

# Broad View discussion topics for January 28, 2012

## 1 **Obama's third SOTU - 27% changed channel after 5 minutes**

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*Kantar used second-by-second audience data gleaned from set-top boxes connected to TV sets from 9pm – 10:30pm. It found: In the first five minutes, 27% of the audience tuned away.*

## 2 **President Obama has airport argument with Arizona Governor Brewer**

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*Brewer handed the president a handwritten letter, they spoke and at one point she pointed her finger at him. It seemed they were talking over each other, then Obama appeared to walk away from the governor while she was still talking.*

## 3 **More downgrades for European countries**

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*Fitch just cut the long-term issuer ratings of 5 EU countries:  
Belgium: AA+ to AA Spain: AA- to A Italy: A+ to A- Cyprus: BBB to BBB- Slovenia: AA- to A*

## 4 **Gabrielle Giffords finally resigns**

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*Surrounded by friends and colleagues and holding Rep. Jeff Flake's hand, Giffords heard her close friend, Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, read her resignation letter to the chamber. In it, Giffords said she had "more work to do on my recovery before I can again serve in elected office."*

## 5 **TSA detains U.S. Senator Rand Paul**

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*Paul asked for another scan but refused a hand pat down by TSA. He said he was "detained" in a small cubicle and missed his flight to Washington for a Senate session. This particular detention raises some serious constitutional questions.*

## 6 **Romney converted his dead atheist father-in-law to Mormonism**

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*Edward Davies, Mitt Romney's militantly atheist father-in-law, was indeed posthumously converted to Mormonism by his family, despite the fact that when he was alive he regarded all religions as "hogwash."*

## 7 **Barney Frank marrying his partner**

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*Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., the nation's longest serving openly-gay member of the House of Representatives plans to marry his partner, Jim Ready, in a Massachusetts ceremony... If he marries while in Congress, he'll be the first openly-gay member to be married while in office.*

## 8 **"Barefoot Bandit" sentenced to 6 1/2 years**

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*Harris-Moore spoke publicly in court Friday for the first time since his 2010 arrest. A short while later, he was sentenced to 6 1/2 years in federal prison, which will be served concurrently with state prison time.*

## Nevada - State & local news

### 1 **Caughlin fire was caused by arcing power lines** #

*A report released by the City of Reno Friday says the Caughlin Fire that destroyed dozens of homes in November was caused by arcing power lines.*

### 2 **Last Reno Occupy protester arrested at Moana Pool** #

*Police say Edward Gill refused to sign a citation and they arrested him around 10:30 p.m. Gill says he wanted to be arrested. Gill says getting arrested is actually symbolic for the Occupy movement.*

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## Sports

### 1 **Madonna bringing gay to Super Bowl halftime show** #

*Madonna is currently gearing up for her appearance at the Super Bowl next weekend and NY Daily News have reported that the 'Vogue' singer will be "bringing gay" to the event.*