

NET Television Airs Two Specials Dealing with Issues Raised by the Newtown Tragedy

As the country comes together to grieve the loss of life in Newtown, a national conversation has begun about how to better protect and serve our communities in the face of catastrophe. NET Television airs two programs examining this issue.

“After Newtown,” airing Friday, Dec. 21, at 8 p.m. CT on NET1 and NET-HD, is an hour-long special that brings together news and public affairs teams from across PBS in a joint effort to analyze and illuminate the issues surrounding these events.

Anchored by Gwen Ifill, “After Newtown” addresses such issues as access to guns and the politics of gun laws; mental illness in young adults; the science of detecting violent impulses; and how communities react to unspeakable tragedy.

“After Newtown” will repeat on NET2 World on Saturday, Dec. 22, at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. CT.

At 8 p.m. CT on Saturday, Dec. 22, on NET2 World, a three-hour special, **“What Next After Newtown: What Our Country and Communities Can Do”** will immediately follow the 7 p.m. CT broadcast of “After Newtown.” Divided into several segments, this special features dozens of interviews and in depth reporting.

The first segment will examine the mind of the troubled young people carrying out mass murders, with the second segment looking at the public policies that drive mental health care decisions nationwide.

School security, a topic being debated in every district in the country after Newtown is the focus of the third segment and will include interviews with experts in training school staff.

The issue of how to talk with our children, now and in the weeks follow comprises the fourth segment. Dr. Harold Koplewicz of the Child Mind Institute, and Dr. Robert Abramovitz of The National Child Traumatic Stress Network, are featured.

The fifth segment will address media violence with an original report from correspondent Rick Karr. This segment will feature interviews with a leading researcher in neuroscience, examples of what teenagers and children are watching and playing and an interview with young people who have grown up with violent games and movies and television

The final half hour of the program is about guns and gun control and will include an interview with a proponent of gun ownership followed with animated experts on legislation and policy and what’s to come.

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