

Quarterly Issues Programs List for station - WIDR 89.1 FM
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Section I: Issues

The station has identified the following issues as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- A. Maturing into adulthood in contemporary society in relation to the Japanese cult classic, *Symbol*.
- B. The issues facing the Kalamazoo Public School system today
- C. Workers' rights laws in Michigan and how they may not be serving workers
- D. Pfizer's recent price hike of the COVID-19 vaccine

Section II: Responsive Programs

The station has broadcast programming dealing with each of the above-referenced issues. Programming dealing with each issue is below.

A. Maturing into adulthood in contemporary society in relation to the Japanese cult classic, *Symbol*

- a. Air Dates: 11/12/22
- b. Length: 1hr
- c. Description: *Reel Live* hosts Cully Cooper and Hank Mellowish discuss the implications of the surrealist film, coming to the conclusion that it's speaking on the struggles of contemporary maturation. They touch on issues of climate change, genocide, and racial and income inequality, as well as how youth are expected to grow up in a world where such things are commonplace.

B. The issues facing the Kalamazoo Public School system today

- a. Air Dates: 11/01/22
- b. Length: 2hr
- c. Description: *Media Cyphers* host, Andy Argo, discusses the trouble of unequal pay, teacher shortages, and reactionary attacks on school curriculum in 2022 with Karla Murphy, a candidate for Public School Board chair in Kalamazoo.

C. Workers' Rights Laws in Michigan and how they may not be serving workers.

- a. Air Dates: 12/6/22
- b. Length: 2hr
- c. Description: In the wake of a state repeal of several "Right to Work" laws in Michigan, Andy Argo discusses their problematic history, as well as new avenues that may be opened up. He discusses a rumored upcoming rail-strike, and digs into anti-worker propaganda both from federal and local sources, as well as the accomplishments of other rail-strikes throughout history.

D. Pfizer's recent price-hike on the COVID-19 vaccine

- a. Air Dates: 10/25/22
- b. Length: 2hr

- c. Description: Andy Argo discusses the recent price-hike of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine, and why this is so important. Pfizer is a locally-based company, and one of very few heavy-hitters in the COVID-19 vaccine market. He suggests that this price-hike will further exacerbate inequality between wealthy and working-class Americans, providing evidence that capitalizing on patented drugs and favoring profit to public health is not an ethical business model.