

WMBR 88.1 FM
QUARTERLY ISSUES & COMMUNITY ASCERTAINMENT
3rd QUARTER / July 1 – September 30, 2023

The following is a list, of issues, the management, of WMBR Radio, has determined to be of significant importance, to the citizens of Cambridge and the Greater Boston Area of Massachusetts. Each issue was treated through the station's most significant issue-responsive programming and community activities, during the reporting period.

“Radio with a View” – Alternating Sundays, 10am – 11am

“WMBR Nightly News” – Monday – Friday, 5:30pm – 6:00pm

BUSINESS

PROGRAM: WMBR Nightly News
HOST: Linda Pinkow
GUEST: Naomi Oreskes, Professor of the History of Science, Harvard University
TOPIC: Free Market Ideology
AIRD: Friday, September 6th
DURATION: 28 minutes
AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: N/A

WMBR's Nightly News Host interviewed Professor Oreskes and asked about her new book, "The Big Myth: How American Business Taught Us to Loathe Government and Love the Free Market". She discussed the ideology of "the free market" and the history of coordinated campaigns to promote conservative economic doctrines and persuade Americans to distrust the government.

ECONOMICS

PROGRAM: WMBR Nightly News
HOST: Linda Pinkow
GUEST: Simon Johnson, Massachusetts Institute of Technology professor
TOPIC: Economics and Technological Change
AIRED: Friday, July 26th
DURATION: 28 minutes
AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: N/A

WMBR Nightly News aired an interview of Professor Johnson by economist Rob Johnson of the Institute for New Economic Thinking, who is Professor of Entrepreneurship at the MIT Sloan School of Management, and director of the Global Economics and Management group, about Johnson's new book, "Power And Progress: Our 1,000-Year Struggle Over Technology and Prosperity". They discussed trends in the global economy due to technological change.

ENVIRONMENT

PROGRAM: Radio with a View
HOST: Marc Stern
TOPIC: Resistance to Efforts to Expand Hanscom Airport
AIRED: Sunday, July 2nd
DURATION: 60 minutes
AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: N/A

The WMBR Nightly News aired a webinar hosted by the Coalition to Stop Private Jet Expansion at Hanscom Airport, in Bedford, Massachusetts and anywhere. This webinar took place on June 21, 2023 and featured talks by Kannan Sirugadam of Eastie Farm in East Boston, Mass., Neil Rasmussen president of Save Our Heritage (Concord, Mass.), and renowned climate and social activist, Bill McKibben, of 350.org and Third Act. This expansion is, they contend, designed to serve the superrich, and would create a disastrous environmental/climate impact.