

Quarterly Issues File
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Capital Connection: July 3 2016

Host Dr. Alan Chartock is joined by Chisun Lee, Senior Counsel in the Democracy Program at the Brennan Center for Justice, where she works on campaign finance reform and voting rights and is the lead author of a new report that examines secret money in the political process.

This week's program focuses on how outside spending is secretive and affecting elections. Investigating where the money from outside for Super PAC ads is coming from and looking for more transparency. Questioning and requesting ad campaign reform for a clearer picture of who is supplying the money by being more clearly identifiable.

Capital Connections July 10 2016

Host Dr. Alan Chartock is joined by Casey Seiler, State Editor and Capitol Bureau Chief for the Albany *Times Union*.

This week's program focuses on the two presidential candidates both being from New York, and their likelihood of winning the presidential election. The show goes on to discuss how Governor Cuomo's team has been investigated for wrongdoing. The show discusses the investigations by the state, funded with public money questioning how money was dispersed.

Capital Connections July 17th 2016

Host Dr. Alan Chartock is joined by Ken Lovett, Albany Bureau Chief for the New York *Daily News*.

The show talks about the investigation of various people close to Governor Cuomo involved with the disbursement of public money for high profile state projects.

Capital Connections July 24th 2016

Host Dr. Alan Chartock is joined by John Faso, Former New York State Assembly Minority Leader and Republican Candidate for the 19th Congressional District seat.

The program discusses the state of the country being in crisis. John Faso discusses the reasons for his running for office, one of which is the number of people leaving New York State, and questioning why this is happening. He talks about the economy and how to fix it, and why he's the right person to correct the state and get it moving in the right direction.

Capital Connections July 31, 2016

Host Dr. Alan Chartock is joined by Jesse McKinley, Albany Bureau Chief for *The New York Times*.

The show discusses how Gov Cuomo operates, and trying to keep his secrecy towards the press. They discuss how high profile people have been found guilty of wrongdoing and misappropriations of public money in the state.

Capital Connection August 7th

Host Dr. Alan Chartock is joined by Ken Lovett, Albany Bureau Chief and columnist for *The New York Daily News*.

The show discussed the DNC and the Governors speech at the Convention. The two discuss how Andrew Cuomo's speaking style is not at the level of Bill Clinton or Mario Cuomo. He talked about the need for unity in the Democratic Party, although he criticizes major players in the party including Mayor DeBlazio in NYC. They discuss Gov Cuomo's evolution from a conservative Democrat to being a Progressive Democrat, and what his political aspirations are for future elections, including running for President, or a third term as Governor.

Capital Connection August 14th

Host Dr. Alan Chartock is joined by Ed Cox, Chairman of the New York State Republican Party.

Discussing the problems in the Cuomo administration and the turmoil in the administration. The guest questions Cuomo's morality. Teacher evaluations have completely fizzled out although he said he wanted reform. Ed Cox says he's all about power, with little regard to principle. Dr. Chartock questions Cuomo's anger with Mayor DeBlazio who wants more affordable housing. He also questions the Republicans ability to put someone up against Cuomo to win the next election.

Capital Connection August 21st

WAMC's Alan Chartock speaks with New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli

They discuss audits on economic development programs. DiNapoli stands behind the audits. DiNapoli says although many programs don't end up accomplishing their objectives, they're still good programs to pursue. They discuss the STARTUP program NY which has failed to grow small businesses the way it was intended. They discuss having metrics in place to monitor the progress of the programs. Audits are to measure the program's success, and self criticize in a non political way.

Capital Connection August 28th

Host Alan Chartock speaks with Ken Lovett, Albany Bureau Chief for the *New York Daily News*.

They discuss Cuomo's showering of the Bronx with money to show support of Ruben Diaz to go against DeBlazio in the next mayoral election in NYC. They talk at length about the hatred between DeBlazio and Cuomo.

Capital Connection September 4

Host Dr. Alan Chartock is joined by Brandon Muir, Executive Director of The Reclaim New York Center for Government Reform and Accountability.

Brandon Muir expresses his concern for the state not going in the right direction, especially in regards to ethics and other issues. He suggests people get involved so they have a better understanding of the issues. His agency digs into why solutions are proposed, but never come to fruition. He suggests ethics reform by term limits, but understands this will never come up on a referendum because no elected official will propose it. He questions economic development using tax payer money, and the corruption involved.

Capital Connection September 11

Host Alan Chartock speaks with Blair Horner, Executive Director of the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG).

They discuss ethics reform heightened by the two top leaders of each party being convicted of corruption. He suggest more transparency for donors, and the limits imposed on donation disclosure. People are angry about corruption among our politicians. They discuss why we can't get reform.

Capital Connection September 18

Host Dr. Alan Chartock is joined by J.P. Miller, Founder and Publisher of Empire Report New York, an online aggregator for New York state political news.

They talked about updating new reports throughout the day on stories that affect the state. The Empire Report chooses political stories that people are following by going to their website. They are a non-partisan website and chooses clips and quotes of hard hitting news stories from all political parties in the interest of keeping people informed.

Capital Connection September 25

Host Dr. Alan Chartock is joined by Ken Lovett, Albany Bureau Chief for the *New York Daily News*.

They talked about the dissidence between Gov Cuomo and NYC Mayor DeBlazio. They focused on how the Governor upstages the mayor when major events, like terrorist attacks, happen in NYC. Ken Lovett says that the governor wants to be the main spokesperson for events in NYC. The Governor is no fan of Mayor DeBlazio, and is not afraid to show his disdain toward the mayor.

Capital Connection October 1

Host Dr. Alan Chartock is joined by Casey Seiler, State Editor and Capital Bureau Chief for the *Albany Times Union*.

They discuss the outbreak of "scandal mania" and the Governor. They discuss criminal complaints against Cuomo's highest confidants and their involvement in scandals, and misappropriations of funds, amounting in millions of dollars and questionable use of public money. They discuss whether or not the Governor was involved with these scandals.