

# WVPH Quarterly Issues and Programs List

## July - September, 2023

### **Issue: What are our rights as U.S. citizens, and how are they changing?**

The U.S. Constitution grants citizens the right to vote, but elections are run by the state and local governments, who may enact policies that make it difficult for some people to vote. Healthcare and privacy rights are also changing as some states add restrictions on abortions. Gun control has come into focus in the wake of mass shootings.

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### **Democracy Now! 7/12/2023 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)**

Amy Goodman and Kerstin Bergea, president of the Swedish Peace and Arbitration Society, discuss Sweden's interest in joining the NATO alliance. Amy Goodman and Katrina vanden Heuvel, publisher of The Nation, discuss war in Ukraine and the NATO summit. Amy Goodman, Laurie Cantillo, board member of Humane Borders, and Eddie Canales, director of the South Texas Human Rights Center, discuss a heat wave in the southern U.S. and its affect on asylum seekers. Amy Goodman and Chris Gloninger, senior climate scientist at the Woods Hole Group, discuss climate change.

### **Democracy Now! 7/15/2023 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)**

Nermeen Shaikh and Shawn Sharma, board member of SAG-AFTRA, discuss the television and film actors strike, as well as the Writers Guild of America strike. Nermeen Shaikh and historian and author Grey Anderson discuss the role of NATO. Nermeen Shaikh, Million Belay, general coordinator of the Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa, and professor Raj Patel discuss a United Nations report on causes of food insecurity.

### **Democracy Now! 8/3/2023 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)**

Amy Goodman, Dennis Aftergut, former federal prosecutor, and Robert Weissman, president of Public Citizen, discuss the four count federal indictment of Donald Trump. Amy Goodman and Rajan Menon, senior research scholar at Columbia University's Saltzman Institute discuss ongoing war in Ukraine.

### **Democracy Now! 8/16/2023 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)**

Amy Goodman, investigative journalist Michael Isikoff, and LaTosha Brown, co-founder of the Black Voters Matter Fund, discuss Donald Trump's Georgia indictment. Amy Goodman and former presidential candidate Ralph Nader discuss the federal indictment.

**Democracy Now! 8/26/2023 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)**

Amy Goodman, Carol Anderson, professor of African American studies at Emory University, and Hugo Lowell, reporter for The Guardian, discuss Donald Trump's booking at Atlanta's Fulton County Jail on 13 felony charges. Amy Goodman, criminal justice reporter Keri Blakinger, and Carol Anderson, professor of African American studies at Emory University, discuss issues of the criminal justice system. Amy Goodman and Tennessee state representative Justin Jones discuss gun violence and first amendment issues.

**Democracy Now! 8/30/2023 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)**

Amy Goodman, Anthony Michael Kreis, assistant professor of law at Georgia State University, and Cliff Albright, executive director of Black Voters Matter, discuss voting rights and the Trump Georgia indictment. Amy Goodman and civil rights leader Rodney Hurst discuss racism and gun violence. Amy Goodman and Florida representative Maxwell Alejandro Frost discuss gun violence in the wake of a shooting in Jacksonville.

**Democracy Now! 9/26/2023 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)**

Amy Goodman and Alex Press, writer for Jacobin magazine, discuss the Writers Guild of America strike and tentative deal. Amy Goodman and ProPublica reporter Justin Elliott discuss ethics concerns about Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. Amy Goodman, reporter Bob Hennelly, and Lina Attach, publisher of the news website Mada Masr, discuss accusations that Senator Bob Menendez accepted bribes.

**Democracy Now! 9/29/2023 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)**

Amy Goodman and former presidential candidate Ralph Nader discuss the Republican presidential debate. Amy Goodman and David Dayen, executive editor of The American Prospect, discuss antitrust lawsuits against Amazon and Google, and the corruption charges against Senator Bob Menendez.

**Issue: What is climate change, and what can we do to prevent it?**

According to the U.S. Global Change Research Program, Earth's climate is now changing faster than at any point in the history of modern civilization, primarily as a result of human activities.

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**Democracy Now! 7/18/2023 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)**

Amy Goodman and Jeff Goodell, contributing writer at Rolling Stone, discuss climate change and the current heat wave. Amy Goodman, Margot Wallstrom, former U.N. representative, Eamon Gilmore, E.U. special representative, and Volker Turk, U.N. high commissioner for human rights, discuss human rights issues.

**Democracy Now! 9/19/2023 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)**

Amy Goodman covers a protest leading up to the United Nations Climate Ambition Summit to end the use of fossil fuels featuring speeches by Jamaal Bowman, representative from New York's 16th Congressional District, Sharon Lavigne, environmental justice activist, Mary Robinson, former president of Ireland, actress Susan Sarandon, Peter Kalmus, climate activist and scientist, Vanessa Nakate, UNICEF goodwill ambassador, representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Roishetta Ozane, founder of the Vessel Project of Louisiana, Helen Mancini, climate organizer with Fridays for Future NYC, and Chris Silver, secretary-treasurer of Teamsters Local 808.