FRONTLINE is working tirelessly to bring you the facts, perspectives and stories that explain this unprecedented time with two separate hours of special programming:

In **Coronavirus Response (working title)** 1x60, Miles O’Brien is on the ground in Seattle, Washington, a U.S. epicenter of the COVID-19 outbreak. Miles, a veteran science journalist, is probing how the coronavirus response by officials in Washington State compares with that of the federal government in Washington, D.C. It’s truly a tale of two Washingtons — and it will examine the consequences of the Trump administration’s diminishment of science. Also this hour, producers Jezza Neumann and Ben C. Solomon are documenting how the outbreak is impacting kids and families who were already facing hunger, poverty and homelessness — and how it is dramatically deepening these existing inequities. Available early May.

In **Coronavirus in Italy (working title)** 1x60, producer Sasha Achilli reports from Northern Italy, where she was born and raised and where COVID-19 has quickly overwhelmed hospitals, with a soaring death toll. Sasha was part of the team that led the investigation into missteps in the global response to the 2014 Ebola outbreak in West Africa. Sadly, the questions she raised then about global preparedness for the next big disease outbreak are now more relevant than ever. Available late May.

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Produced by Miles O’Brien and Jezza Neumann / Sasha Achilli & James Jacoby.
In November 2020, American voters will go to the polls to decide whether President Donald Trump or his Democratic challenger will lead the country for the next four years. In a polarized and bitterly divided country, voter enthusiasm is already at record levels with turnout predicted to be the highest in a century. FRONTLINE’s The Choice 2020 will explore the character of the candidates by examining the formative episodes in their lives through interviews with those who know them best. An antidote to the shrill sound bites, partisan spin, and superficial coverage that have come to characterize American presidential campaigns, The Choice has earned a wide audience and a reputation for its clear, unbiased reporting.

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Diabetes is a hidden epidemic that affects over 100 million people in the US, claiming more lives than cancer and HIV combined and costing close to $350 billion each year. It’s now predicted that one in three children born in this century will develop the disease.

_Blood Sugar Rising_ puts human faces to these statistics, presenting intimate stories and personal voices of Americans who are living with Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes, and their successes and struggles showcase the dramatic impact of this major national public health crisis. This two-hour special also reveals new hopes for improving diabetes management and prevention – from the rise of new medical treatments to exciting discoveries about lifestyle and environmental factors – and asks a provocative question: Why isn’t there a war on diabetes?

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In 1970, the Atlanta Housing Authority opened East Lake Meadows, a public housing community on the edge of the city. Over the next 25 years, many thousands of low-income Atlantans, mostly African American, would call it home. Shoddy construction and a lack of funding left the project and surrounding landscape in disrepair and led to a rapid decline in the quality of life. As public housing in America became increasingly stigmatized, and a crack epidemic overwhelmed East Lake Meadows, the neighborhood became nearly uninhabitable, but residents nonetheless found ways to overcome violence and neglect.

Through the stories of the former residents, East Lake Meadows: A Public Housing Story gives voice to some of the most marginalized people in America and raises critical questions about how the United States created concentrated poverty and limited housing opportunity for African Americans.
A chance meeting in the Caribbean sets in motion a murderous road trip when Lee Malvo, a Jamaican teenager seeking a father figure, meets disaffected U.S. Army veteran John Muhammad. As they travel across the U.S., carrying out a string of shootings and robberies, Muhammad trains Malvo for their final destination: Washington, D.C.

**Episode 1: The Road to Washington, D.C.**

**Episode 2: The Storm**

**Episode 3: “Call Me God”**

**Episode 4: “He told me he loved me”**

**Episode 5: “Your children are not safe”**

**Episode 6: Solitary**

6x60  HD

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Once an unrivaled political power, the NRA is facing challenges from all sides. FRONTLINE investigates how the NRA aligned with President Trump and his base, but is under attack ahead of the 2020 election.

A FRONTLINE Production with Kirk Documentary Group, Ltd.
FRONTLINE investigates what is really been happening with our ever-growing mountains of plastic waste, what industry insider knew about the environmental and public health problems of plastic, and when they knew it. This documentary examines the industry's role in shaping a system that has never worked as advertised, and the decades-long effort to keep a highly profitable secret alive: recycling hasn't kept plastic out of the environment or the oceans. It has just sold more plastic.

1x60  HD

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The Gene: An Intimate History is a four-hour documentary from Ken Burns and Barak Goodman, adapted from the award-winning book of the same name by Dr. Siddhartha Mukherjee. The series tells the story of the rapid evolution of genetic science from Gregor Mendel’s groundbreaking experiment in the 19th century to CRISPR, and the hope that newfound powers to alter DNA with pinpoint precision will transform the treatment of some of the world’s most complex and challenging diseases. The series also tackles the daunting ethical challenges that these technologies pose for humankind.

4x60, 2x120  HD

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George W. Bush

The latest in AMERICAN EXPERIENCE's award-winning series of presidential biographies, George W. Bush is a two-part look at the life and presidency of Bush, from his unorthodox road to the presidency through the contested election of 2000, when a Supreme Court ruling resulted in his becoming the 43rd President. The film chronicles the tumultuous events, domestically and internationally, that dominated Bush's eight years in office—including the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the subsequent war in Iraq, the search for weapons of mass destruction, Hurricane Katrina, and the most serious financial crisis since the Great Depression.

4x60, 2x120 HD

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In 1966, drought and an exploding population confronted India with the imminent threat of a severe famine—a potential disaster that many saw as a warning of global catastrophes to come, as the world’s population outstripped its ability to produce food. In search of a lasting solution, India turned to Norman Borlaug, an unassuming plant breeder from Iowa whose combination of scientific knowledge and raw determination had led him to create a high-yield, fungus-resistant, any-season, all-purpose variety of wheat that could revolutionize a country’s food production. The Man Who Tried to Feed the World recounts the story of the man who would not only solve India’s famine problem but would go on to lead a “Green Revolution” of worldwide agriculture programs estimated to have saved one billion lives and win the 1970 Nobel Peace Prize for his work.

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The Super Outbreak of 1974 was the most intense tornado outbreak on record, tearing a vicious path of destruction across thirteen states, generating 148 tornadoes from Alabama to Ontario, damaging thousands of homes, and killing more than 300 people. Meteorologist Tetsuya Theodore “Ted” Fujita spent ten months studying the outbreak’s aftermath in the most extensive aerial tornado study ever conducted, and through detailed mapping and leaps of scientific imagination, made a series of meteorological breakthroughs. His discovery of “microbursts,” sudden high wind patterns that could cause airplanes to drop from the sky without warning, transformed aviation safety and saved untold numbers of lives. Mr. Tornado is the remarkable story of the man whose groundbreaking work in research and applied science saved thousands of lives and helped prepare for and respond to dangerous weather phenomena.

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Revolutionaries from the start, Quakers defied the Church of England and embraced racial and gender equality. Using verite and archival footage, interviews, voiceover historical quotations, and graphic animations, Quakers: The Quiet Revolutionaries reveals nearly four centuries of Quaker activism. A deft and thoughtful history, the film showcases Quakerism’s founding and documents the long-term impact of this quiet and often revolutionary faith.

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The Vote

*The Vote* is the dramatic story of the fiery and unrelenting campaign to grant women the right to vote, a transformative cultural and political movement that resulted in the largest expansion of voting rights in U.S. history. In its final decade, from 1909 to 1920, the movement wrestled with contentious questions about the most effective methods for affecting social change, as leaders debated the use of militant, even violent tactics. The battle for the vote also upended previously accepted ideas about the role of women in American culture and society and challenged the definitions of citizenship and democracy. Exploring how and why millions of 20th-century Americans mobilized for—and against—women’s suffrage, *The Vote* brings to life the deep controversies over gender roles and race that divided Americans—and continue to dominate political discourse today.

4x60, 2x120 HD

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In season three, host Richard Wiese travels to South Africa to visit endangered penguins, hunts fossils in New York City, explores the thriving cowboy country in Alberta, Canada, studies the Native American culture in Arizona, discovers why birds of a feather flock together, experiences the world’s cultures through dance and much more.

13x30  HD

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They may have stolen many hearts—and the internet—but cats can be perplexing pets. As much cuddly and playful as they are aloof and uncaring, they’ve often raised the question: Did humans ever really domesticate felines? And what more can science tell us about a relationship that predates history?

**Play Program**
Dogs have long been dependable companions by our sides. But it wasn’t always that way—and a look at their closest living relative, the wolf, makes it clear why. Researchers reveal how humans tamed fearsome canines over tens of thousands of years, and how modern dog intelligence and behaviors have made them indispensable companions.

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Dog Tales

1x54 HD

A NOVA Production by Blink Films for WGBH Boston in association with BBC.
Pioneers of Television: Betty White

*Pioneers of Television* presents this definitive look at Betty White's life and career. The film is packed with hilarious clips from her long career, including her roles as the bawdy Sue Ann on *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*, the innocent Rose on *Golden Girls*, and the worldly Elka on *Hot in Cleveland*.

Betty's 80+ years in television is officially the longest career in the history of TV. She was the first woman to produce a national TV show; the first woman to star in a sitcom; and the first woman to receive an Emmy nomination. In fact, she is the first woman to ever appear on television, given her performance on an experimental broadcast in the 1930s. Thanks to exclusive access, the film reveals Betty behind-the-scenes at work, entertaining at home, and interacting with her animal friends—one of whom is a 900 pound grizzly bear. Altogether, it's a portrait of one of the most beloved stars in the world, truly the "First Lady of Television."

1x60  HD

**Play Program**
Pioneers of Television: Carol Burnette

*Pioneers of Television* presents an entertaining look at the career of Carol Burnett. Packed with clips from her greatest performances—and funniest sketches. The documentary features interviews with Tim Conway, Vicki Lawrence, Carl Reiner, Betty White, Dick Van Dyke, Jim Nabors, Phyllis Diller, Pat Carroll, Tony Orlando, Cloris Leachman, Barbara Eden, Tina Fey—and Carol herself.

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This Pioneers of Television profile of Dick Van Dyke's life and career is packed with fun clips from landmark productions like *The Dick Van Dyke Show*, *Mary Poppins*, and *Diagnosis Murder*.

This film also offers a fascinating look at Dick's lesser-known projects: the variety show that beat out *Saturday Night Live* for an Emmy; his serious turn in the much-acclaimed film *The Comic*, and his recent singing career as the lead of *The Vantastix*. Peppered throughout are fresh interviews with Dick and all of his co-stars. It's the story of a career that exemplifies the best in family entertainment.

The film includes interviews with Dick Van Dyke, Carl Reiner, Mary Tyler Moore, Morey Amsterdam, Rose Marie, Tim Conway, and Tim Allen.

1x60  HD

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Cuba’s Cancer Hope

When the U.S. trade embargo left Cuba isolated from medical resources, Cuban doctors were forced to get creative. Now they’ve developed lung cancer vaccines that show so much promise, some Americans are defying the embargo and traveling to Cuba for treatment. In an unprecedented move, Cuban researchers are working with U.S. partners to make the medicines more widely available.

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Earth is alive because of liquid water and the success of our human story is intimately connected to our relationship with this simple molecule. But the growth of our civilizations has created a dangerous dependence on a precious resource that may be about to run out. This three-part series explores just how critical water is to our survival and the challenges that are facing us.

Episode 1: Pulse

Episode 2: Civilizations

Episode 3: Crisis

3x60 HD

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Just outside Paris, France, inside a high-tech vault, requiring three independently controlled keys, rests a small metallic cylinder about the diameter of a golf ball. Encased within three vacuum-sealed bell jars it may not look like much, but it is one of the most important objects on the planet. It affects nearly every aspect of our lives from the moment we are born, to the food we eat, the cars we drive, and even the medicines we take. *The Last Artifact* follows the high-stakes race to redefine the weight of the world reveals the untold story of one of the most important objects on the planet.

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Like virtually every other animal, humans need sleep to survive. But why? What do we gain from spending nearly a third of our lives in such a defenseless state? And what’s at stake if we sleep poorly? The functions of sleep have long been something of a mystery. But now scientists are peering deep into the brain to see what happens while we snooze. One study reveals that well-timed bursts of pink noise can nudge a person’s brain waves, extending periods of slow-wave, or deep, sleep. As scientists come to understand the powerful role that sleep—or lack of it—plays in everything from memory to trauma to emotion regulation, one thing is clear: This biological function is as crucial as it is complex.
Power Trip: The Story of Energy

The story of how societies rise can be told by tracing the story of energy. *Power Trip: The Story of Energy* explores humanity’s most important resource by revealing the energy embedded in our water, food, wealth, cities, transportation and war. As our modern world faces growing demand for and worsening environmental impacts from energy, we are at a crossroads and the stakes are high. But history shows us that energy’s great value is that it allows societies to reinvent themselves. Filmed in stunning locations around the world, *Power Trip* explores how energy has transformed societies of the past and offers wisdom for today’s looming energy crisis. Energy advances always come with costs, some of which won’t be seen until centuries later. Our current energy crisis is real, but it is solvable. We have the power.

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For generations, fat has been the enemy, and overweight individuals have been stigmatized and shamed. But scientists are coming to understand fat as a fascinating and dynamic system akin to an organ—one whose size has more to do with biological processes than personal choices. Through real life stories, explore how fat plays a role in hormone production and can even affect hunger levels and a woman's ability to get pregnant.

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