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Congress has just one week to get things done before lawmakers leave town for spring break. Here is what you need to know. There is still a crisis at the southern border and the situation is getting worse every day. Heritage experts say President Trump has four options to fix it. Also, as Trump takes aim at health care reform, liberals are desperate to stop him. We explain why. Plus, the Supreme Court will soon hear arguments to decide if Trump can add a citizenship question to the 2020 census. We have a video that breaks down why the citizenship question is essential. Take notes, we have you conservative policy solutions right here.—Michelle Cordero

The border is a hot mess. Here are Trump's options.

President Trump traveled to California's southern border this weekend. He spent time with Border Patrol agents and viewed new border wall construction. James Carafano, vice president of Heritage's Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Institute for National Security and Foreign Policy and E. W. Richardson fellow, [says](#) "the border is a hot mess" and Trump has to do something about it. "Put yourself in the president's shoes. He saw the border crisis building. He warned Congress. They did nothing. Now he has to do something." Carafano says Trump has four options. [Read his commentary](#) and Heritage's [latest report on immigration reform](#).

The left is desperate to sabotage Trump's health care plans.

Liberals are coming out guns blazing against what they call the Trump administration's "sabotage" of Obamacare, says Bob Moffit, a senior fellow at Heritage in domestic policy studies. "American taxpayers should ignore these partisan political theatrics. Under the Trump initiatives, Americans who like their Obamacare plan can keep their Obamacare plan, but they also enable Americans to obtain a more affordable and flexible benefit package if they wish." Moffit says, "Trump's policy is one of addition, not subtraction." [Read Moffit's commentary](#) and [learn more about Trump's health care plan](#).

Why the census citizen question makes sense.

The Supreme Court will begin oral arguments on April 23 to decide if the Trump administration can add a citizenship question to the 2020 census. "Foreign observers must be shaking their heads in disbelief that adding a citizenship question to the U.S. census has proved so controversial as to result in litigation," [writes](#) Hans von Spakovsky, a senior fellow in Heritage's Meese Center for Legal and Judicial Studies. A citizenship question was [a standard](#)—and noncontroversial—part of the census until 2010. Additionally, the U.S. census gives us important information about individuals living in the United States—it is critical it is complete and accurate. [Learn more about why the census question makes sense in this Heritage Explains video](#).

HAPPENING AT HERITAGE

Last week, **Jordan B. Peterson**, a professor of psychology at the University of Toronto, a clinical psychologist, and a renowned public speaker, shared his wisdom on how to help the poor, protect our environment, and create jobs and higher wages with hundreds of Heritage Foundation supporters in New York City. [In case you missed it, you can watch the event here](#).

Monday at noon, Heritage will host an event featuring the Concerned Women for America to discuss women's athletics in the age of gender identity. This event will feature a panel with **Bianca Stanescu**, mother of Selina Soule, a Glastonbury High School track and field athlete; **Jennifer S. Bryson**, the founder of Let All Play; **Madeleine Kearns**, the William F. Buckley Jr. fellow in political journalism at the National Review Institute; and **Doreen Denny**, the senior director of government relations at Concerned Women for America. [Watch the event live.](#)

Wednesday at 2:30 p.m., a panel of experts will discuss the next steps on the Korean Peninsula and recommendations for U.S. policy. Featured speakers include **Scott Snyder**, a senior fellow and director at the Council on Foreign Relations; **Jung H. Pak**, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution; and **Olivia Enos**, a policy analyst in Heritage's Asian Studies Center. [Watch the event live.](#)

Thursday at noon, Heritage will co-host an event with the Federalist Society to discuss the proper role of the prosecutor in judicial proceedings. This event will feature **Steve Cook**, associate deputy attorney general of the Office of Law Enforcement and liaison for the U.S. Department of Justice; **Shon Hopwood**, associate professor of law at Georgetown Law Center; and **Clark Neily**, vice president for criminal justice at the Cato Institute. [Watch the event live.](#)

HERITAGE IN THE NEWS

Kelsey Bolar, a senior writer and producer at The Heritage Foundation, joined **Fox Business' "The Evening Edit"** to discuss Trump's response to the Mueller investigation. [Watch the interview here.](#)

Riley Walters, a policy analyst in Heritage's Asian Studies Center, joined **Fox Business' "FBN:am"** to talk about the U.S.-China trade talks and the prospects

for wrapping up a deal with the Chinese soon. [Watch the interview here.](#)

Bruce Klingner, a senior research fellow in Heritage's Asian Studies Center, joined **CNN's "The Situation Room"** to talk about the assassination of Kim Jong Un's half-brother, Kim Jong Nam, in 2017, the upcoming release of one of the individuals involved, and China's role in possibly protecting Kim Jong Nam.

[Watch the interview here.](#)

James Carafano, vice president of Heritage's Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Institute for National Security and Foreign Policy, joined **Fox News' "Fox & Friends First"** to talk about the resurgence of Russia during President Obama's tenure and why the left is wrong to blame President Trump for Russian behavior.

[Watch the interview here.](#)

Genevieve Wood, senior adviser and spokesperson for The Heritage Foundation, discussed paycheck fairness, paid leave, and child care on **PBS' "To the Contrary."** [Watch the interview here.](#)

Peter Brookes, a senior fellow in Heritage's Douglas and Sarah Allison Center for Foreign Policy, joined **Fox Business' "After the Bell"** to talk about NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg's visit with Trump and the current state of the NATO alliance. [Watch the interview here.](#)

Nile Gardiner, director of Heritage's Margaret Thatcher Center for Freedom, joined **CNN International's "CNN Today"** to talk about the latest Brexit drama and Prime Minister Theresa May's betrayal of the British people who voted for Brexit. [Watch the interview here.](#)

Tom Jipping, Heritage's deputy director of the Edwin Meese III Center for Legal and Judicial Studies and senior legal fellow, joined **"PBS Newshour"** to discuss

our current situation of having the highest level of district court vacancies in American history. [Watch the interview here.](#)

James Roberts, research fellow for economic freedom and growth at Heritage, joined **Fox Business' "Countdown to the Closing Bell"** to talk about the economic effects of closing the southern border with Mexico and the effects of Brexit on trade with the U.S. [Watch the interview here.](#)

Joshua Meservey, senior policy analyst for Africa and the Middle East at Heritage's Douglas and Sarah Allison Center for Foreign Policy, joined **Fox News' "Special Report"** to talk about the defeat of ISIS and whether the group is truly defeated or will seek to regroup and come back. [Watch the interview here.](#)

POLICY PICTURE



"Since the 2016 election, one in six Americans has stopped talking to a family member with whom they disagree politically. That is a problem," says Arthur Brooks, president of the American Enterprise Institute. Brooks spoke at Heritage last week about how being civil toward one another is not enough. "We must answer hate with love." [Watch or listen to the full event.](#)

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