

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! 1/19/2023 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)

Amy Goodman and Amy Littlefield, reproductive healthcare correspondent at The Nation, discuss the 50th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, and the current state of women's reproductive healthcare. Amy Goodman and Elisabeth Benjamin, vice president of health initiatives at the Community Service Society of New York, discuss debt from medical bills. Amy Goodman and Olufemi Taiwo, associate professor of philosophy at Georgetown University, discuss climate change and inequality.

Democracy Now! 1/25/2023 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)

Amy Goodman, Connie Win, co-founder of AAPI Women Lead, and Nick Suplina, managing director at Everytown for Gun Safety, discuss recent mass shootings and gun control. Amy Goodman and Jeremy Scahill, senior reporter at The Intercept, discuss the handling of classified documents by government officials.

Democracy Now! 1/28/2023 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)

Amy Goodman and community organizer Amber Sherman discuss the death of Tyre Nichols. Amy Goodman continues the conversation with Nichols' parents Rodney and RowVaughn Wells, and civil rights attorney Benjamin Crump.

Democracy Now! 2/9/2023 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)

Amy Goodman covers President Biden's State of the Union Address. Amy Goodman and Rashad Robinson, president of Color of Change, discuss President Biden's condemnation of the murder of Tyre Nichols. Amy Goodman and Matt Dust, visiting scholar at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, discuss President Biden's support for Ukraine and other international challenges. Amy Goodman and congressmember Delia Ramirez discuss President Biden's proposal of a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants in the country. Dean Baker, senior economist at the Center for Economic and Policy Research, joined them to discuss President Biden's plans for the economy, climate change, and more.

Democracy Now! 2/28/2023 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)

Amy Goodman and Aaron Mackey, senior staff attorney with the Electronic Frontier Foundation, discuss two cases before the Supreme Court that focus on Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act of 1996, which could affect freedom of speech on the Internet. Amy Goodman and journalist Malcolm Harris discuss Section 230 and the effect of the Internet on society. Amy Goodman, Zakiya Thomas, president and CEO of the ERA Coalition, and Linda Coberly, chair of the Legal Task Force at the ERA Coalition, discuss the Equal Rights Amendment to codify gender equality in the U.S. Constitution.

Democracy Now! 3/11/2023 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)

Amy Goodman and Alfred McCoy, history professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, discuss national security and our relationship with China. Amy Goodman and congressmember Barbara Lee discuss the People Over Pentagon Act to reallocate defense spending to healthcare and education. Amy Goodman covers a news conference about reproductive rights.

Democracy Now! 3/31/2023 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)

Amy Goodman covers the Senate hearing focused on Starbucks' record of union busting, after a National Labor Relations Board judge ruled they had engaged in "egregious and widespread misconduct." Amy Goodman and Jaysin Saxton, former Starbucks shift manager, discuss how he was fired after trying to unionize. Amy Goodman and Jennifer Fox discuss her experience with sexual abuse.

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.

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

Amy Goodman and Nobel Prize-winning economist Joseph Stiglitz discuss how war, the pandemic, and climate change are causing economic crises around the world. Amy Goodman and journalist Mehdi Hasan discuss the state of U.S. politics.

Democracy Now! 3/14/2023 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)

Amy Goodman and Siqiniq Maupin, executive director of Sovereign Inupiat for a Living Arctic, discuss the Biden administration's approval of the Willow project to drill for oil in Alaska and the possible effect on climate change. Amy Goodman, Judith Enck, former EPA regional administrator, and biologist Monica Unseld, discuss the Norfolk Southern train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio, and whether toxic chemicals like vinyl chloride should be banned.

Issue: How is war in Ukraine affecting the rest of the world?

Russia has invaded Ukraine, calling it a special military operation. NATO countries, including the United States, have imposed heavy sanctions against Russia, cutting off trade and banking.

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

Amy Goodman and Sevim Dagdelen, German member of parliament, discuss the U.S. and Germany sending tanks to Ukraine. Amy Goodman and activist Frida Berrigan discuss the possibility of nuclear war. Amy Goodman, Florida state senator Sevrin Jones, and school board member Steve Gallon III, discuss a new Advanced Placement course for high school students on African American studies.