

WVPH Quarterly Issues and Programs List

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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.

Democracy Now! 4/11/2023 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)

Amy Goodman and Alexis McGill Johnson, president and CEO of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, discuss a federal judge's ruling to revoke the FDA's approval of abortion drug Mifepristone. Amy Goodman and Jessica Mason Pieklo, executive editor of Rewire News Group, continue to discuss the ruling. Amy Goodman and Lauren MacIvor Thompson, assistant professor at Kennesaw State University, discuss the Comstock Act, which was used as justification for blocking the sale of Mifepristone. Amy Goodman and Linda Prine, physician and co-founder of the Miscarriage and Abortion Hotline, discuss access to medical abortion pills. Amy Goodman and OB-GYN physician DeShawn Taylor continue to discuss the ruling.

Democracy Now! 4/14/2023 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)

Amy Goodman covers the three Tennessee lawmakers who were expelled for protesting gun violence. Amy Goodman and Carol Anderson, professor of African American studies at Emory University, discuss gun control and education. Amy Goodman and health reporter Ryan Prior discuss long COVID as the government declares an end to the COVID-19 national emergency.

Democracy Now! 4/21/2023 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)

Amy Goodman and Michele Goodwin, founding director of the Center for Biotechnology and Global Health Policy, discuss the abortion pill ban and Supreme Court ruling. Julie Burkhart, president of Wellspring Health Access, joins them to discuss what it's like providing abortion services post-Roe. Amy Goodman and Angelo Carusone, president of Media Matters, discuss the settlement in the Dominion Voting Systems lawsuit.

Democracy Now! 5/17/2023 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)

Amy Goodman, Doug Jones, former U.S. senator from Alabama, Michael Edison Hayden, senior investigative reporter at the Southern Poverty Law Center, and Hunter Walker, investigative reporter at Talking Points Memo, discuss the issue of white supremacy.

Democracy Now! 5/24/2023 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)

Amy Goodman and Maria Hinojosa, founder of Futuro Media, discuss gun violence in schools. Amy Goodman, immigration attorney Andrea Reyes, and Geraldo Cadava, professor of history at Northwestern University, discuss immigration issues.

Democracy Now! 6/3/2023 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)

Amy Goodman and congressman Ro Khanna discuss concerns about the debt ceiling deal. Amy Goodman and Kamal Karl Franklin, founder of Community Movement Builders, discuss a controversial police training facility being built in Georgia. Amy Goodman and Ed Bisch, founder of Relatives Against Purdue Pharma, and investigative reporter Christopher Glazek discuss the opioid crisis and lawsuits against Purdue Pharma.

Democracy Now! 6/6/2023 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)

Amy Goodman and investigative journalist David Sirota discuss issues with the debt ceiling deal. Amy Goodman continues her discussion with Ed Bisch, founder of Relatives Against Purdue Pharma, and investigative reporter Christopher Glazek about the opioid crisis and lawsuits against Purdue Pharma.

Democracy Now! 6/8/2023 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)

Amy Goodman and Kelley Robinson, president of the Human Rights Campaign, discuss anti-LGBTQ+ bills that were recently signed into law. Amy Goodman and Cornel West, professor of philosophy and Christian practice at Union Theological Seminary, discuss his views and candidacy for president in the 2024 election.

Issue: Should we be concerned about the rise of artificial intelligence?

Artificial intelligence large language models such as ChatGPT are now readily available for private and commercial use, but some are concerned that it can be used to spread misinformation or replace jobs.

Democracy Now! 6/2/2023 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)

Amy Goodman, Yoshua Bengio, professor at the University of Montreal, Max Tegmark, professor at MIT, and Tawana Petty, director of policy and advocacy at the Algorithmic Justice League, discuss the harms and complications of artificial intelligence. Amy Goodman and Braxton Brewington, press secretary of the Debt Collective, discuss a provision of the debt ceiling bill that would affect student debt.

Issue: What effect does the Supreme Court have on our everyday lives?

It has recently come to light that some Supreme Court justices failed to recuse themselves or disclose possible conflicts of interest.

Democracy Now! 5/4/2023 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)

Amy Goodman and Ian Millhiser, senior correspondent for Vox, discuss ethics concerns involving some of the Supreme Court justices. Amy Goodman and James Galbraith, professor of government at the University of Texas at Austin, discuss concerns about the bill to raise the debt ceiling. Amy Goodman and Texas state senator Roland Gutierrez discuss gun violence and gun control.