



**MODEL ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT**

**102.1 WDOK-HD2  
CLEVELAND, OHIO**

**2nd QUARTER 2020  
(April 1 THROUGH June 31)**

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- City Club Forum discusses the crisis brought on by the coronavirus pandemic, exposing the harsh reality of America's racial, health, and economic disparities. In cities across the United States — from New York and Los Angeles, to Detroit and New Orleans — black Americans are dying from COVID-19, the disease caused by the novel coronavirus, at disproportionately higher rates than their white counterparts. A combination of environmental, economic, structural, and political factors — fueled by decades-old housing policies, educational inequities, poverty, and structural racism — are often cited the main reasons behind the racial gap in COVID-19 deaths.
- City Club Forum discusses how the coronavirus pandemic has disrupted life across the globe, profoundly affecting supply chains, healthcare, and the economy. The pandemic has also disrupted democracy and governance at a time where liberal democracy was under threat from a worldwide rise in authoritarianism. Attempting to control the pandemic has led to a rapid expansion of executive power around the world. At the end of March, more than 2.6 billion people were under some form of lockdown to prevent the spread of the disease. Some authoritarian leaders have overreached in response to the outbreak, censoring media, canceling elections, and shutting down investigations.
- City Club Forum discusses how the coronavirus pandemic has exposed our societal fault lines and shined a bright light on both the strengths and the weaknesses of our economy and our institutions. While there is currently much discussion about reopening our economy, a true economic recovery has to look beyond the summer of 2020 and envision what we want our economy and community to look like in 2025 and beyond.
- City Club Forum discusses Ohio lawmakers returning to work for the first time since March 25 and what policy responses will be prioritized. Ohioans and Ohio's economy are beginning to emerge and prepare for a new reality after sheltering in place for nearly two months. The public health and economic crisis brought on by the coronavirus has had dramatic and far-reaching implications. In response, Republicans and Democrats have proposed dozens of bills covering everything from paid family leave to the sales tax that people pay on personal protective equipment to increasing COVID-19 testing and tracing. But the pandemic has cost Ohio's government about \$1 billion in lost revenue, resulting in Governor DeWine's announcement of \$775 million in budget cuts over the next two months.

- City Club Forum discusses the United States experiencing a series of events that have the potential to change the course of history. Deaths from COVID-19 surpassed 100,000. Christian Cooper, a Black man, became a household name after a white woman called the police on him because he was birding in New York's Central Park. Then George Floyd of Minneapolis became the latest black man to be killed while in police custody. Days of protests followed in cities, towns, and suburbs across the country. In Cleveland, a peaceful protest turned violent. As a result, many Downtown businesses were vandalized and looted. These events: the murder, the protests that followed, the violence that followed the protests, both in Cleveland and around the country, are all part of a historical pattern. They represent a culmination of all the consequences of the failures of government and the political and economic establishments to resolve those crises.
- Entercom Cleveland, in cooperation with the Cleveland broadcasting community, features JUSTICE FOR ALL: A Conversation About Race, Equality and Inclusion. Special guests are Mayor Frank Jackson, Police Chief Calvin Williams, Urban League of Greater Cleveland President and CEO Marsha Mockabee, and Destination Cleveland CEO David Gilbert. They discuss how Cleveland can and will work together towards meaningful progress, including justice and equality for all.
- City Club Forum features one of Cleveland City Council's emerging leaders, Councilman Basheer Jones, whom was elected to represent Ward 7 in November 2017, becoming the city's first Muslim council representative. During his tenure, Councilman Jones led the charge for Cleveland to recognize Indigenous People's Day and called for reforms at the Cuyahoga County Jail. Most recently, he was one of the sponsors of a new resolution to declare racism as a public health crisis in Cleveland.
- City Club Forum discusses how African Americans are currently experiencing a "cascade of crises" – rising unemployment due to the coronavirus pandemic; increased risk of death, either from COVID-19 or policy brutality, both of which disproportionately affect the Black community; an increased militarized police presence in cities and towns where protests are prevalent, and a looming housing crisis.

#### **4. Health**

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- City Club Forum features Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson as he provides updates on how the city of Cleveland is responding to the Covid-19 crisis and the measures taken to help keep residents safe and healthy.
- City Club Forum discusses how the coronavirus pandemic has put unprecedented pressure on the American healthcare system. According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, as many as 27 million Americans have lost employer-sponsored health insurance due to job loss during the crisis. Also, hospitals face a shortage of testing materials for patients and personal protective equipment (PPE) for providers. They have also strategized how to turn convention centers and other underutilized buildings into makeshift hospitals and turned to retired medical professionals and medical students to expand their workforce all while encouraging the public to comply with strict behaviors in an attempt to flatten the curve.

**WDOK-HD2 PROGRAM THAT ADDRESS COMMUNITY ISSUES  
(REGULARLY SCHEDULED PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAM)  
2nd QUARTER 2020**

<i>Public Affairs Program</i>	<i>Schedule and Description</i>
<b>Cleveland Connection</b>	WDOK-HD2 /Sunday 6:00am-7:00am  Produced and hosted by Chelsea Ebbert-Lyons, this program features interviews with heads of non-profit organizations, medical professionals, neighborhood and community leaders, government officials of all levels, authors, doctors, and others who are asked about issues of local and national concern.

**WDOK-HD2**  
**MOST SIGNIFICANT ISSUE-RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER 2020**  
**(April 1 THROUGH June 30)**

**EDUCATION**

**Cleveland Connection**

**7:00am - 8:00am**

**60 minutes of a 60 minute program**

**Sunday 05-17-20**

City Club Forum is joined by Cleveland Metropolitan School District CEO Eric Gordon to discuss the actions taken by Cleveland Metropolitan School District to ensure its students continue to learn after the Ohio Department of Health extended its order to keep schools closed for the rest of the school year in an attempt to curb the spread of COVID-19. Gordon also discusses how, as schools recover from the outbreak, policymakers must treat the internet like an essential utility and not a luxury.

**CHILDREN AND FAMILY**

**Cleveland Connection**

**7:00am - 8:00am**

**60 minutes of a 60 minute program**

**Sunday 06-07-20**

City Club Forum is joined by Crystal Massey, who works closely with local border groups providing legal and humanitarian assistance to asylum seekers. Crystal also works with the Immigration Justice Campaign. A discussion is held about who qualifies for asylum and how the recent border policies enacted during the COVID-19 pandemic are impacting asylum seekers. Immigration has become one of the most hotly debated topics in our country. Recent immigration policies have stoked outrage and litigation for their treatment of migrants including separating families from their children, deteriorating or inhumane conditions in detention facilities, and a lack of healthcare and legal counsel. The debates only intensified as the coronavirus pandemic swept the country, causing fear and anxiety in immigrants and asylum seekers. Many remain at ICE detention centers and face an increased risk of contracting the virus due to an inability to follow social distancing protocols.

## **COMMUNITY**

### **Cleveland Connection**

**7:00am - 8:00am**

**10 minutes of a 60 minute program**

**Sunday 04-19-20**

Conservation International's Vice President of Climate Change, Shyla Raghav discusses how COVID-19 is affecting the environment. Conservation International uses their carbon calculator tool to measure and help us understand our carbon footprint.

## **COMMUNITY**

### **Cleveland Connection**

**7:00am - 8:00am**

**50 minutes of a 60 minute program**

**Sunday 04-19-20**

City Club Forum is joined by Loretta J. Mester, president and chief executive officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland. Loretta shares the national Federal Reserve Bank's response to the coronavirus outbreak, her economic outlook, and the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland's continued work in the community during the crisis.

## **COMMUNITY**

### **Cleveland Connection**

**7:00am - 8:00am**

**60 minutes of a 60 minute program**

**Sunday 04-26-20**

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## **COMMUNITY**

### **Cleveland Connection**

**7:00am - 8:00am**

**60 minutes of a 60 minute program**

**Sunday 05-03-20**

City Club Forum discusses how the coronavirus pandemic has disrupted life across the globe, profoundly affecting supply chains, healthcare, and the economy. The pandemic has also disrupted democracy and governance at a time where liberal democracy was under threat from a worldwide rise in authoritarianism. Attempting to control the pandemic has led to a rapid expansion of executive power around the world. At the end of March, more than 2.6 billion people were under some form of lockdown to prevent the spread of the disease. Some authoritarian leaders have overreached in response to the outbreak, censoring media, canceling elections, and shutting down investigations.

## **COMMUNITY**

### **Cleveland Connection**

**7:00am - 8:00am**

**60 minutes of a 60 minute program**

**Sunday 05-10-20**

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## **COMMUNITY**

### **Cleveland Connection**

**7:00am - 8:00am**

**60 minutes of a 60 minute program**

**Sunday 05-24-20**

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## **COMMUNITY**

### **Cleveland Connection**

**7:00am - 8:00am**

**60 minutes of a 60 minute program**

**Sunday 06-14-20**

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## **COMMUNITY**

### **Cleveland Connection**

**1:00pm - 2:30pm**

**90 minutes of a 90 minute program**

**Sunday 06-17-20**

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## **COMMUNITY**

### **Cleveland Connection**

**7:00am - 8:00am**

**60 minutes of a 60 minute program**

**Sunday 06-21-20**

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## **COMMUNITY**

### **Cleveland Connection**

**7:00am - 8:00am**

**60 minutes of a 60 minute program**

**Sunday 06-28-20**

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## **HEALTH**

### **Cleveland Connection**

**7:00am - 8:00am**

**60 minutes of a 60 minute program**

**Sunday 04-05-20**

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## **HEALTH**

### **Cleveland Connection**

**7:00am - 8:00am**

**60 minutes of a 60 minute program**

**Sunday 04-12-20**

City Club Forum features Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson as he provides updates on how the city of Cleveland is responding to the Covid-19 crisis and the measures taken to help keep residents safe and healthy.

## **HEALTH**

### **Cleveland Connection**

**7:00am - 8:00am**

**60 minutes of a 60 minute program**

**Sunday 05-31-20**

City Club Forum discusses how the coronavirus pandemic has put unprecedented pressure on the American healthcare system. According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, as many as 27 million Americans have lost employer-sponsored health insurance due to job loss during the crisis. Also, hospitals face a shortage of testing materials for patients and personal protective equipment (PPE) for providers. They have also strategized how to turn convention centers and other underutilized buildings into makeshift hospitals and turned to retired medical professionals and medical students to expand their workforce all while encouraging the public to comply with strict behaviors in an attempt to flatten the curve.