Ifill, Ray Suarez and Margaret Warner bring years of political experience to cover election results in the year 2000.

Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2000 9 p.m. 120 min. PBS

ILLINOIS LAWMAKERS

This program features an in-depth look at the fall session of the Illinois Legislature.

Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2000 10 p.m. 60 min. WTVP

THE SANGAMO CLUB

A look inside Indonesia today, offered by the Ambassador from Indonesia, Professor Dr. Dorodjatun Kuntjoro-Jakti.

Sunday, Dec. 3, 2000 11 p.m. 60 min. PBS

PRESIDENTIAL SPEECHES

Programming was interrupted to bring viewers the concession speech of candidate Al Gore and the victor's statement by President-elect George Bush.

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2000 8 & 9 p.m. 15 min. PBS

AT ISSUE—CONGRESSMAN RAY LAHOOD: A LIVE CALL-IN SPECIAL

Recently reelected Congressman Ray LaHood joins AT ISSUE host H Wayne Wilson in the WTVP studio to answer questions phoned in during this live call-in special.

Thursday, Dec. 21, 2000 8:30 p.m. (R) 12/24 4:30 p.m.
30 min. WTVP

4. CRIME/DRUGS

FRONTLINE "Drug Wars"

A special examination of America's 30-year War on Drugs and the impact it has had on society.

Monday & Tuesday, Oct. 9 & 10, 2000 8 p.m. 240 min. PBS

FRONTLINE "Juvenile Justice"

Should children who commit serious crimes be tried as juveniles or adults? What happens to young offenders who reach the "end of the line" in the juvenile court system—and how do you rehabilitate such children to prevent future criminal behavior?

Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2000 9 p.m. 60 min. PBS

FRONTLINE "Real Justice"

Homicides, drug arrests, car theft, assault and battery—it's all in a day's work for the prosecutors of Boston's criminal courts. In a two-part special report,

FRONTLINE goes inside the real-life workings of America's criminal justice system to reveal the offers, counteroffers, deals and compromises that keep cases moving through our crowded courts.

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2000 9 p.m. 90 min. PBS

FRONTLINE "Real Justice"

From manslaughter to child abuse to murder, FRONTLINE'S cameras follow the prosecutors, defense attorneys, victims and defendants as they bargain and negotiate their way through the criminal justice system.

Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2000 9 p.m. 60 min. PBS

THINK TANK WITH BEN WATTENBERG

"Do More Guns Mean Less Crime?"

Guests discuss the debate over gun control. In light of the approaching presidential elections and the candidates' differing views on gun control, Jens Ludwig of Georgetown

University, Rebecca Peters, senior justice fellow at the Open Society Institute's Center on Crime, Communities, and Culture, and John Lott of Yale Law School debate whether more gun laws would mean more or less crime. The group discussed whether they support concealed carry and registration laws, whether allowing more people to own guns would increase or decrease the number of gun homicides, the extent to which gun registration actually helps solve crimes, and whether all guns should be registered.

Monday, Dec. 4, 2000 10:30 p.m. 30 min. PBS

5. GROWTH/THE ENVIRONMENT

AT ISSUE—GOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION FOR GROWTH

David Rusk, a nationally known specialist in urban growth, discusses governmental cooperation to stimulate economic development.

Thursday, Nov. 2, 2000 8:30 p.m. (R) 11/5 4:30 p.m.

30 min. WTVP

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SPECIAL "Return of the Wolf"

For more than 50 years, wolves were driven from Yellowstone. Without them, coyotes emerged as the top predators. Elk herds grew dramatically and the park's natural wildlife balance was disturbed. Now, in a bold and controversial experiment, the wolf has been returned to Yellowstone.

Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2000 7 p.m. 60 min. PBS

NOVA "Runaway Universe"

This program follows the efforts of two rival teams of astronomers as they grapple with the ultimate questions: What is the size and shape of the universe—and how will it end?

Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2000 8 p.m. 60 min. PBS

PEORIA LAKES: CHOKING ON SILT III

Hosted and produced by H Wayne Wilson, this update to 1990 and 1995 documentaries looks at keeping soil out of the Illinois River and its tributaries, how to remove silt from the Peoria Lakes and potential uses for the silt once it's removed.

Thursday, Nov. 30, 2000 8:30 p.m. 30 min. WTVF

6. ECONOMIC/SOCIAL ISSUES

LIVELYHOOD “The Workday That Wouldn't Die”

A century ago, workers won the right to an eight-hour work day—but for millions of Americans today, “nine” to “five” now seems like a quaint idea from a bygone era. Will Durst travels across the country to see how the workday has changed for better and for worse.

Friday, Oct. 6, 2000 8 p.m. 60 min. PBS

AT ISSUE—THE IMPACT OF “NAY-SAYERS”

Local economic leaders look at ways to overcome the impact of today's “nay-sayers.”

Thursday, Nov. 9, 2000 8:30 p.m. 30 min. WTVF

THE POWER OF PLAY “The Heart of the Matter”

Play can be a major source of communal healing, personal identity and pride. This final program visits a special-needs school in San Francisco, profiles two communities preparing for Mardi Gras in New Orleans, and travels to El Salvador with a troupe of clowns lead by Patch Adams, MD, the revolutionary doctor who believes in the healing powers of play.

Sunday, Dec. 31, 2000 3 p.m. 60 min. APTVS