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**ISSUES/PROGRAMS LIST**

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, 2023

(April 1 through June 30, 2023)

COMPLIED BY John Ramsey, General Manager

THE FOLLOWING IS A LISTING OF SOME OF THE SIGNIFICANT ISSUES RESPONDED TO BY WAPJ, TORRINGTON, CT, ALONG WITH SIGNIFICANT PROGRAMMING TREATMENT OF THOSE ISSUES FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL THROUGH JUNE, 2023. THE LISTING IS BY NO MEANS EXHAUSTIVE. THE ORDER IN WHICH THE ISSUES APPEAR DOES NOT REFLECT ANY PRIORITY OR SIGNIFICANCE. ALL TIMES ARE EASTERN TIME.

# WAPJ RADIO

## ISSUES/PROGRAMS LIST

### Q2, 2023

**TITLE:** Counterspin

**DUR:** 30 Min

**DATE:** April 2, 2023

**TIME:** 2:30PM

**GUEST(S):** Saurav Sarkar

**ISSUE(S):** Labor

**DESCRIPTION:** This week on CounterSpin: Former President Donald Trump was arrested this week, but we're going to talk about another kind of crime: the slow, steady drip drip of crime that doesn't leap out to reporters—the day-to-day crushing of workers' attempts to organize themselves to have a voice in the workplace, not just about their pay, but their well-being and their dignity. Crushing those attempts to work together is against the law—but it's not the sort of

crime that elite media seem able to identify. And it's much harder to fight when the law-breaking megacorporation is as media-savvy and faux progressive as Starbucks.

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### **Q2, 2023**

**TITLE:** Counterspin

**DUR:** 30 Min

**DATE:** April 9, 2023

**TIME:** 2:30pm

**GUEST(S):** Steve Wamhoff, Dean Baker, Jeremie Greer and Michael Mechanic.

**ISSUE(S):** Taxation, the economy.

**DESCRIPTION:** Taxes: Who Pays and What For?

It is tax season in the US, when some of us wonder why the government, which knows how much we earn, requires us to guess, with the threat of prison if we guess wrong. And leads some of us to ponder what we get in return for our resources—streets and stop signs, to be sure, but also wars and wheelbarrows of money doled out those who already have plenty.

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### **Q2, 2023**

**TITLE:** Counterspin

**DUR:** 30 Min

**DATE:** April 16, 2023

**TIME:** 2:30pm

**GUEST(S):** Rachel K. Jones on Mifepristone, Donna Murch on Rutgers Labor Action

**ISSUE(S):** Medicine, prescription drugs.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Supreme Court has briefly punted their decision on restricting access to medication abortion drug mifepristone. The American Medical Association said that the recent ruling by a Texas federal judge revoking the FDA's approval of mifepristone, which has been in widespread use for more than two decades, "flies in the face of science and evidence and threatens to upend access to a safe and effective drug." For the Washington Post, that's part of a "confusing legal battle"—but for the majority of people, including doctors, it's not confusing, just frightening. We'll hear from Rachel K. Jones, research scientist at Guttmacher Institute.

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### **Q2, 2023**

**TITLE:** Counterspin

**DUR:** 30 Min

**DATE:** April 23, 2023

**TIME:** 2:30pm

**GUEST(S):** Jen Senko

**ISSUE(S):** Hate speech.

**DESCRIPTION:** The grandson of the elderly white man who shot a Black teenager in the head for ringing his doorbell told the Kansas City Star that their relationship had unraveled as his grandfather began watching “Fox News all day, every day,” and sank into a “24-hour news cycle of fear, of paranoia.” Those words had a poignant resonance for many people who feel they’ve lost family members and friends to a kind of cult, that’s not secret, but pumped into the airwaves every day. Hate-fueled and hate-fueling media have political and historical impacts—and interpersonal, familial ones as well.

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### Q2, 2023

**TITLE:** Counterspin

**DUR:** 30 Min

**DATE:** April 30, 2023

**TIME:** 2:30pm

**GUEST(S):** Chris Lehmann on Debt Ceiling Myths, Kyle Wiens on Right to Repair's Moment

**ISSUE(S):** The debt ceiling, government, technology, right to repair.

**DESCRIPTION:** Economist James Galbraith wrote a few months ago: "It is in the nature of articles about the debt ceiling that no matter how often one tries to set the record straight, nothing ever gets through." Elite media's fundamental misrepresentation of the debt ceiling would be troubling enough if it were just a bad history lesson. But current Republican brinkmanship could have devastating impacts for millions of people—along with the harm to public understanding of what's actually going on.

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### Q2, 2023

**TITLE:** Counterspin

**DUR:** 30 Min

**DATE:** May 7, 2023

**TIME:** 2:30pm

**GUEST(S):** Ian Millhiser

**ISSUE(S):** Supreme Court Corruption

**DESCRIPTION:** USA Today reported that, “as it heads into the final stretch of its current term, the Supreme Court is on defense following a series of revelations about gifts, property sales and disclosure.” That, you might say, is putting it mildly. The recent revelations are not about trinkets, but millions of dollars’ worth of benefits, vacations, jobs—and not from nowhere in particular, but from powerful parties with express interest in shaping the Court’s decision-making. “Disclosure,” in this instance, is another word for democracy—people’s right to know (and act upon the knowledge of) what, besides their votes, is influencing the laws that shape their lives.



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### **Q2, 2023**

**TITLE:** Counterspin

**DUR:** 30 Min

**DATE:** May 14, 2023

**TIME:** 2:30pm

**GUEST(S):** Cody Bloomfield

**ISSUE(S):** The environment, the law, law enforcement

**DESCRIPTION:** Do you care about environmental degradation? Then you care about Cop City. Do you care about violent overpolicing of Black and brown communities? Then you care about Cop City. Do you care about purportedly democratic governance that overrides the actual voice of the people? Then you care about Cop City.

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### Q2, 2023

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**DUR:** 30 Min

**DATE:** May 21, 2023

**TIME:** 2:30pm

**GUEST(S):** Eric Thurm

**ISSUE(S):** Labor.

**DESCRIPTION:** Going on strike is something that people with no personal experience are comfortable depicting as frivolous and selfish. That extends to many corporate news reporters, who appear unable to present a labor action as other than, first and foremost, an unwonted interruption of a natural order. However else they explain the issues at stake, or humanistically portray individual strikers, the overarching narrative is that workers are pressing their luck, and that owners who make their money off the efforts of those workers are not to be questioned.

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**DUR:** 30 Min

**DATE:** May 21, 2023

**TIME:** 2:30pm

**GUEST(S):** Jeff Chang & Jeannie Park

**ISSUE(S):** Affirmative action.

**DESCRIPTION:** Corporate media have never been the right place to look for thoughtful, inclusive consideration of affirmative action. For them it's an "issue," a political football, rather than a long effort to address the real historical and ongoing discrimination against non-white, non-male people in multiple aspects of US life.

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### **Q2, 2023**

**TITLE:** Counterspin

**DUR:** 30 Min

**DATE:** May 28, 2023

**TIME:** 2:30pm

**GUEST(S):** Tauhid Chappell and Evan Greer

**ISSUE(S):** Cannabis Justice, Kids Safety Act.

**DESCRIPTION:** This country has a long history of weaponizing drug laws against Black and brown communities. Harry Anslinger, the first commissioner of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics, ran an anti-marijuana crusade in the 1930s, saying, “Reefer makes darkies think they’re as good as white men.” Concerns are justified about what the legalization, and profitizing, of marijuana means for the people and communities most harmed by its criminalization. We hear about that from Tauhid Chappell, founder of the Philadelphia CannaBusiness Association

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### **Q2, 2023**

**TITLE:** Making Contact

**DUR:** 30 Min

**DATE:** June 11, 2023

**TIME:** 2:00pm

**GUEST(S):** Various

**ISSUE(S):** Grand Juries, the Black Box of Justice Reform

**DESCRIPTION:** Grand juries are supposed to safeguard against the government charging people with a crime when it lacks sufficient evidence. But because prosecutors control what happens in grand jury proceedings, they almost always get an indictment....

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### **Q2, 2023**

**TITLE:** Making Contact

**DUR:** 30 Min

**DATE:** June 4, 2023

**TIME:** 2:00pm

**GUEST(S):** Various

**ISSUE(S):** Banking

**DESCRIPTION:** What the SVB Failure Teaches us About Investment Banking. The Silicon Valley Bank collapse brings with it memories of the wider 2008 economic crisis. Jeet Heer and John Nichols from

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**DATE:** April 9, 2023

**TIME:** 2pm

**GUEST(S):** Various

**ISSUE(S):** A.I., Space Exploration.

**DESCRIPTION:** A new philosophy steeped in the ideas of Artificial Intelligence, space colonization, and the long-term survival of the human species is gaining ground among the wealthy.

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**TITLE:** Nutmeg Chatter

**DUR:** 30 Min

**DATE:** June 11, 2023

**TIME:** 3pm

**GUEST(S):** Author Nat Segaloff

**ISSUE(S):** Cinema, art.

**DESCRIPTION:** Episode 297: Revisiting 'The Towering Inferno'. Phil Hall recalls the glory days of the 1970s disaster films via an interview with Nat Segaloff, author of "More Fire! The Building of The Towering Inferno."



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**GUEST(S):** Historian Ben Model

**ISSUE(S):** History, cinema, music.

**DESCRIPTION:** Episode 296: The Sound of Silent Films. In this episode, Phil Hall interviews Ben Model, the silent film preservationist / historian / music score composer whose Undercrank Productions has been responsible for introducing long-unseen silent cinema classics.

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**GUEST(S):** Author Steve Matteo

**ISSUE(S):** Music, cinema.

**DESCRIPTION:** Episode 295: The Beatles on Film. Phil Hall rolls up for an interview with Steve Matteo, author of the new book “Act Naturally: The Beatles on Film.” The episode can be heard here.

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**GUEST(S):** Author Diane M. Height

**ISSUE(S):** Travel, education, writing.

**DESCRIPTION:** Episode 294: An American in Mongolia. Phil Hall interviews Diane M. Height, author of “A Mongolian Memoir,” a new book that details Ms. Height’s unusual adventure living and teaching for five years in Ulaanbaatar.

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**GUEST(S):** Felix Vasquez Jr.,

**ISSUE(S):** Art, literature.

**DESCRIPTION:** Episode 293: The Bugs Bunny Experience. Phil Hall discusses 85 years of Bugs Bunny cartoons with Felix Vasquez Jr., publisher and editor of Cinema Crazed.

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**GUEST(S):** Pastor Dean Strong

**ISSUE(S):** Law enforcement, literature, religion.

**DESCRIPTION:** Episode 292: A Bible and a Badge. Phil Hall interviews Dean Strong, a former police officer and pastor of New Beginnings Worship Center in Cynthiana, Kentucky, who has authored the new autobiography.

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**GUEST(S):** John Stoj

**ISSUE(S):** The economy, financial planning.

**DESCRIPTION:** Episode 291: A Few Words About Financial Planning. Phil Hall considers the state of the economy and its impact on the monetary health of Americans with guest John Stoj, founder and president of Verbatim Financial.

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**DATE:** April 30, 2023

**TIME:** 3pm

**GUEST(S):** Author Geno Cuddy

**ISSUE(S):** Cinema.

**DESCRIPTION:** Episode 290: The Glory Days of the B-Westerns. Phil Hall looks back at the B-Westerns of the 1930s and 1940s with Geno Cuddy, author of the Western Wednesdays column on the Cinema Crazed website ([www.cinema-crazed.com](http://www.cinema-crazed.com)).

**In addition to the above, WAPJ aired the following programs and segments during this quarter:**

The 60min daily news program, Democracy Now, aired Monday through Friday during the quarter.

Earthwise, a 2 minute, daily program dealing with environmental and climate issues that ran 3-4 times each day, Monday through Friday during the quarter.

Birdnote, a 2-minute, daily program dealing with birds and nature that ran 3-4 times each day, Monday through Friday, during this quarter.

Sharon Audubon Report, a 2:30 weekly program dealing with nature and the environment that ran several times each day in November and December.

Star Date, a daily, 2 minute program dealing with astronomy ran daily throughout the quarter.

This Week in CT History, a 30 second daily segment dealing with the state's history aired throughout the quarter.