

**WAMC National Productions**  
**1st QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT**  
**January 1, 2024-March 31, 2024**  
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**The Media Project**

DATE	TIME	SHOW #	TOPIC
1/5/2024	30:00	1701	With former Times Union Editor, current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Judy Patrick, former Editor of the Daily Gazette and Vice President for Editorial Development for the New York Press Association. Barbara Lombardo, former Editor of the Saratogian and Adjunct Professor at the University, and Daily Freeman Publisher Emeritus Ira Fufeld. On this week's Media Project, Rex, Judy, Barbara, and Ira talk about how to fight burnout in the newsroom, how the media should cover the Jeffrey Epstein list, and much more.
1/12/2024	30:00	1702	With former Times Union Editor, current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Barbara Lombardo, former Editor of the Saratogian and Adjunct Professor at the University, and WAMC News Director Ian Pickus. On this week's Media Project, Rex, Barbara, and Ian talk about the New York Public News Network, the media's obsession with inflation, what journalists should do when politicians say misleading things, and much more.
1/19/2024	30:00	1703	With former Times Union Editor, current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Judy Patrick, former Editor of the Daily Gazette and Vice President for Editorial Development for the New York Press Association, Barbara Lombardo, former Editor of the Saratogian and Adjunct Professor at the University, and Daily Freeman Publisher Emeritus Ira Fufeld. On this week's Media Project, Rex, Judy, Barbara, and Ira talk about whether the media has overplayed coverage of the Iowa caucuses, a listener letter on whether a journalist needs to be experts, and much more.
1/26/2024	30:00	1704	With former Times Union Editor, current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Judy Patrick, former Editor of the Daily Gazette and Vice President for Editorial Development for the New York Press Association, Barbara Lombardo, former Editor of the Saratogian and Adjunct Professor at the University, and WAMC News Director Ian Pickus. On this week's Media Project, Rex, Judy, Barbara, and Ian talk about the decline of Sports Illustrated, the hypocrisy of Sean Hannity, and much more.
2/2/2024	30:00	1705	With former Times Union Editor, current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Judy Patrick, former Editor of the Daily Gazette and Vice President for Editorial Development for the New York Press Association, Barbara Lombardo, former Editor of the Saratogian and Adjunct Professor at the University, and Daily Freeman Publisher Emeritus Ira Fufeld. On this week's Media Project, Rex, Judy, Barbara, and Ira talk about a terrible first month of 2024 for newspapers, how the decline of local news impacts local communities, a journalism ethical dilemma, and much more.
2/9/2024	30:00	1706	With former Times Union Editor, current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Judy Patrick, former Editor of the Daily Gazette and Vice President for Editorial Development for the New York Press Association, Barbara Lombardo, former Editor of the Saratogian and Adjunct Professor at the University, and WAMC News Director Ian Pickus. On this week's Media Project, Rex, Judy, Barbara, and Ian talk about a new program at the State University of New York designed to put student journalists to work in news deserts, police coverage, Tucker Carlson's interview with Vladimir Putin, and much more.
2/16/2024	30:00	1707	With former Times Union Editor, current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Barbara Lombardo, former Editor of the Saratogian and Adjunct Professor at the University, and WAMC News Director Ian Pickus. On this week's Media Project,

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			Rex, Barbara, and Ian talk about the White House being upset over coverage of the special counsel's report, what happens when journalists move to the "dark side," and much more.
2/23/2024	30:00	1708	With Judy Patrick, former Editor of the Daily Gazette and Vice President for Editorial Development for the New York Press Association, Barbara Lombardo, former Editor of the Saratogian and Adjunct Professor at the University, and Media Project producer David Guistina. On this week's Media Project, Judy, Barbara, Mike and David talk about the role the media has played in changing attitudes towards Russia and Vladimir Putin, Sinclair broadcasting asking listeners what they're afraid of, teaching students to be skeptical, and much more.
3/1/2024	30:00	1709	With former Times Union Editor, current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Barbara Lombardo, former Editor of the Saratogian and Adjunct Professor at the University, and WAMC News Director Ian Pickus. On this week's Media Project, Rex, Barbara and Ian talk about Pink Slime journalism, who should make the decision of what news gets covered on line, and much more.
3/8/2024	30:00	1710	With former Times Union Editor, current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Judy Patrick, former Editor of the Daily Gazette and Vice President for Editorial Development for the New York Press Association, Barbara Lombardo, former Editor of the Saratogian and Adjunct Professor at the University, and Media Project producer David Guistina. On this week's Media Project, Rex, Judy, Barbara and David talk about how a lack of local reporting effects the Supreme Court, polling and what to believe, how media can fight American's "collective amnesia" over the past behavior of the Presidential candidates, and much more.
3/15/2024	30:00	1711	With Judy Patrick, former Editor of the Daily Gazette and Vice President for Editorial Development for the New York Press Association, Barbara Lombardo, former Editor of the Saratogian and Adjunct Professor at the University, Daily Freeman Publisher Emeritus Ira Fوسفeld, and Media Project producer David Guistina. On this week's Media Project, Judy, Barbara, Ira and David talk about verifying photos and videos, AI and its impact on modern journalism, a reminder that the media does not act as a unified group, and much more.
3/22/2024	30:00	1712	With former Times Union Editor, current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Judy Patrick, former Editor of the Daily Gazette and Vice President for Editorial Development for the New York Press Association, Barbara Lombardo, and WAMC News Director Ian Pickus. On this week's Media Project, Rex, Judy, Barbara, and Ian talk media organizations dropping the Associated Press wire service, the economic challenges facing journalism as well as the dangers facing journalists, and much more.
3/29/2024	30:00	1713	With former Times Union Editor, current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Barbara Lombardo, Daily Freeman Publisher Emeritus Ira Fوسفeld and WAMC News Director Ian Pickus. On this week's Media Project, Rex, Barbara, Ira and Ian talk about the uproar over NBC hiring former RNC Chair Ronna McDaniel, a call to withdraw the video of the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse, and much more.