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10/4/2020	5:00am	57:00min	Public Affairs		

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Segment #1 – Public Affairs, Public Policy, Current Events, Personal Finance

Mark Huffman from ConsumerAffairs.com provides an update on the negotiations between the President and Congress on a second round of stimulus spending. He focuses on the direct impact the decision could have on small businesses and consumers. Huffman also discusses a study that shows most Americans are spending more money on groceries because of subtle changes to food supplies due to the pandemic.

Segment #2 – Public Affairs, Personal Finance

Some Americans don’t use their insurance, especially property insurance, to its fullest benefits because they don’t know how. Bankrate.com’s Laura Adams gives a primer on how to understand basic benefits and why that matters to your personal finances when an unexpected setback happens. This could include accidents, fires, and natural disasters. She explains where to get answers and how to balance budgeting the cost of premiums with manageable deductibles.

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Segment #3 – Public Affairs, Current Events

Reason Magazine writer JD Tuccille discusses his recent article on cultural changes both in government and in society that, in his view, accept more authoritarianism in American. He argues that Americans have moved toward more central control of our lives because of the COVID19 pandemic and fear. Tuccille talks about why he thinks this change is bad for our culture.

Segment #4 –Public Affairs, Public Policy, Criminal Justice

Horace Cooper from Project 21, the largest network of black conservatives in America, addresses the push for reforming our bail system in the US. Cooper disagrees with the push to eliminate the requirement for bail as a condition of being released from jail when criminal charges are pending in many cases.

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Segment #1 – Public Affairs, Public Policy, Current Events

Aaron Hanlin is the Executive Director of the Center For Election Science, which is promoting an election concept called “approval voting”. That is where all voters “approve” of as many candidates as they want on the ballot instead of just choosing one to vote for. Hanlin describes the concept, answers questions about it, and explains where it’s being used in the US now.

Segment #2 – Current Events

Heritage Foundation legal fellow Amy Swearer provides perspective on the US Senate’s Judiciary Committee hearings about Judge Amy Coney Barrett’s nomination to the US Supreme Court.

Segment #3 – Public Affairs, Current Events, Business

Melissa Chen, a writer for The Spectator, discusses her recent article about Yelp’s decision to begin placing warning labels on the review pages of businesses accused of racism. She explains how Yelp plans to administer the change, the impact it could have on businesses (especially small businesses), and the possible unintended consequences.

Segment #4 –Public Affairs, Education, Health

The Oasis Institute’s Amy Vandavelte explains why continuing education for adults is important. The Oasis Institute is a non-profit organization that provides courses to older adults. The conversation includes discussion about cognitive health, mental health, and physical health.

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Segment #1 – Public Affairs, Public Policy, Current Events, Health

Competitive Enterprise Institute Senior Fellow Joel Zinberg discusses his recent study on COVID vaccines and the percentage of Americans willing to take them right now. The conversation includes references to the scientific and political objections being raised and the debate over whether a vaccine should be made mandatory for anyone in the US, rather than just made available to everyone.

Segment #2 – Current Events, Technology, Public Policy

The Institute For Free Speech’s Research Director, Scott Blackburn, talks about the recent news that Facebook and Twitter specifically suppressed the spread of a NY Post article about Joe and Hunter Biden. The conversation centers on freedom of speech and how it applies to the social media companies and their users.

Segment #3 – Public Affairs, Education, Current Events

Virginia Walden Ford’s story was made into the motion picture, “Miss Virginia”. The film focused on her effort to move her son out of a dangerous and underperforming Washington, DC public school. She lobbied for a school choice program and become a prominent figure in the debate over the issues of education, choice, and public schools. Walden Ford relates her experiences and views to the current discussion over school choice, particularly since President Trump recently said in a speech that he supports the idea for all students.

Segment #4 –Public Affairs, Business

Jen Risley from the Shop Indie Campaign explains their national campaign to encourage everyone to specifically buy from locally owned businesses in their communities during the holiday season. The discussion includes references to local economics, community identity, and support for artisans. The Shop Indie effort is part of the American Independent Business Alliance promotion to support small businesses.

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Segment #1 – Public Affairs, Public Policy, Current Events

Jonathan Williams, Chief Economist for the American Legislative Exchange Council, discusses the current debate over Covid19-related stimulus spending. Williams argues that any stimulus/relief funding should not be used to financially bail out states that have been irresponsible with their fiscal policies.

Segment #2 – Public Affairs, Current Events, Public Policy, Education

Dr. Melissa Venable from BestColleges.com explains the results of a recent survey of college students. They were asked about voting and the survey found the issues driving the decisions of 18-23 year old college students is generally very

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different than the motivations for voting decisions of other age groups. Venable explains the differences in the mindset and in how this voting block is getting their information.

Segment #3 – Current Events

The Heritage Foundation’s Hans Von Spakovsky addresses concerns about vote fraud and election integrity as we head into the final days before the 2020 elections. Von Spakovsky has served on the President’s Commission on Election Integrity and explains possible affects of increased mail in voting and some court rulings that alter the rules for this election in some states.

Segment #4 –Public Affairs, Current Events

Dr. Marcus Witcher from Huntingdon College, author of Getting Right With Reagan, discusses the ideological crossroads America’s Right is at in 2020. Comparing the historical approaches to culture and politics of conservatives over the years, Witcher believes today’s conservatives (and “small L” libertarians) have to decide what being “conservative” now means in the United States. He specifically compares and contrasts the

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11/8/20 5:00am

Segment #1 – Public Affairs, Public Policy, Culture, Current Events

Washington Examiner, NewsMax, and FOX News writer/contributor Hannah Cox reflects on the social, political, and religious divisions in the United States, especially surrounding the recent election. Cox’s column “There’s Only One Way To Stop Polarization From Tearing Us Apart” argues for less federal government involvement in our lives and more personal tolerance of those with whom we disagree.

Segment #2 – Public Affairs, Current Events

Washington Post columnist Henry Olsen discusses the ongoing controversies from the presidential election.

Segment #3 – Current Events. Health, Public Policy

Reason Magazine Senior Editor Jacob Sullum comments on the results of drug decriminalization/drug legalization votes around the country. All of them passed. Sullum discusses the possible legal, cultural, and medical impacts of treating drug use as a medical issue, as opposed to criminal one.

Segment #4 –Public Affairs, Current Events, Energy

American Energy Alliance president Tom Pyle compares the energy policy positions of President Trump and former Vice President Biden and discusses the energy-related issues the next President will have to deal with.

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Segment #1 – Culture, Current Events, Business

The Free Enterprise Center’s Scott Shepard discusses his op-ed that criticizes corporations that agree to demands of liberal activist groups and protesters.

Segment #2 – Public Affairs, Current Events, Health

Phil Kerpen from American Commitment discusses the debate over how to make prescription drug prices more affordable. The conversation includes federal regulations and taxes.

Segment #3 – Public Affairs, Health

Wendy Wang, PhD, from the Institute for Family Studies explains trends related to marriage in the United States. Both divorce and marriage rates are going down. She discusses why and also talks about the impact of COVID-19 shutdowns and other restrictions on marriages and children.

Segment #4 – Public Affairs, Current Events, Personal Finance

Ted Rossman from both Bankrate.com and CreditCards.com tells the audience about a new survey that shows nearly half of Americans are considering going into debt to pay for holiday gifts and celebrations. Rossman explains some of the possible financial consequences of that and offers advice on how to enjoy the holiday season without overspending.

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Segment #1 – Current Events, Business, Health, Public Policy

Victoria Eardley from the Foundation For Government Accountability discusses her recent op-ed that focuses on the impact of COVID19-related restrictions on small business owners.

Segment #2 – Public Affairs, Current Events, Culture

Brandon Warmke, PhD, from Bowling Green State University argues that Americans’ political, social, and cultural disagreements have heated up to a place where we risk damaging our democratic process.

He’s the co-author of a new book, Grandstanding: The Use And Abuse Of Moral Talk. Warmke says the changes in how we “debate”, especially on social media, increases polarization and often is the result of people fighting over moral superiority, not actual solutions to our challenges.

Segment #3 – Public Affairs, Current Events

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The Manhattan Institute’s Brian Riedl discusses current proposals from activist groups, some in Congress, and Joe Biden to cancel some or all student loan debt held by the federal government.

Riedl argues that cancelling the debt would be bad for the country in the long run economically.

Segment #4 –Public Affairs, Personal Finance, Busines, Public Policy

Marketwatch.com financial writer Andrew Keshner discusses his recent article on the debate over paid parental leave policies. He compared the goals and outcomes of that policy in another country and interviewed researchers about the possible implications in the US.

The focus of the discussion is whether government paid leave programs can reduce any gender pay gap in America.

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Segment #1 – Current Events, Public Policy

Ball State University Professor Steve Horwitz discusses the legacy of the late Dr. Walter Williams. The conversation also includes the importance of engaging controversial and complicated cultural and policy issues, such as matters of race and poverty, properly and with integrity in order to engage people with different perspectives.

Segment #2 – Public Affairs, Current Events, Culture, Crime and Law Enforcement

Kim Case, crime victims' rights advocate, is the host of a new online TV show called "Brave Embrace". She discusses the project, which tells the stories of crime survivors and offers resources to those affected by violent crime. Case also talks about her recovery from a kidnapping and sexual assault when she was a teenager and provides advice to other victims and their families.

Segment #3 – Public Affairs, Current Events, Health

Dr. Roger Klein from the Regulatory Transparency Project critiques the COVID-19 game plan that's been announced by Joe Biden and the team he is assembling. Klein, a pathologist, is a former director at the Cleveland Clinic and a former adviser to the FDA, CDC, and US Department of Health and Human Services.

Segment #4 – Public Affairs, Public Policy, Culture, Health, Religion

American Conservative writer Curt Mills discusses the recent US Supreme Court ruling that went against the State of New York's COVID-19 health restrictions on worship services. The conversation includes the debate over balancing constitutional (in this case, First Amendment) rights and the effort to protect public health.

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Segment #1 – Current Events, Public Affairs, History

In response to the announcement that Major League Baseball will recognize records and other statistics from the Negro Leagues, Bob Kendrick discusses the importance of the change. Kendrick is the president of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum and foremost expert on Negro Leagues history.

Kendrick discusses the reasons for the decision, why he feels it's correct, and the larger significance of the recognition to our culture.

Segment #2 – Public Affairs, Current Events, Business, Economics

John Miltimore from the Foundation For Economic Education discusses ongoing shutdowns of businesses by governments around the country. The conversation includes the argument that governments should have the ability to arbitrarily choose

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which businesses should be allowed to stay open and which should be forced to close in the name of public health. He also addresses the long term economic impact of these closures.

Segment #3 – Public Affairs, Personal Finance

Bankrate.com analyst Stephen Kates talks about their new survey that shows most Americans miss opportunities to save money by reviewing their personal finances – especially insurance policies – regularly. He provides tips on how to effectively review those policies to make sure both the coverage amount is appropriate and that we are not overpaying.

Segment #4 –Public Affairs, Current Events, Public Policy, Economic

Heritage Foundation Senior Policy Analyst Adam Michel reviews the proposal to send another round of direct payments to Americans. Michel addresses the arguments for the payments and discusses the possible economic effects of the borrowing and spending.

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Segment #1 – Public Affairs, Public Policy, Current Events, Health

Mat Staver from Liberty Council discusses both the overall concept of religious freedom in the US and some individual cases his organization is litigating. Staver argues that both the text and precedent connected to the First Amendment makes several coronavirus lock down orders unconstitutional. He also explains why he feels churches and other religious organizations should be treated as essential.

Segment #2 – Current Events, Education

Neetu Arnold from the National Association of Scholars discusses ideological bias and intolerance on most college and university campuses and why she believes that affects the rest of society. Arnold argues for conditions to be put on public funding of higher education that demands an increase in diversity of ideas.

Segment #3 – Public Affairs, Education

Amanda Smithfield is the founder of ProvectCiv, which organizes conversations for high school students about difficult and controversial issues. The purpose is to, among other things, teach civility in disagreement, critical listening skills, and research skills by requiring participants to read arguments from multiple perspectives before having the conversations. ProjectCiv makes their resources available to schools and libraries across the nation.

Segment #4 –Public Affairs, Current Events, Health, Technology

R Street Institute’s Kathryn Waldron provides an update on contact tracing app technology as part of the effort to slow down the spread of COVID19. She reviews current and potential cyber security risks as well as the possible benefits of using a trustworthy app.

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Segment #1 – Current Events, Public Affairs, History, Culture, Minority Interest

Mike Gonzalez from the Heritage Foundation discusses both the recently-passed federal spending bill (specifically, the non-transparent way it was approved) and one of the spending projects it includes: a Museum of the American Latino. Gonzalez, a Cuban-American immigrant, argues that the project is divisive and part of “identity politics” in American. Gonzalez’s new book, The Plot To Change America, is a critique of identity politics.

Segment #2 – Public Affairs, Current Events, Business, Economics, Minority Interest

Project 21’s Donna Jackson assesses the effect the national economy is having on minority communities, specifically black communities. She says the Trump Administration’s policies have been good for black workers and explains why she and Project 21 hope to see them continued during a Biden Administration.

Segment #3 – Public Affairs, Current Events, Economy

Phil Kerpen from both American Commitment and the Committee To Unleash Prosperity, addresses the state of America’s economy and argues for an end to government-imposed business shutdowns.

Segment #4 –Public Affairs, Current Events, Public Policy, Environment

Ben Lieberman from the Competitive Enterprise Institute explains one of the items in the aforementioned spending bill that, he says, is likely to drastically increase the cost of air conditioning because of new environmental regulations. That is part of a larger discussion over the way these regulations are put into “must pass” omnibus legislation and how it affects both individuals and businesses.