NOV. 12, 2010: WORKING THE AIRWAVES WITH PUBLIC NEWS SERVICE

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The state's airwaves were brimming with news from Blueprint partners in the weeks before the election.

Partners supplied expert guests for radio talk shows to discuss the flood of campaign cash into the state, counter misleading ads and forecast results.

But for seven partners in the final four weeks, their stories were amplified by the six-month old North Carolina News Service. For most, it was their first time to work with a subscription news model.

NCNS is a unit of Colorado-based Public News Service. It entered North Carolina last spring [illegible] The service has an Asheville-based reporter who produces a set number of radio stories in return for an annual fee.

In every account, partners tout the ease of working with NCNS. After an initial pitch and some suggested interview source suggestions, the reporter produces a broadcast-ready piece – often the same day.

In the past month, **Equality NC, Common Cause, Center for Voter Education, Community Reinvestment Association, Democracy North Carolina, Center for Death Penalty Litigation** and the **Southern Coalition for Social Justice** have been featured in NCNS reports.

The stories kept consumer-oriented elections news in front of listeners and reminded voters of some of the values at risk.

An average 25 unique stations carried each of the stories for an average estimated audience of 314,000. The total estimated audience was 2.2 million for the seven stories. Two were picked up by Clear Channel Communications and sent out on its national network (not reflected in the audience estimates). Most of the stories also were picked up by a few print publications – mostly rural weeklies (also not included in audience tallies).

Once NCNS produces the story, the old school rules of news judgment take over as news directors decide whether to air it. And that's where we see sharp break-outs in the range of usage.

The most widely used of our seven stories was a report on instant runoff balloting timed to run the Thursday before election day (33 stations) and another on early voting that aired the day before early voting was to begin (32 stations).

A story that used a Chapel Hill summit on the new Consumer Financial Protection Bureau as a time and place peg attracted 28 stations, and actually had the largest estimated audience at 684,000.

So although NCNS takes a lot of the dirty work out of dealing with the news media, success still depends on the universals of news: compelling new information, time, place and existing prominent story lines.

Overall, NCNS says in its first six months, it produced 104 stories picked up by 150 radio stations – mostly in North Carolina, but some border markets in South Carolina and Tennessee – 79 print outlets and 10 television stations. There is anecdotal evidence that some online news sites and blogs have run segments.

All those big numbers make it difficult to gauge the impact of NCNS. Perhaps the right question is: How many of those radio listeners were getting news from a progressive perspective a year ago?

Here are the two most recent NCNS stories from Blueprint partners:

Common Cause's Bob Phillips was interviewed for a Public News Service story on instant runoff voting in which he made the case that although this ballot was unwieldy, IRV had long-term good government potential.

http://www.publicnewsservice.org/index.php?/content/article/16692-1 (http://www.publicnewsservice.org/index.php?/content/article/16692-1)

Ian Palmquist of **Equality NC** was interviewed for a Public News Service story on the state's pioneering anti-bullying law that made the state a national leader in dealing with this behavior as the tragic results of bullying mounted in the national news.

http://www.publicnewsservice.org/index.php?/content/article/16706-1 (http://www.publicnewsservice.org/index.php?/content/article/16706-1)

In other news,

Damon Circosta of the **Center for Voter Education** was interviewed on WUNC radio for a story on why there was so much money spent on North Carolina's elections this year, and who was doing the spending.

http://wunc.org/programs/news/archive/NLL110110_MONEY.mp3/view (http://wunc.org/programs/news/archive/NLL110110_MONEY.mp3/view)

Damon was quoted in a Freedom Newspapers political blog about the end of the election "silly season."

http://intheloop.freedomblogging.com/2010/11/04/the-silly-season-has-ended/1620/ (http://intheloop.freedomblogging.com/2010/11/04/the-silly-season-has-ended/1620/)

And in a column in the Gaston Gazette and New Bern Sun Journal.

http://www.gastongazette.com/articles/story-52400-extinction-associated.html (http://www.gastongazette.com/articles/story-52400-extinction-associated.html)

The work of **Center for Voter Education** in co-sponsoring a teen competition for GOTV videos was cited by a WRAL.com blog.

http://www.gastongazette.com/articles/story-52400-extinction-associated.html (http://www.gastongazette.com/articles/story-52400-extinction-associated.html)

CVE's forum for Court of Appeals candidates was cited in a Mountain Xpress report.

http://www.mountainx.com/blogwire/2010/n.c._appeals_court_forum_airs_statewide_sunday_oct._31_at_1_pm
(http://www.mountainx.com/blogwire/2010/n.c._appeals_court_forum_airs_statewide_sunday_oct._31_at_1_pm)

Bob Hall of **Democracy North Carolina** was interviewed for a WRAL-TV report on the wave of campaign cash that flooded the state in the weeks before the elections.

http://www.wral.com/news/local/politics/story/8591407/ (http://www.wral.com/news/local/politics/story/8591407/)

Katy Munger of **Democracy NC** blogged at BlueNC about Democracy's voter protection hotline.

http://www.bluenc.com/report-voting-problems-1-888-687-8683-888-our-vote (http://www.bluenc.com/report-voting-problems-1-888-687-8683-888-our-vote)

Democracy's Jennifer Frye was quoted in a Chapel Hill News account of the Chapel Hill Town Council's move to make available more money for candidates who use public financing.

http://www.chapelhillnews.com/2010/10/31/60447/chapel-hill-town-council-amends.html (http://www.chapelhillnews.com/2010/10/31/60447/chapel-hill-town-council-amends.html)

Chris Estes of the **Housing Coalition** was quoted in a North Carolina Independent News story on the record pace of foreclosures in North Carolina.

http://www.americanindependent.com/155381/north-carolina-to-break-foreclosure-record-this-month-report-says
(http://www.americanindependent.com/155381/north-carolina-to-break-foreclosure-record-this-month-report-says)

As well as the Jacksonville Daily News.

http://www.enctoday.com/news/market-84866-jdn-housing-counties.html (http://www.enctoday.com/news/market-84866-jdn-housing-counties.html)

And on News 14 for a story that also included Rochelle Sparko of the **Justice Center**.

http://triangle.news14.com/content/632512/north-carolina-on-pace-to-break-foreclosure-record (http://triangle.news14.com/content/632512/north-carolina-on-pace-to-break-foreclosure-record)

And WCHL radio, which also cited **Justice Center** research.

http://www.wchl1360.com/details.html?id=16502 (http://www.wchl1360.com/details.html?id=16502)

As did WUNC radio.

http://wunc.org/programs/news/archive/Sli110910_Foreclosure_Record.mp3/view?searchterm=foreclosure
(http://wunc.org/programs/news/archive/Sli110910_Foreclosure_Record.mp3/view?searchterm=foreclosure)

Times-News of Hendersonville.

http://www.blueridgenow.com/article/20101110/ARTICLES/11101018/1042/news?Title=NC-to-break-foreclosure-record
(http://www.blueridgenow.com/article/20101110/ARTICLES/11101018/1042/news?Title=NC-to-break-foreclosure-record)

Garner News.

http://www.garnernews.net/view/full_story/10358944/article-State-to-break-foreclosure-record-this-month?instance=secondary_news_left_column
(http://www.garnernews.net/view/full_story/10358944/article-State-to-break-foreclosure-record-this-month?instance=secondary_news_left_column)

WWAY-TV, which also quoted Bill Rowe of the **Justice Center**.

http://www.wwaytv3.com/new_hanover_and_brunswick_counties_top_10_list_foreclosures_nc/11/2010
(http://www.wwaytv3.com/new_hanover_and_brunswick_counties_top_10_list_foreclosures_nc/11/2010)

And the Winston-Salem Journal.

http://www2.journalnow.com/business/2010/nov/09/more-homeowners-in-nc-lose-homes-ar-522144/ (http://www2.journalnow.com/business/2010/nov/09/more-homeowners-in-nc-lose-homes-ar-522144/)

And Burlington Times-News.

http://www.thetimesnews.com/news/foreclosures-38429-nation-pace.html (http://www.thetimesnews.com/news/foreclosures-38429-nation-pace.html)

Kathleen Day of the **Center for Responsible Lending** was quoted in a Charlotte Observer story on homeowners who get foreclosure notices even as they are working out loan modifications.

http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2010/11/10/1825669/foreclosure-notices-greet-many.html (http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2010/11/10/1825669/foreclosure-notices-greet-many.html)

Kathleen was quoted in a McClatchy Newspapers story on bank lobbyists' rejoice of the new GOP power in Congress.

http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2010/11/14/103658/banks-expect-more-sympathy-from.html (http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2010/11/14/103658/banks-expect-more-sympathy-from.html)

Kathleen was quoted in a Minneapolis Star-Tribune story about people who have been victims of banks' errors in processing foreclosures.

http://www.startribune.com/local/107775738.html?elr=KArksLckD8EQDUoaEyqyP4O:DW3ckUiD3aPc:_Yyc:aULPQL7PQLanchO7DiUsT (http://www.startribune.com/local/107775738.html?elr=KArksLckD8EQDUoaEyqyP4O:DW3ckUiD3aPc:_Yyc:aULPQL7PQLanchO7DiUsT)

CRL research was cited in a Charlotte Observer/McClatchy report on banking errors.

http://www.kansascity.com/2010/11/11/2419810/officials-protest-as-modifications.html (http://www.kansascity.com/2010/11/11/2419810/officials-protest-as-modifications.html)

Kathleen was quoted in a Louisville Courier-Journal story on the effect of banks' shoddy paperwork in processing foreclosures.

http://www.courier-journal.com/article/20101105/BUSINESS/311050125/Buying+time+on+foreclosures (http://www.courier-journal.com/article/20101105/BUSINESS/311050125/Buying+time+on+foreclosures)

Kathleen was quoted by the Roanoke (Va) Times in response to a speech given by former BB&T CEO John Allison that federal policy was at the heart of the housing crisis.

http://www.roanoke.com/business/wb/266199 (http://www.roanoke.com/business/wb/266199)

The work of **Center for Responsible Lending** and the **Center for Community Self-Help** was cited in a Huffington Post item on the big business of selling credit to the poor.

http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2010/11/14/103658/banks-expect-more-sympathy-from.html (http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2010/11/14/103658/banks-expect-more-sympathy-from.html)

CRL's Michael Calhoun was quoted in a Washington Post account of North Carolina's commissioner of banks being named to oversee mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

http://voices.washingtonpost.com/political-economy/2010/11/president_obama_on_friday_tapp.html (http://voices.washingtonpost.com/political-economy/2010/11/president_obama_on_friday_tapp.html)

And in the Wall Street Journal.

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704658204575610581813788178.html (http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704658204575610581813788178.html)

And Bloomberg News.

http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2010-11-12/obama-will-name-north-carolina-regulator-smith-as-fannie-freddie-overseer.html (http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2010-11-12/obama-will-name-north-carolina-regulator-smith-as-fannie-freddie-overseer.html)

CRL's Charlene Crowell wrote columns exploring the role of clergy in advocating for responsible financial practices for their congregations that appeared in the South Florida Times and the Westside Gazette (Fla).

http://www.sfltimes.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=5821&Itemid=185 (http://www.sfltimes.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=5821&Itemid=185)

CRL research was cited in a Tallahassee Democrat editorial on reopening public access to foreclosure proceedings in Florida.

http://www.tallahassee.com/article/20101118/OPINION01/11180301/Our-Opinion-Public-access-returns-to-foreclosure-proceedings (http://www.tallahassee.com/article/20101118/OPINION01/11180301/Our-Opinion-Public-access-returns-to-foreclosure-proceedings)

CRL research was cited in a Fox Business report on selecting a foreclosure attorney.

http://www.foxbusiness.com/personal-finance/2010/11/15/tips-choosing-foreclosure-attorney/ (http://www.foxbusiness.com/personal-finance/2010/11/15/tips-choosing-foreclosure-attorney/)

An editorial in the Asheville Citizen-Times advocating for more government help for foreclosure victims cited **CRL** and **Justice Center** research.

http://www.citizen-times.com/article/20101115/OPINION01/311150007/1006 (http://www.citizen-times.com/article/20101115/OPINION01/311150007/1006)

A Winston-Salem Journal article on the appointment of two North Carolinians to new financial regulatory posts in Washington cited Mark Pearce's time at **CRL**.

http://www2.journalnow.com/business/2010/nov/13/obama-picks-tarheel-ar-533601/ (http://www2.journalnow.com/business/2010/nov/13/obama-picks-tarheel-ar-533601/)

A consumers' guide produced by **CRL** was cited in a Charlotte Observer article on how to pick a bank.

http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2010/11/09/1823464/unhappy-with-your-bank-make-a.html (http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2010/11/09/1823464/unhappy-with-your-bank-make-a.html)

As well as in the Omaha World Herald.

http://www.omaha.com/article/20101111/MONEY/711119886 (http://www.omaha.com/article/20101111/MONEY/711119886)

And the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

http://www.ajc.com/news/advice-on-how-to-704522.html (http://www.ajc.com/news/advice-on-how-to-704522.html)

CRL's Julia Gordon was quoted in a Business Week report on the challenges facing loan modification programs.

http://www.businessweek.com/magazine/content/10_47/b4204051518731.htm (http://www.businessweek.com/magazine/content/10_47/b4204051518731.htm)

And in Consumer Affairs.

http://www.consumeraffairs.com/news04/2010/11/distressed-homeowners-still-critical-of-mortgage-modification-process.html (http://www.consumeraffairs.com/news04/2010/11/distressed-homeowners-still-critical-of-mortgage-modification-process.html)

And Business Week.

http://www.businessweek.com/news/2010-11-02/mortgage-modification-failures-push-borrowers-into-foreclosure.html (http://www.businessweek.com/news/2010-11-02/mortgage-modification-failures-push-borrowers-into-foreclosure.html)

CRL research was cited in a Providence Journal report on loan modification efforts.

http://www.projo.com/economy/Foreclosure_Grind_11-07-10_16KLDU3_v16.1ece75f.html (http://www.projo.com/economy/Foreclosure_Grind_11-07-10_16KLDU3_v16.1ece75f.html)

CRL's Uriah King was quoted in a USA Today story on Montana's voters approving a cap on interest rates for payday loans.

http://www.usatoday.com/money/perfi/credit/2010-11-04-payday04_ST_N.htm (http://www.usatoday.com/money/perfi/credit/2010-11-04-payday04_ST_N.htm)

CRL's Kathleen Keest was quoted in a Washington Post story on the failure of federal officials to state banking regulators in their requests for more transparency in foreclosure proceedings.

http://www.newsday.com/classifieds/real-estate/request-for-foreclosure-probe-3-years-ago-thwarted-1.2438839 (http://www.newsday.com/classifieds/real-estate/request-for-foreclosure-probe-3-years-ago-thwarted-1.2438839)

CRL's Josh Frank was quoted by the University of Virginia's Cavalier Daily for a story on credit card marketing to students.

http://www.cavalierdaily.com/2010/11/01/credit-card-companies-vie-for-student-pockets/ (http://www.cavalierdaily.com/2010/11/01/credit-card-companies-vie-for-student-pockets/)

An **Institute of Southern Studies** report on the effect of Art Pope's money on North Carolina statehouse elections was reported by the North Carolina Independent News Network.

http://www.americanindependent.com/154893/nc-groups-tied-to-art-pope-helped-gop-take-control-of-general-assembly-report-says (http://www.americanindependent.com/154893/nc-groups-tied-to-art-pope-helped-gop-take-control-of-general-assembly-report-says)

The N&O.

http://www.newsobserver.com/2010/11/14/801890/burr-signs-republicans-no-earmarks.html (http://www.newsobserver.com/2010/11/14/801890/burr-signs-republicans-no-earmarks.html)

and.

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(http://projects.newsobserver.com/under_the_dome/more_money_from_pope_to_support_gop)
and

http://projects.newsobserver.com/under_the_dome/what_art_popes_money_paid_for
(http://projects.newsobserver.com/under_the_dome/what_art_popes_money_paid_for)

WRAL-TV.

http://www.wral.com/news/local/politics/story/8617833/ (http://www.wral.com/news/local/politics/story/8617833/)

Rocky Mount Telegram.

http://www.rockymounttelegram.com/news/elections/donor-helps-spread-gops-message-175454 (http://www.rockymounttelegram.com/news/elections/donor-helps-spread-gops-message-175454)

Mountain Xpress.
http://www.mountainx.com/blogwire/2010/opinion_millionaires_money_key_to_ncs_historic_gop_wins
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http://www.mountainx.com/blogwire/2010/institute_for_southern_studies_republican_benefactor_fueled_gop_takeover
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Cherokee Scout.
http://cherokeescout.com/articles/2010/11/09/opinions/doc4cd9ad4701ea9488053674.txt
(http://cherokeescout.com/articles/2010/11/09/opinions/doc4cd9ad4701ea9488053674.txt)

And Washington Daily News.
http://www.wdnweb.com/articles/2010/11/11/news/doc4cdb4cc718e97240075405.txt
(http://www.wdnweb.com/articles/2010/11/11/news/doc4cdb4cc718e97240075405.txt)

ISS' Chris Kromm blogged at Huffington Post on the voter fraud myth.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/chris-kromm/post_1194_b_777655.html (http://www.huffingtonpost.com/chris-kromm/post_1194_b_777655.html)

Katy Parker of the **ACLU** was quoted in a Mountain Xpress article on a judge's ruling against the state in its attempt to force Amazon.com to reveal book titles ordered by its North Carolina customers.

http://www.mountainx.com/news/2010/110310amazon-to-n.c.-revenuers-dont-ask-wont-tell (http://www.mountainx.com/news/2010/110310amazon-to-n.c.-revenuers-dont-ask-wont-tell)

The **ACLU**'s Sarah Preston was quoted in a Fayetteville Observer item on state Republican plans to require photo identification card to vote.
http://www.fayobserver.com/articles/2010/11/15/1031683?sac=Home (http://www.fayobserver.com/articles/2010/11/15/1031683?sac=Home)

Sarah was quoted in an Associated Press account of the state's plans to begin taking DNA samples of people arrested on felony charges.

http://www.fayobserver.com/articles/2010/11/11/1047113?sac=Home (http://www.fayobserver.com/articles/2010/11/11/1047113?sac=Home)

Sarah was quoted in a Laurinburg Exchange article on the town's decision to delay a proposed ban on baggy pants, which the ACLU had considered a violation of the Constitution.

http://www.laurinburgexchange.com/view/full_story/10247689/article-Sagging-pants-dropped-for-now?instance=secondary_news_left_column
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WRAL-TV.

http://www.wral.com/news/local/story/8598258/ (http://www.wral.com/news/local/story/8598258/)

And in the Fayetteville Observer.

http://www.fayobserver.com/articles/2010/11/09/1046431?sac=Home (http://www.fayobserver.com/articles/2010/11/09/1046431?sac=Home)

Sarah was quoted in an Independent Weekly story on the FBI's raid of anti-war activists' homes.

http://www.indyweek.com/indyweek/why-is-the-fbi-interested-in-the-anti-war-movement/Content?oid=1786829 (http://www.indyweek.com/indyweek/why-is-the-fbi-interested-in-the-anti-war-movement/Content?oid=1786829)

The **ACLU**'s position on the town of King's plans to allow religious flags at a public memorial was cited in by the Associated Press.

http://www.news-record.com/content/2010/11/10/article/group_wants_flag_limits_in_king (http://www.news-record.com/content/2010/11/10/article/group_wants_flag_limits_in_king)

UPI.

http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2010/11/02/Flag-removal-sparks-controversy/UPI-83541288739946/ (http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2010/11/02/Flag-removal-sparks-controversy/UPI-83541288739946/)

Katy Parker was quoted in the Winston-Salem Journal.

http://www2.journalnow.com/news/2010/nov/06/councils-compromise-called-reasonable-ar-515925/ (http://www2.journalnow.com/news/2010/nov/06/councils-compromise-called-reasonable-ar-515925/)

And on Fox News.

http://www.foxnews.com/us/2010/11/02/north-carolina-city-votes-allow-christian-flag-fly/ (http://www.foxnews.com/us/2010/11/02/north-carolina-city-votes-allow-christian-flag-fly/)

Equality NC's Ian Palmquist was quoted in an Associated Press report on the chances that the new GOP statehouse majority will move to amend the constitution to ban gay marriage.

http://www.wral.com/news/state/story/8609861/ (http://www.wral.com/news/state/story/8609861/)

Ian also was interviewed for a News 14 story on the potential for a move by statehouse Republicans to push a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage.

Action for Children's Tom Vitaglione wrote a guest column for the N&O in which he used the annual Child Health Report Card to illustrate progress and need in the state's approach to children's health issues.

http://www.newsobserver.com/2010/11/11/794491/sustain-the-gains-for-nc-children.html (http://www.newsobserver.com/2010/11/11/794491/sustain-the-gains-for-nc-children.html)

The column was cited and linked at Progressive Pulse.

http://pulse.ncpolicywatch.org/2010/11/12/leadership-needed-to-insure-more-children/ (http://pulse.ncpolicywatch.org/2010/11/12/leadership-needed-to-insure-more-children/)

Mandy Ableidinger of **Action for Childre**n wrote an op-ed in the N&O highlighting some of the children's issues that should be on Congress' lame duck agenda.

http://www.newsobserver.com/2010/11/13/798819/congress-has-work-to-do-for-children.html#storylink=misearch (http://www.newsobserver.com/2010/11/13/798819/congress-has-work-to-do-for-children.html#storylink=misearch)

Mandy also wrote a column for Policy Watch's Progressive Voices on the causes of the school-to-prison pipeline.

https://mail.google.com/a/blueprintnc.org/#inbox/12c60cd3dd3e0bbd (https://mail.google.com/a/blueprintnc.org/#inbox/12c60cd3dd3e0bbd)

Action NC's Pat McCoy and Michael De Los Santos of the **Community Reinvestment Association** were quoted in a Daily Tar Heel article on the formal bankruptcy filing of ACORN, and the new work being done by **Action NC**.

http://www.dailytarheel.com/index.php/article/2010/11/acorn_les_for_bankruptcy (http://www.dailytarheel.com/index.php/article/2010/11/acorn_les_for_bankruptcy)

Rev. Nelson Johnson of **Beloved Community Center** and Anita Earls of **the Southern Coalition for Social Justice** were cited in a Yes Weekly report on a discrimination complaint filed against the Greensboro Police Department.

http://yesweeklyblog.blogspot.com/2010/11/civil-rights-complaint-filed-with-doj.html (http://yesweeklyblog.blogspot.com/2010/11/civil-rights-complaint-filed-with-doj.html)

The Greensboro News & Record also reported the Title IX complaint.

http://www.news-record.com/content/2010/11/02/article/latin_kings_file_federal_civil_rights_complaint_against_greensboro_police (http://www.news-record.com/content/2010/11/02/article/latin_kings_file_federal_civil_rights_complaint_against_greensboro_police)

Elaine Gordon of the **Center for Death Penalty Litigation** was quoted in an Asheville Citizen-Times story on the life sentence given to a man convicted of shooting to death a Highway Patrol trooper.

http://www.citizen-times.com/article/20101110/NEWS/311100062&theme=BLANTON (http://www.citizen-times.com/article/20101110/NEWS/311100062&theme=BLANTON)

A Daily Tar Heel story reported the Wake County ACLU's awarding of the Finlator Award for civil rights work to Mark Kleinschmidt of **Fair Trial Initiative** and the **Center for Death Penalty Litigation** and Steve Dear of **People of Faith Against the Death Penalty**.

http://www.dailytarheel.com/index.php/article/2010/11/chapel_hill_mayor_honored_by_aclu (http://www.dailytarheel.com/index.php/article/2010/11/chapel_hill_mayor_honored_by_aclu)

In a story about a New Hill pastor winning an award for his active opposition to a planned wastewater treatment plant, the Apex Herald cited the role of **Southern Coalition for Social Justice** in assisting in the struggle.

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Jeff was a guest on WPTF radio's "People in Politics" program.

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