

# WVPH Quarterly Issues and Programs List

## July - September, 2020

### **Issue: How is the COVID-19 pandemic affecting our community?**

According to the World Health Organization, COVID-19 is the infectious disease caused by the most recently discovered coronavirus. Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses which may cause illness in animals or humans. In humans, several coronaviruses are known to cause respiratory infections ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS).

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### **Democracy Now! 7/9/2020 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)**

Amy Goodman, immigration attorney Fiona McEntee, and Jian Ren, an international student pursuing a Ph.D at Rutgers University, discuss ICE's plan to deport students whose schools switch to online-only classes as a result of the pandemic. Amy Goodman and New York Times correspondent Sheri Fink discuss the rise of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations across the country. Amy Goodman, Sheri Fink, and Dr. Uché Blackstock, an emergency medicine physician, discuss the reasons why Black, Latinx, and Indigenous people are more likely to be infected with the coronavirus.

### **Democracy Now! 7/16/2020 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)**

Amy Goodman and Dr. Ali Khan, dean of the College of Public Health at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, discuss the government's handling of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic and hopes for a vaccine. They discuss the ongoing shortage of testing and personal protective equipment. Amy Goodman and Amna Akbar, law professor at Ohio State University, discuss ways the government can help those affected by the pandemic. Amy Goodman and Regina Romero, mayor of Tucson, Arizona, discuss reopening and mask requirements.

### **Democracy Now! 7/29/2020 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)**

Amy Goodman and BBC journalist Richard Fisher discuss the many vaccine trials that are already in progress, and his decision to take part in one of them. Amy Goodman and Peter Maybarduk, director of Public Citizen's Access to Medicines Program, discuss Operation Warp Speed, the government's effort to fund vaccines, testing, and treatment. Amy Goodman, Sister Norma Pimentel, executive director of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley, and Zenén Jaimes Pérez, advocacy director for the Texas Civil Rights Project, discuss the handling of asylum seekers in the middle of the pandemic.

**Issue: What can we do to prevent systemic racism in our community?**

The death of George Floyd has brought the topic of systemic racism to the forefront. Protests have been organized by groups like Black Lives Matter in cities all over the country to draw attention to the issue and demand change.

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**Democracy Now! 7/21/2020 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)**

In memory of 17-term congressman and civil rights leader John Lewis who died on July 17th, Amy Goodman revisits her 2012 interview with him. He discussed his experiences in the 1965 Selma to Montgomery march, his work with Dr. Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, and the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. In memory of civil rights leader C.T. Vivian, who also died July 17th at the age of 95, Amy Goodman revisits her 2015 interview with him. They discuss the power of nonviolent protest in the civil rights movement.

**Democracy Now! 7/22/2020 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)**

Amy Goodman and Lilith Sinclair, a local organizer in Portland, discuss the ongoing protests. Amy Goodman and Juan Chaves, project director at the Oregon Justice Resource Center discuss the ongoing protests and the unidentified federal officers they've encountered. Amy Goodman, Jitu Brown, national director of the Journey for Justice Alliance, and Jesse Hagopian, editor of Rethinking Schools magazine, discuss the ongoing protests and the tactics of federal authorities against the protests. They also discussed plans and concerns around reopening schools during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

**Democracy Now! 7/28/2020 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)**

Amy Goodman, Nikkita Oliver, co-executive director of Creative Justice in Seattle, and E. D. Mondainé, president of the Portland branch of the NAACP, discuss the continuing protests against systemic racism and police violence. Amy Goodman and Eddie Glaude, chair of the Department of African American Studies at Princeton, discuss the legacy of John Lewis and how his work translates to today's issues.

**Democracy Now! 7/30/2020 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)**

Amy Goodman and Reverend Raphael Warnock, senior pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, discuss the legacy of John Lewis, the ongoing Black Lives Matter protests, and voter suppression. Amy Goodman and Bernard Lafayette, a longtime friend of John Lewis, discuss his legacy and how it relates to the continuing protests across the country.

**Democracy Now! 9/16/2020 - 12:00 PM (1 hour)**

Amy Goodman discusses the murder of Breonna Taylor by police officers who entered her home with a no-knock warrant in March. Amy Goodman and Mychal Denzel Smith discuss Breonna Taylor, the ongoing Black Lives Matter protests, and systemic racism. Amy Goodman and Palestinian American legal scholar Noura Erakat discuss the president's peace agreements between Israel and the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain.

**Democracy Now! 9/24/2020 - 12:00 PM (1 hour)**

As Black Lives Matter protests continue, Amy Goodman and Sadiqa Reynolds, president of the Louisville Urban League, discuss the verdict in the case against the officers involved in the raid that resulted in Breonna Taylor's death. Amy Goodman and Jacob Blake Sr. discuss the investigation into the police shooting of his son, leaving him paralyzed.

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

The death of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg leaves a vacancy on the court, which is a lifetime appointment chosen by the president and confirmed by the Senate.

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**Democracy Now! 9/21/2020 - 12:00 PM (1 hour)**

Amy Goodman and Dahlia Lithwick, senior editor and Supreme Court reporter for Slate, discuss the life and legacy of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg. They discussed the future of the Supreme Court as the president plans to fill her seat before his term is over. Amy Goodman and Julie Cohen, co-director of "RBG", a documentary about Justice Ginsberg, discuss her legacy and what happens next. Amy Goodman and Stephen Wiesenfeld, friend of Justice Ginsberg, discuss the Weinberger v. Weisenfeld case she argued for him about Social Security benefits that were only offered to women at the time.