

# WVPH Quarterly Issues and Programs List

## April - June, 2022

### **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! 4/8/2022 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)**

Amy Goodman, environmentalist Bill McKibben, and climate activist Svitlana Romanko discuss climate change and the causes of rising gas prices. Amy Goodman and Astra Taylor, co-director of the Debt Collective, discuss President Biden's pause on federal student loan payments, and its economic and political effects.

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

Justice Stephen Breyer has announced that he will retire at the end of the 2021-2022 term, leaving a vacancy on the court.

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### **Democracy Now! 4/9/2022 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)**

Amy Goodman and Michele Goodwin, professor at the University of California, Irvine, discuss Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson's confirmation to the Supreme Court and issues with the confirmation process. They also discuss recent anti-abortion legislation taking effect in multiple states across the U.S.

### **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! 5/7/2022 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)**

Amy Goodman and Achal Prabhala, coordinator of the AccessIBSA project, discuss vaccine accessibility and the death toll due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Amy Goodman and Abraar Karan, infectious disease fellow at Stanford University School of Medicine, discuss people's desire to return to normal despite the continuing pandemic. Amy Goodman and Michele Goodwin, professor at the University of California, Irvine, discuss abortion rights.

**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! 4/14/2022- 5:00 AM (1 hour)**

Amy Goodman and New York City public advocate Humane Williams discuss gun violence and policing issues after a man opened fire on a crowded subway train. Amy Goodman and Jayati Ghosh, economics professor at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, discuss the causes and effects of inflation.

**Democracy Now! 5/17/2022- 5:00 AM (1 hour)**

Amy Goodman and India Walton, organizer with RootsAction, discuss the racially motivated mass shooting in a Buffalo supermarket. Amy Goodman, Ibram Kendi, professor at Boston University, and Nikki McCann Ramirez, associate research director at Media Matters for America, discuss the extreme views held by the shooter and how they spread. Amy Goodman and activist Renee Bracey Sherman discuss reproductive rights.

**Democracy Now! 5/18/2022 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)**

Amy Goodman, Rashad Robinson, president of Color of Change, and journalist Talia Lavin discuss the role of social media and online forums in spreading extremist propaganda that can lead to mass shootings. Amy Goodman and David Dayen, executive editor of The American Prospect, discuss the causes of the baby formula shortage.

**Democracy Now! 5/21/2022 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)**

Amy Goodman and Amy Spitalnick, executive director of Integrity First for America, discuss the Buffalo supermarket shooting and similarities to past events. Amy Goodman and India Walton, organizer with RootsAction, discuss gun control and the aftermath of gun violence. Amy Goodman and Amy Littlefield, correspondent for The Nation, discuss abortion rights and new laws going into effect.

**Democracy Now! 5/26/2022 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)**

Amy Goodman and Nicole Golden, executive director of Texas Gun Sense, discuss the shooting at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas. Amy Goodman and Mike Spies, senior staff writer at The Trace, discuss the National Rifle Association's plan to go forward with their annual convention in Houston, Texas, despite the shooting in Uvalde. Amy Goodman covered Senator Chris Murphy's call for gun control on the Senate floor. Amy Goodman and Manuel Oliver, co-founder of the gun reform group Change the Ref and father of one of the students killed in the 2018 Parkland shooting, discuss the need for gun control.

**Issue: What led up to the January 6<sup>th</sup> attack on the Capitol?**

On January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021, a mob descended on the U.S. Capitol, delaying the certification of electoral votes from the 2020 presidential election.

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**Democracy Now! 6/11/2022 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)**

Amy Goodman covers the first public hearing of the January 6th committee, including testimony from British filmmaker Nick Quested and Capitol Police officer Caroline Edwards.

**Democracy Now! 6/15/2022 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)**

Amy Goodman continues coverage of the January 6th hearings, including testimony from Al Schmidt, a member of the Philadelphia County Board of Elections.

**Democracy Now! 6/23/2022 - 5:00 AM (1 hour)**

Amy Goodman continues coverage of the January 6th hearings, including testimony from Republican Speaker of the Arizona House “Rusty” Bowers, and Georgia election workers Shaye Moss and Ruby Freeman.