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[Deroy Murdock explores how conservatives have summed up Judge Samuel Alito's Supreme Court confirmation hearings](#)

Hour One



[Congressional Ethics?](#)

Former Congresswoman Claudine Schneider (R-RI) and former Congressman Rev. Bob Edgar (D-PA) discuss the importance of ethics in government and whether the latest allegations confronting house members indicate an expanding culture of corruption.



[The Notorious PhD](#)

Dr. Jonathan Farley, aka The Notorious PhD shares some of the passion and purpose that led to his recent honor as one of the 15 people who shaped the global conversation on math and science.



[Soweto Gospel Choir](#)

Members of the internationally acclaimed Soweto Gospel Choir talk to Tavis about their distinct sound, their 44-city U.S. tour and their new sophomore album *Blessed*.

Hour Two



[Potential Shift in Balance of Power?](#)

Democratic advisor Donna Brazile and Republican pollster Frank Luntz each give predictions on the direction of Congress in the next session.



[YellowBlack](#)

Poet and publisher Haki Madhubuti shares some of the painful and poignant childhood experiences revealed in his new memoir, *YellowBlack: The First Twenty-One Year's of a Poet's life*.



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S. Epatha Merkerson

Actress S. Epatha Merkerson celebrates her Golden Globes win for *Lackawanna Blues* with Tavis and tells the story of how she began her amazing 13-year run on *Law & Order*.



Bishop Walter Hawkins

Grammy Award-winning gospel artist Bishop Walter Hawkins moves from the shadow of the Hawkins family name with his solo debut *A Song in my Heart*.

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