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Israel's Settler Colonialism & it's War on Gaza			
	UpFront	01.03.24/7:00AM/20 min	Israel's Latest Strategy in its Invasion of Gaza. George Bisharat is a Professor Emeritus at University of California College of Law, San Francisco. His research and writing focus on international legal aspects of Palestine/Israel and on U.S. policies toward the Middle East.
	Against the Grain	01.03.24/12:00PM/52min	Beyond Settler-Colonialism. The modern nation-state has been premised on the violent creation of permanent minorities ruled over by ethnic or religious majorities, argues Mahmood Mamdani. The acclaimed scholar of colonialism and anti-colonialism reflects on the United States, Nazi Germany, South Africa, and Israel — settler-colonial societies built on interment and ethnic cleansing. He calls for a decolonialism that transcends nationalism altogether, moving beyond the divisions fostered by colonial rule. - Resources: Mahmood Mamdani, Neither Settler nor Native: The Making and Unmaking of Permanent Minorities Harvard University Press, 2020
	UpFront	01.23.24 /7:00AM/21 min	Tensions in the Israeli Government Over Gaza War and Release of Hostages. Joel Beinin is a Professor of Middle East History, Emeritus at Stanford University.
	Against the Grain	01.23.24/12:00PM/52 min	Edward Said's Vision. What insights into Israel/Palestine, and what visions for the region, were articulated by Edward Said? Under what conditions did the Palestinian-American scholar, critic, and activist believe reconciliation and a just coexistence are possible? Jonathan Graubart considers a number of Said's assertions; he also brings up Ella Shohat's claims about Zionism's impact on Mizrahi Jews. - Jonathan Graubart, Jewish Self-Determination beyond Zionism: Lessons from Hannah Arendt and Other Pariahs Temple University Press, 2023
	Background Briefing	01.30.24/3:00PM/18 min	With "End Times" Christian Zionists Supporting Israel's War, Could Trump be the Antichrist? - Then we look into how the sick and distorted "End Times" theology of Christian Zionism is driving US support for Israel's war on Gaza because in the evangelical Christian worldview, the 1948 creation of Israel was a fulfillment of Biblical prophecy, and made Palestinians the "enemies of God," since they are the enemies of Israel. Joining us is Jonathan Kuttub, an international human rights attorney, co-founder of the Palestinian human rights group Al-Haq, and co-founder of Nonviolence International. A Palestinian who grew up as a conservative evangelical Christian and continues to be a believer in the faith, we discuss his article at Al Jazeera "Why Do Evangelical Christians Support Israel."
	Against the Grain	02.14.24/12:00PM/52 min	Israeli Universities and the State. Israeli universities are heralded in the West for their liberalism and diversity, but critics assert that they are a crucial part of Israel's war making machine. Israeli Jewish academic Maya Wind argues that even before the formation of the state of Israel, universities played a key role in the project of Zionist state-building. She makes the case for an academic boycott and discusses the demonization of Boycott Divestment Sanctions against Israel as it gathers strength.
	UpFront	02.21.24/7:00AM/21 min	Over 52 Countries Begin Arguments on ICJ Against Israel's Occupation of West Bank and East Jerusalem. George Bisharat, Professor Emeritus at UC College of Law, San Francisco. His research and writing focus on international legal aspects of Palestine/Israel and on U.S. policies toward the Middle East.
	Letters and Politics	03.11.24/10:00AM/50 min	Linked Histories: The Holocaust & The Nakba. Guest: Omer Bartov is the Samuel P. Isidor Professor of Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Brown University. Bartov is a historian of the Holocaust and is considered one of the world's leading authorities on genocide. He is the author of numerous books, including Erased: Vanishing Traces of Jewish Galicia in Present-Day Ukraine (2007), Israel-Palestine: Lands and Peoples (2011) Anatomy of a Genocide: The Life and Death of a Town Called Buczacz (2018), and his latest, Genocide, the Holocaust and Israel-Palestine: First-Person History in Times of Crisis.
	Letters and Politics	03.13.24/10:00AM/50 min	Palestinian Identity Through Culture and Exile. Guest: Tahrir Hamdi is a Professor of Decolonial Studies at Arab Open University, Jordan. She is the author of the book Imagining Palestine: Cultures of Exile and National Identity. She has published widely about resistance literature in several prestigious journals.
	Background Briefing	03.13.24/3:00PM/15 min	As Gazans Starve, Will Netanyahu Cross Biden's "Red Line" and Invade Rafah? - We begin with the humanitarian crisis in Gaza and assess whether there is a deliberate policy of starvation underway, while the US and others resort to BandAid solutions of air drops and building a pier. Joining us to discuss Biden's warning that Netanyahu will be crossing a "red line" if he goes ahead with an invasion of Rafah is Omar Shakir, who serves as the Israel and Palestine Director at Human Rights Watch. He investigates human rights abuses in Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza and has authored several major reports, including a 2021 report comprehensively documenting how Israeli authorities are committing the crimes against humanity of apartheid and persecution against millions of Palestinians. As a result of his advocacy, the Israeli government deported Omar in November 2019.
	Letters and Politics	03.18.24/10:00AM/49 min	The Balfour Declaration: How the British Empire Broke Its promises to the People of Palestine. Guest: Peter Shambrook is an independent scholar and historical consultant to the Balfour Project, which works to advance equal rights for all in Palestine/Israel. He is the author of French Imperialism in Syria, 1927–1936, and his latest, Policy of Deceit: Britain and Palestine, 1914-1939.
	Flashpoints	03.20.24/5:00PM/35 min	The Latest Attacks in Gaza, Killing Dozens, Wounding More. New attacks on Al Shifa Hospital in Gaza, as dozens are killed and wounded, dozens more interrogated and taken prisoner, some being shot at close range on the spot. Meanwhile, World Bank is predicting famine in a matter of months. Here in the US Prominent Jewish Americans oppose AIPAC and Israeli lobby influence on US elections
	UpFront	03.26.24/7:00AM/21 min	The Developing Changes in Israel-US Relations with Rashid Khalidi. Rashid Khalidi, Edward Said Professor of Arab Studies at Columbia. His most recent book is The Hundred Years' War on Palestine: a history of settler colonialism and resistance.

Genocidal Intent in Palestine & the Solidarity Challenge			
	UpFront	01.04.24/7:00AM/12 min	Legal Charges Filed Against Bay Area Gaza Activists with Rachel Lederman serves as senior council at the Partnership for Civil Justice Fund. She is the attorney representing the 78 activists arrested on the Bay Bridge and over 470 activists arrested at the Oakland Federal Building in November.
	Letters and Politics	01.11.24/10:00AM/50 min	Public Hearings in the Case South Africa v. Israel – Oral argument of South Africa. The International Court of Justice (ICJ), the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, holds public hearings on the request for the indication of provisional measures submitted by South Africa in the case South Africa v. Israel on 11 and 12 January 2024, at the Peace Palace in The Hague, the seat of the Court. Guest: Almudena Bernabeu is a renowned international human rights lawyer. She is the co-founder and director of Guernica 37 International Justice Chambers. Ms Bernabeu has been involved in the investigation and prosecution of several cases and human rights violations in Latin America, the Middle East, and Europe, including the historic judgment of former president of Guatemala, Efraim Rios Montt, who in May 2013 was found guilty of genocide and crimes against humanity against the Ixil Maya people. He was sentenced to 80 years in prison.
	Project Censored	01.12.24/1:00PM/57 min	The Legality of Genocide: On International Law & Thoughtcrimes on US Campuses. In the first half of the show, Hassan Ben Imran from Law For Palestine joins Eleanor Goldfield to discuss the recent case of genocide brought by South Africa to the ICJ against Israel: the potential, the pitfalls and the precedent. Ben Imran also debunks Israel's claim to self-defense and shines a light on the West Bank, a primary target for Israel beyond obliterating Gaza. Next up, Professors Anthony O'Rourke and Wadie Said join the show to discuss their recent article in Dissent covering the oppressively Orwellian push to criminalize support for Palestine as material support for a terrorist organization, particularly on college campuses — going farther than the already ludicrous assertion that antizionism is antisemitism.
	Letters and Politics	01.24.24/10:00AM/50 min	Solidarity with the People of Palestine: The Global and Local Movement (LIVE at L3Harris). Protest at L3Harris in San Leandro, California. L3Harris is a local manufacturer responsible for developing weapons technology that has targeted medical workers and infrastructure in Gaza. Guest: Dr. Jess Ghannam is a Professor of Psychiatry and Global Health at the University of California, San Francisco. He has worked in Gaza and the Middle East for over 25 years. Part II. Analysis of the Solidarity Movement with the People of Palestine Guest: Lara Kiswani is the Executive Director of the Arab Resource & Organizing Center (AROC).
	Letters and Politics	01.29.24/10:00AM/50 min	Unfolding the Genocide: Palestine Takes on Biden. Guest: Marc Van Der Hout is Counsel in the case Defense for Children International – Palestine v. Biden. Mr. Van Der Hout is a practicing attorney and the founding member of Van Der Hout, LLP. - The Case: Palestinian human rights organizations, together with Palestinians in Gaza and the U.S., filed a lawsuit in U.S. federal court against President Biden, Secretary of State Blinken, and Secretary of Defense Austin for the U.S. officials' failure to prevent and complicity in the Israeli government's unfolding genocide against them, their families, and the 2.2 million Palestinians in Gaza. The case was filed by the Center for Constitutional Rights and Van Der Hout LLP.
	Letters & Politics	01.30.24/10:00AM/50 min	Genocide: Meaning & History. Guest: Barry Trachtenberg is the Michael H. and Deborah K. Rubin Presidential Chair of Jewish History at Wake Forest University, NC. He is the author of The Revolutionary Roots of Modern Yiddish, The United States and the Nazi Holocaust: Race, Refuge, and Remembrance (Perspectives on the Holocaust); and The Holocaust & the Exile of Yiddish A History of the Algemeine Entsiklopedye. As an expert on Genocide, Professor Trachtenberg testified in support of the plaintiffs of the lawsuit Defense for Children International – Palestine v. Biden seeking an emergency order to stop US military and diplomatic aid for the Israeli government's genocidal assault on Gaza. To see the Federal Courts Recording of the Hearing on January 26, 2024 go to: Defense for Children International-Palestine v. Biden - Motion for Preliminary Injunctive Relief January 26, 2024
	UpFront	01.31.24/7:00AM/12 min	Cal Poly SLO Pro-Palestinian Protestors Attacked by Police. Ahlam Muhtaseb is a professor of media studies at California State University, San Bernardino. She is Co-chair of the California Faculty Association's Palestine, Arab and Muslim caucus. Anonymous speaker, who is a faculty member in San Luis Obispo.
	Letters and Politics	02.01.24/10:00AM/25 min	Dismissal of the Palestine v. Biden case in Federal Court. Guest: Marc Van Der Hout is a practicing attorney and the founding member of Van Der Hout, LLP. He is a Co-Counsel in the case Defense for Children International – Palestine v. Biden. The court denied the plaintiffs' preliminary injunction motion and granted the government's motion to dismiss the case on the grounds that it lacked jurisdiction over the administration's conduct of foreign relations. While Dismissing Case on Jurisdictional Grounds, U.S. Judge "Implores" Biden Administration to Stop its "Unflagging Support" for Israel's Ongoing Siege of the Palestinian People in Gaza (CCRJustice.org) The Case: The lawsuit was filed in U.S. federal court against President Biden, Secretary of State Blinken, and Secretary of Defense Austin for failure to prevent and complicity in the Israeli government's unfolding genocide in Gaza.
	Behind the News	02.01.24/12:00PM/24 min	Why did South Africa charge Israel at the ICJ? Sean Jacobs explores why South Africa brought the genocide case against Israel in the World Court
	Letters & Politics	02.15.24/10:00AM/20 min	Biden's Continued Support for the War on Gaza. Guest: Stephen M. Walt is the Robert and Renée Belfer professor of international relations at Harvard University. He is the author and coauthor of several such books, including The Hell of Good Intentions: America's Foreign Policy; and The Israel Lobby and U.S. Foreign Policy co-authored with John J. Mearsheimer. He is also a columnist at Foreign Policy.
	Flashpoints	03.12.24/5:00PM/20 min	Palestine Legal & NY Civil Liberties Union Sue Columbia University
	Flashpoints	03.13.24/5:00PM/33 min	Pro Palestinian Activists Stop "Business As Usual" with Protest at San Francisco International Airport. Israel's military plans to transfer about 1.4 million Palestinian civilians trapped in southern Rafah city to "humanitarian islands" in the middle of Gaza before it launches a ground invasion. Critics call the plan, another deadly humanitarian nightmare in the making. Also, Pro-Palestinian, antigenocide activists Block business as usual at San Francisco international Airport.
	UpFront	03.14.24/7:00AM/58 min	A Look at Local Organizing Around a Gaza Ceasefire; Plus, Influencing DC Politics Toward Ending the War Gaza. Sara Kershner, is an organizer and co-founder of International Jewish Anti-Zionist Network (IJAN). Matt Duss is the Executive Vice President of the Center for International Policy.
	Flashpoints	03.18.24/5:00PM/14 min	Code Pink founder and author Medea Benjamin confronting the former speaker of the U.S. House of Reps on US support for genocide in Gaza.

	UpFront	03.19.24/7:00AM/ 21 min	How Much Has Organizing on the War in Gaza Affected Policy in Washington D.C. Mohammed Khader, Manager of Policy and Advocacy Campaigns for the US Campaign for Palestinian Rights
	UpFront	03.21.24/7:00AM/25 min	Sacramento City Council Pass Ceasefire Resolution. Basim Elkarra is Executive Director of Sacramento Valley's branch of the Council on Islamic-American Relations.
US Military Aid for Israel, Foreign Policy, & the Israel Lobby			
	Letters and Politics	01.09.24/10:00AM/48 min	The Israeli Lobby and the Squad. Guest: Ryan Grim is DC bureau chief for The Intercept, co-host of the show Counter Points and Deconstructed, and author of the books "We've Got People," "This Is Your Country On Drugs," and his latest, "The Squad: AOC and the Hope of a Political Revolution."
	Letters and Politics	01.10.24/10:00AM/50 min	The US Politics in the Middle East & The South Africa's Genocide Case Against Israel. Guest: Juan Cole is the Richard P. Mitchell Collegiate Professor of History at the University of Michigan, is the author of several books including his latest, The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam: A New Translation From the Persian.
	Background Briefing	02.01.24/3:00PM/14 min	US Sanctions Four Israeli Settlers, But Not the Ministers Who Support Them - Then we look into the Biden administration's sanctioning of 4 members of Israel's settler movement, a move well-short of sanctioning the two rabid right wing members of Netanyahu's government Smotrich and Ben Gvir. Joining us is Asher Kaufman, Director of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and a professor of History and Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame. Prior to that, he taught at Hebrew University, Jerusalem and from 2000 to 2004, he was a research fellow at the Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace where he headed its Middle East Unit. His latest book is Contested Frontiers: Cartography, Sovereignty, and Conflict at the Syria, Lebanon, Israel Tri-Border Region.
	Background Briefing	02.05.24/3:00PM/13 min	To Solve Crises, Biden is Increasingly Relying on His Enemies at Home and Abroad - We begin with the extent to which Biden is increasingly relying on his enemies abroad like Netanyahu and Iran to avoid getting dragged into another war and his enemies at home, House and Senate Republicans, to vote for an immigration bill that Trump is trying to kill which is DOA in Mike Johnson's House. Joining us is Andrew Feinberg, a reporter covering the White House and Congress for The Independent where his latest article, which we discuss, is "As crises mount, Biden's hopes rest increasingly in his enemies' hands."
	Background Briefing	03.07.24/3:00PM/17 min	Belatedly Biden Appears to be Using the Enormous Leverage the US Has Over Netanyahu - Then finally, with Biden expected to announce in his SOTU that the US military will build a docking pier in Gaza to enable big ships to unload desperately needed food, water and medicine, we look into the leverage the US has over Netanyahu that it is belatedly starting to use. Joining us is Paul Pillar, who served for 30 years as an analyst at the CIA, in which his last position was National Intelligence Officer for the Near East and South Asia. Previously, he served as chief of analytic units at the CIA covering portions of the Near East, the Persian Gulf, and South Asia. He has also headed the Assessments and Information Group of the DCI's Counterterrorist Center, where he was deputy chief of the center. Paul Pillar is currently a professor of Security Studies at Georgetown University and a member of the Center for Peace and Security Studies, and we will discuss his article at Responsible Statecraft, "Why Netanyahu is laughing all the way to the bank."
	Background Briefing	03.11.24/3:00PM/17 min	Have Israel's Right Wing Supporters and the AIPAC Lobby Lost the Narrative on Israel in Popular Culture? We begin with last night's Academy Awards at which Jonathan Glazer, the winning international film director of The Zone of Interest, a movie about the banality of evil, portraying the family of the Commandant of Auschwitz living ordinary lives next door to the holocaust, said in accepting the award: "Right now we stand here as men who refute their Jewishness and the Holocaust being hijacked, an occupation which has led to conflict for so many innocent people, whether the victims of October the 7th in Israel or the ongoing attack on Gaza, all the victims, this dehumanization, how do we resist?" Joining us to discuss the extent to which right wing supporters of Israel and the lobby AIPAC have lost, or are losing, the narrative in popular culture is David Klion, a journalist and cultural critic whose forthcoming book is about the legacy of neoconservatism. He joins us to discuss his article at The New York Times, "The Oscar Contender Who Won't Let Us Look Away."
	Background Briefing	03.14.24/3:00PM/14 min	Senator Schumer's Public Break With Netanyahu - Assessing the impact of Senator Schumer's public break with Netanyahu calling for new elections in Israel at a time when the unpopular Prime Minister's slim majority in the Knesset has been bolstered by four defections from Benny Gantz's opposition coalition. Joining us is Asher Kaufman Director of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and a professor of History and Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame. Prior to that, he taught at Hebrew University, Jerusalem and was a research fellow at the Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace where he headed its Middle East Unit. His latest book is Contested Frontiers: Cartography, Sovereignty, and Conflict at the Syria, Lebanon, Israel Tri-Border Region.
	UpFront	03.26.24/7:00AM/25 min	Inside the Israel Lobby. Luke Goldstein is a writing fellow at The American Prospect.
Tensions in the Middle East & the US Escalations			
	UpFront	01.04.24/7:00AM/21 min	What the Attacks in Iran and Beirut Mean for the Region. Negar Mortazavi is a journalist, political commentator, and host of the Iran Podcast. She joins us from Washington D.C.
	UpFront	01.17.24/7:00AM/25 min	UK and US continue to Bomb Houthis in Yemen. Aisha Jumaan is the president of Yemen Relief and Reconstruction Foundation.
	Behind the News	01.18.24/12:00PM/30 min	Who is Hezbollah? Joseph Daher, author of Hezbollah: The Political Economy of the Party of God, on that demonized organization
	Letters and Politics	01.22.24 - 10:00AM/50 min	The Houthis & Yemen: A History. Guest: Shireen Al-Adeimi is a non-resident fellow at the Quincy Institute and assistant professor of language and literacy at Michigan State University's College of Education.
	UpFront	01.24.24/7:00AM/25 min	the Biden Administrations Escalating Actions Towards Yemen. Gregory Brew is an analyst with Eurasia Group's Energy, Climate & Resources team focusing on the geopolitics of oil and gas and country analyst for Iran.
	Behind the News	01.25.24/12:00PM/53 min	Who are the Houthis? • more on Hezbollah. Shireen Al-Adeimi of Michigan State and the Quincy Institute, on the Houthis • political scientist Aurélie Daher with another view of Hezbollah

	Background Briefing	01.29.24/3:00PM/37 min	<p>Biden's Options to Retaliate as Pressure Mounts to Strike Iran</p> <p>We begin with the mounting pressure on President Biden to retaliate against Iran for the drone strike on a US base in Jordan that killed 3 American soldiers and wounded 34. Joining us to discuss what options Biden has short of striking Iran and widening the war in the Middle East is Nicholas Heras, Senior Director for Strategy & Innovation at the New Lines Institute. From 2016-2017, Nicholas served as the tenth 1st LT Andrew J. Bacevich, Jr., USA Fellow at Center for New American Security and he is the author of From the Bottom, Up: A Strategy for U.S. Military Support for Syria's Armed Opposition. He's conducted an extensive study on Iran's proxies in the Middle East for the National Defense University.</p> <p>Will the Presence of 2,400 US Soldiers in Iraq and Syria Become the Main Reason We Fight Iran</p> <p>Then, after 160 attacks by pro-Iranian militias, because an incoming drone was mistaken for a US drone returning from a mission resulting in the deaths of US soldiers, we examine how much the presence of US troops in the region who are fighting a defeated enemy ISIS will now become the reason we will fight Iran. Joining us is Paul Pillar, who served for 30 years as an analyst at the CIA, in which his last position was National Intelligence Officer for the Near East and South Asia. Previously, he served as chief of analytic units at the CIA covering portions of the Near East, the Persian Gulf, and South Asia. He has also headed the Assessments and Information Group of the DCI Counterterrorist Center and is currently a professor of Security Studies at Georgetown University and a member of the Center for Peace and Security Studies. We discuss his article at Responsible Statecraft, "Bring US Troops Home From the Middle East—Now."</p>
	Background Briefing	01.31.24/3:00PM/18 min	<p>With Biden Poised to Retaliate, Both the US and Iran Say They Don't Want a Wider War</p> <p>We begin with both Iran and the US saying they don't want a wider war in the Middle East just as President Biden is about to retaliate against Iranian proxies and possibly Iran itself for a drone attack that killed 3 American soldiers and wounded 34. Joining us is Gregory Brew, an analyst with Eurasia Group's Energy, Climate & Resources team focusing on the geopolitics of oil and gas. In addition, he serves as Eurasia Group's country analyst for Iran. A historian of modern Iran, oil, and US foreign policy, he is the author of The Struggle for Iran: Oil, Autocracy, and the Cold War, 1951–1954 and Petroleum and Progress in Iran: Oil, Development, and the Cold War, and he has an article at Time Magazine, "The U.S. Has No Endgame in Yemen."</p>
	Behind the News	02.01.24/12:00PM/12 min	<p>the widening war in the Middle East. Hassan El-Tayyab on the widening war in the Middle East. Hassan El-Tayyab is an author and FCNL's legislative director for Middle East policy and advocacy organizer</p>
	Background Briefing	02.05.24/3:00PM/20 min	<p>Biden Should Bypass Netanyahu And Go to the Israeli Public With a Peace Plan</p> <p>Then we examine further the tinderbox in the Middle East as the US steps up strikes on the Houthis in Yemen and speak with Steven Simon, who served on the National Security Council staff as senior director for Middle Eastern and North African affairs from 2011 to 2012. He also worked on the NSC staff from 1994 to 1999 on counterterrorism and Middle East security policy and these assignments followed a fifteen-year career at the U.S. Department of State. Currently a Fellow in International Affairs at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he is the co-author, among other books, of The Age of Sacred Terror, and his latest book is Grand Delusion: The Rise and Fall of American Ambition in the Middle East. We discuss his article at The Atlantic, "Netanyahu Should Quit. The U.S. Can Help With That."</p>
	Letters and Politics	03.19.24/10:00AM/49 min	<p>The Axis of Resistance: Palestine & West Asia Fight Against Imperialism. Guest: Ibrahim Aoude is a Professor Emeritus of Ethnic Studies at the University of Hawaii-Manoa. He is the editor of the journal Arab Studies Quarterly (which was founded by Edward Said in 1979). Professor Aoude is an expert on Hawai'i Political Economy and Middle East politics.</p>
Russia-Ukraine War & the US Involvement			
	UpFront	01.08.24/7:00AM/21 min	Russia's War in Ukraine with John Feffer, Director of Foreign Policy in Focus at the Institute for Policy Studies
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	Background Briefing	02.01.24/3:00PM/22 min	<p>Why Russia's War on Ukraine Has Reached a Stalemate</p> <p>We begin with the expected firing of the head of Ukraine's military by President Zelensky which is likely to further diminish hopes that US aid blocked by House Republicans will be unlocked although the EU did find a way around Hungary's Orban to get \$54 billion to Ukraine. Joining us to discuss the battlefield situation in Ukraine and why it has reached a World War I kind of stalemate is Stephen Biddle, a professor of international and public affairs at Columbia University, Director of the International Security Policy Concentration and a senior fellow for defense policy at the Council on Foreign Relations. His books include Military Power: Explaining Victory and Defeat in Modern Battle and Nonstate Warfare: The Military Methods of Guerillas, Warlords, and Militias. We discuss his latest article at Foreign Affairs, "How Russia Stopped Ukraine's Momentum: A Deep Defense Is Hard to Beat."</p>
	UpFront	02.14.24/7:00AM/21 min	Senate Passes \$95Billion Aid Bill, Sending Arms to Ukraine and Israel with John Nichols is National Affairs Correspondent for the Nation.
	Background Briefing	02.19.24 - 3:00PM/21 min	<p>Do Mike Johnson's Financial Ties Explain Why He is Cutting Off Aid to Ukraine</p> <p>Then we examine House Speaker Mike Johnson's financial ties to Russian oligarchs in an attempt to understand why he is cutting off aid to Ukraine when they are running out of ammunition in their war against Russian imperialism. Joining us is Anna Massoglia, the Editorial and Investigations Manager at OpenSecrets, which tracks the influence of money in U.S. politics. Her research areas also include foreign influence and investigations into opaque spending networks. Trained as a lawyer, she has held additional roles with the D.C. Superior Court Senior Judge's Chambers, the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law Voting Rights Project, the D.C. Council Committee on Government Operations, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Sunlight Foundation.</p>
	UpFront	02.20.24/7:00AM/21 min	Russia's War in Ukraine – Navalny Edition. Anthony D'Agostino, professor of history emeritus at San Francisco State University.
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Climate Change & Resource Extraction			
	Terra Verde	01.05.24/10:30AM/28 min	California's Budding Lithium Industry. As the green energy transition speeds up, demand for lithium — used in electric car batteries — is skyrocketing. Currently, the bulk of the global lithium supply comes from Australia and Chile, but as demand increases, countries around the world are looking to tap into their reserves. In the United States, the quest for this in-demand metal involves California, which has one of the world's largest known lithium reserves, located in Southern California's Imperial County, near the Salton Sea. These reserves have yet to be commercially developed, but companies are itching to start. The lithium in Imperial County is located in hot brine. If done right, extraction from hot brine might be less damaging than other forms of extraction, namely that from bedrock and salt flats. But the technology involved remains unproven, and the industry comes with real risks to the air, water, and more. Locals are pushing to make sure potential costs are factored into decisions around extraction in the region, which already experiences far more than its fair share of environmental pollution; that community members have a voice in the decision-making process; and that any extraction in the region ultimately benefits the local community. - Christian Torres, special projects manager with Comite Civico Del Valle, Inc, and Jared Naimark, California mining organizer with Earthworks, join Terra Verde host and managing editor Zoe Loftus-Farren to discuss the state of lithium extraction in Imperial County, the possible environmental and health impacts, and the fight to give community members a seat at the table.
	Against the Grain	01.08.24/12:00PM/52 min	Fueling Change: What does bold and militant action in the face of climate calamity look like? What sorts of individual and collective actions should the movement encompass, embrace, or at least tolerate? Chuck Collins explores these questions in a provocative novel packed with information about real-life activists and iconic campaigns. Chuck Collins, Altar to an Erupting Sun Green Writers Press, 2023 inequality.org DivestInvest
	UpFront	01.18.24/7:00AM/21 min	Chevron Deference Case. Michael Wara is a lawyer and Senior Research Scholar at Stanford's Woods Institute for the Environment; also Director of the Climate and Energy Policy Program there.
	Terra Verde	01.26.24/10:30AM/28 min	Undamming the Klamath. In early January, the Klamath River Renewal Corporation began to deconstruct the Iron Gate dam, the second of four hydroelectric dams on the Klamath River slated to come down by the end of the year. One of the largest dam removal projects in world history, the undamming of the Klamath represents a major milestone in a decades-long struggle to restore this key salmon-bearing river. For the Yurok, Karuk and other tribal communities that live and depend on the Klamath, dam removal also represents a moment of continued healing from colonialism and an opportunity to restore traditional lifeways. - On this week's episode, Terra Verde's new host and producer Hannah Wilton is joined by Annelia Hillman from the Yurok Tribe, a longtime #UnDamtheKlamath activist and Food Village Coordinator for the Tribe's Food Sovereignty Program. Annelia shares her first-hand experience watching Iron Gate come down and her vision for long-term healing and food sovereignty in the Klamath watershed.
	Against the Grain	01.30.24/12:00PM/52 min	Half-Earth Socialism. As the world rushes headlong into the climate emergency, what might a liberatory approach look like, that would avert ecological disaster while making another world possible? Drew Pendergrass and Troy Vettese have laid out one vision for eco-socialism that takes on the difficult question of how to plan society in a radically different way. (Encore presentation.) - Resources: Drew Pendergrass and Troy Vettese, Half-Earth Socialism: A Plan to Save the Future from Extinction, Climate Change and Pandemics Verso, 2022 Half-Earth Socialism: A Planetary Planning Game
	Terra Verde	02.02.24/10:30AM/28 min	Bringing Beaver Back to California. Beaver once thrived across California's watersheds in the millions, their dams and ponds creating rich wetlands and a mosaic of habitat for biodiversity to flourish. However, by the early 1900s, European colonization and the fur trade had nearly wiped them out of the state. Today, there is growing momentum to return this keystone species to its historic range to help restore degraded waterways and build resilience to climate change. Just recently, California's top wildlife management agency took a major step forward, partnering with the Maidu Summit Consortium to release beaver back into the wild for the first time in nearly 75 years. - On this week's episode, Terra Verde host and producer Hannah Wilton speaks with two of California's leading beaver advocates: Kate Lundquist from the WATER Institute's Bring Back the Beaver Campaign and Kevin Swift from Swift Water Design, a process-based restoration company focused on beaver mimicry and coexistence alternatives. Together, they unpack the history and ecosystem benefits of beaver and share how we can partner with these wetland engineers to help heal California's waterways.
	Terra Verde	02.09.24/10:30AM/28 min	On the Trail of California's Hazardous Waste. When it comes to hazardous waste, California has some of the strictest rules in the country. Specifically, the state has set lower bar than most for what exactly it considers hazardous, triggering greater precautions around in-state disposal. But that doesn't mean California is always disposing of toxic materials more carefully than its neighbors. That's because nearly half of the the Golden State's hazardous waste is disposed of across state lines, much of it is contaminated soil. - CalMatters investigative reporter Robert Lewis joins Terra Verde host and Earth Island Journal managing editor Zoe Loftus-Farren to discuss his long-term investigation into California's hazardous waste rules, how they are impacting communities both inside and outside state, and where we might go from here.
	Terra Verde	03.15.24/10:30AM/28 min	Is California Really Ending Fracking? In February, California's Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM), the agency that manages oil and gas extraction in the state, formally announced its plan to phase out fracking in the state. The move came after years of campaigning by environmental and social justice groups and three years after CalGEM had essentially stopped issuing new fracking permits. While the move is an environmental justice and climate win, as always, there are some devils hiding in the details. To shine a light on those details, Earth Island Journal editor and Terra Verde-cohost Maureen Nandini Mitra speaks with Kobi Naseck, coalition director of VISION (Voices in Solidarity Against Oil in Neighborhoods). Learn more about the Big Oil-sponsored referendum that will allow drilling to continue near homes and schools. To find out if there's a neighborhood drilling site of any kind near you, visit vision-ca.org
	UpFront	03.19.24/7:00AM/13 min	CA Not Projected to Meet its Greenhouse Gas Emissions Goals. Alejandro Lazo is a Climate reporter for Calmatters.

Primary Races & Eligibility Challenges			
	Behind the News	01.04.24/12:00PM/25 min	Perils of striking Trump from the ballot with guest Samuel Moyn, law prof and historian, on the political and legal dubiousness of excluding Trump from the presidential ballot
	Letters & Politics	01.08.24/10:00AM/50 min	The Supreme Court & Trump's Eligibility for Colorado Primary Ballot. Guest: John Nichols is the national affairs correspondent for The Nation Magazine. He is the author of several books including his latest co-written with Senator Bernie Sanders, "It's OK to Be Angry About Capitalism." His Latest piece in the Nation is: Kevin McCarthy's Final Act of Retribution Totally Screws Over the House GOP. With his exit from the House, the embittered former speaker leaves his caucus with a collapsed majority that may not be able to govern.
	Letters & Politics	01.23.24/10:00AM/50 min	New Hampshire Primary & the Rural Voter. Guests: Nicholas F. Jacobs is a professor of government at Colby College. He is co-author of "What Happened to the Vital Center? Presidentialism, Populist Revolt, and the Fracturing of America" and his latest, "The Rural Voter: The Politics of Place and the Disuniting of America" co-authored with Daniel M. Shea. Daniel M. Shea is professor and chair of government at Colby College. He is the author of "Why Vote? Essential Questions About the Future of Elections in America" and "The Rural Voter" with Nicholas F. Jacobs.
	UpFront	01.24.24/7:00AM/21 min	New Hampshire Primary Elections Results with John Nichols is National Affairs Correspondent for the Nation.
	Background Briefing	01.25.24/3:00PM/20 min	Trump's Mental Unfitness Will Now be a Campaign Issue Thanks to Nikki Haley - We begin with the dangerous state of Donald Trump's mental health re-emerging as a political issue, this time brought up by Nikki Haley who will be hammering the theme for the next month that Trump is mentally unfit for the presidency, which gets under his thin skin provoking crude insults, name-calling and threats to her donors from the chronically narcissistic sociopath whose cult-like spell has captured a third of the country. Joining us is Dr. Bandy Lee, a medical doctor, forensic psychiatrist and a world expert on violence who taught at Yale School of Medicine and Yale Law School for 17 years before transferring recently to Columbia and Harvard. She became known to the public by leading a group of mental health professional colleagues in breaking the silence about Donald Trump's dangerous psychology and publishing the New York Times bestseller, The Dangerous Case of Donald Trump: 37 Psychiatrists and Mental Health Experts Assess a President. She is currently president of the World Mental Health Coalition and her latest book is Profile of a Nation: Trump's Mind, America's Soul.
	Letters & Politics	02.05.24/10:00AM/50 min	Section 3 of the 14th Amendment & The Disqualification of a President. Guest: Mark A. Graber is the University System of Maryland Regents Professor at Maryland Carey Law. Professor Graber is a leading scholar on constitutional law and politics. He is the author of A New Introduction to American Constitutionalism (2013), Dred Scott and the Problem of Constitutional Evil (2006); and his latest, Punish Treason, Reward Loyalty: The Forgotten Goals of Constitutional Reform after the Civil War.
	Background Briefing	02.06.24/3:00PM/13 min	We look further into the season of violence ahead starting with today's request by Nikki Haley for Secret Service protection from Trump's supporters fired up with vengeance because of his denunciations of her. Joining us to discuss how violence is moving from the back-burner to the front-burner as the 2024 election gets underway is Wendy Via, the President and Co-Founder of the Global Project Against Hate and Extremism where her work focuses on the effects of extremism on our society, systemic racism, economic inequality, immigration, criminal justice reform, and LGBTQ rights. Previously, she was the Chief Communications and Development Officer at the Southern Poverty Law Center and helped launch Justice for Migrant Women.
	Background Briefing	02.06.24/3:00PM/17 min	If Trump is Disqualified From the Ballot, Waves of Violence Will Follow Whether He Wins or Loses the Election - We begin with the blunt ruling from a three-judge panel on the Court of Appeals denying Trump absolute immunity, which he is bound to appeal as he seeks to delay the insurrection trial. Joining us to discuss that and Thursday's Supreme Court hearing on Colorado's attempt to disqualify Trump from the ballot and whether that would trigger serial overlapping waves of resistance is Aziz Huq, a Professor of Law at the University of Chicago. He is a former clerk for Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and is the co-author of Unchecked and Unbalanced: Presidential Power in a Time of Terror and How to Save a Constitutional Democracy, and his latest book is The Collapse of Constitutional Remedies. He's a contributor to an article at Politico which we discuss, "Supreme Court Shocker? Here's What Happens if Trump Gets Kicked Off the Ballot."
	Letters & Politics	02.07.24/10:00AM/25 min	The Immigration Politics of an Election Year. Guest: Todd Miller is an independent journalist, border policy expert, and author of several books including Border Patrol Nation, Storming the Wall, Empire of Borders, and his latest Build Bridges, Not Walls: A Journey to a World Without Borders.
	Background Briefing	02.07.24/3:00PM/23 min	Trump's Successful Scuttling of the Immigration Bill and His Toady Mike Johnson's Humiliation - We begin with Trump's successful scuttling of the bipartisan immigration bill with help from his toady Speaker Mike Johnson who was publicly humiliated in the House yesterday with his failure to pass the vote on impeaching the head of DHS then failing to pass a vote for aid to Israel which is almost sacrilegious for the self-described "Christian" given the Christian Right's devotion to Israel. Joining us is Justin Higgins, who has worked as an immigration policy advisor to a Tea Party, now House Freedom Caucus Member of Congress, and worked on Trump's 2016 campaign at the RNC, all before becoming a Democrat and an appointed official for the Democratic Governor of Puerto Rico. He now hosts the Politics + Media 101 podcast and we discuss how the "national interest" is no longer a consideration in Trump's GOP.
	Letters & Politics	02.08.24/10:00AM/50 min	Supreme Court Hears Arguments on Trump's State Ballot Eligibility. Guest: John Nichols is the national affairs correspondent for The Nation Magazine. He is the author of several books including his latest co-written with Senator Bernie Sanders "It's OK to Be Angry About Capitalism." His Latest piece in the Nation is: The Only Way Trump Stays on the Ballot Is if the Supreme Court Rejects the Constitution.
	Background Briefing	03.12.24/3:00PM/17 min	In Hedging its Bet on Biden, Wall Street is Telling Itself Trump is Not That Bad Even Though They Know Better - We assess how much Wall Street is hedging its bet on Biden by telling itself Trump is not that bad even though they know better. Joining us is William Cohan, a former senior Wall Street investment banker for 17 years at Lazard Frères & Co., Merrill Lynch and JPMorganChase, as well as a New York Times best-selling author, whose books include Money and Power: How Goldman Sachs Came to Rule the World, House of Cards: A Tale of Hubris and Wretched Excess on Wall Street and, most recently, Power Failure: The Rise and Fall of an American Icon. A founding partner at Puck News, he recently published an article at Puck titled "Wall Street Hedges Its Bet on Biden."
	UpFront	03.13.24/7:00AM/21 min	Primary Election Results with John Nichols is National Affairs Correspondent for the Nation.

	Background Briefing	03.13.24/3:00PM/20 min	Third Party Spoilers Already Have 17% of the Vote and Will Hurt Biden More Than Trump - Then we look into the array of third party spoilers led by RFK Jr., along with Jill Stein, Cornel West and No Labels, who together already have 17% of the vote and will clearly hurt Biden a lot more than Trump. Joining us is David Faris, a professor of political science at Roosevelt University in Chicago and a regular contributor to Salon, The Week and Newsweek. He is the author of Time to Fight Dirty: How Democrats Can Build a Lasting Majority in American Politics and, most recently, The Kids Are All Left: How Young Voters Will Unite America. His recent article at Salon is "Three Comforting Lies Democrats Need to Stop Telling Themselves About November." We discuss his latest, "Trump and Biden Should Both Be Terrified of the Third-Party Vote."
	UpFront	03.19.24/7:00AM/12 min	Voter Behavior in California. Sameea Kamal is a reporter for CalMatters covering the state Capitol and California politics.
Trump's Legal Battles			
	Background Briefing	02.14.24/3:00PM/18 min	Will the Far Right Supreme Court's Majority Delay the Cases Trump is Facing in Federal Court? Then finally we look into whether the far-right Supreme Court majority are Republican political activists in robes and will rule to help Trump delay the cases he is facing in federal court. Joining us is Sidney Blumenthal, the former assistant and senior adviser to President Bill Clinton, and senior adviser to Hillary Clinton. He has been a national staff reporter for The Washington Post and Washington editor and staff writer for The New Yorker. His books include the bestsellers The Clinton Wars, The Rise of the Counter-Establishment, and The Permanent Campaign. His latest book is All the Powers of Earth: The Political Life of Abraham Lincoln 1856-1860. We discuss his article at The Guardian, "The US supreme court may turn this election into a constitutional crisis."
	Background Briefing	03.12.24/3:00PM/18 min	Trump's Mafia-Like Extortion of Corporate America Then we examine Trump's Mafia-like extortion of corporate America, where he trashes companies like TikTok and Budweiser and then, after they give him campaign donations, changes his tune and praises and supports them. Joining us is Will Bunch, an award-winning national opinion columnist for the Philadelphia Inquirer who blogs at attytodd.com. He is the author of The Bern Identity: A Search for Bernie Sanders and the New American Dream and, most recently, After the Ivory Tower Falls: How College Broke the American Dream and Blew Up Our Politics—and How to Fix It. We discuss his latest article at the Philadelphia Inquirer, "Pennsylvania's TikTok billionaire, Donald Trump, and 'The Selling of the President 2024.'"
	Background Briefing	03.13.24/3:00PM/17 min	We investigate the real possibility of money from malign foreign dictators bailing out Trump with the half a billion he has to put up in bonds in the cases against him in New York. Joining us is David Cay Johnston, a Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative reporter and bestselling author of The Making of Donald Trump. A 13-year veteran of The New York Times, his latest book is The Big Cheat: How Donald Trump Fleeced America and Enriched Himself and His Family. He is also the co-founder of DCReport.org. We discuss his article at MSNBC, "The many reasons Trump's \$91.6 million bond should vex voters" and how Trump is extorting corporate America by trashing companies like TikTok (who the House just voted to shut down) as well as Budweiser, and then, after getting campaign donations from them, praising and supporting them.
	UpFront	03.20.24/7:00AM/21 min	Trump's Ongoing Legal Battles. David A. Graham is a staff writer at The Atlantic.
COVID and Long COVID, Prevention, & Treatments			
	Up Front	01.08.24/7:00AM/25 min	Corona Calls with Dr. Swartzberg. Dr. John Swartzberg, clinical professor emeritus of infectious diseases at UC Berkeley's School of Public Health
	Up Front	01.22.24/7:00AM/25 min	Corona Calls with Dr. Swartzberg. Dr. John Swartzberg, clinical professor emeritus of infectious diseases at UC Berkeley's School of Public Health
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	Up Front	03.11.24/7:00AM/25 min	Corona Calls with Dr. Swartzberg. Dr. John Swartzberg, clinical professor emeritus of infectious diseases at UC Berkeley's School of Public Health
	Up Front	03.18.24/7:00AM/25 min	Corona Calls with Dr. Swartzberg. Dr. John Swartzberg, clinical professor emeritus of infectious diseases at UC Berkeley's School of Public Health
	Up Front	03.21.24/7:00AM/21 min	California Schools Running Out of Federal Pandemic Relief Funds. Carolyn Jones is a reporter for the nonprofit news site CalMatters, she covers K-12 education.
	Up Front	03.25.24/7:00AM/25 min	Corona Calls with Dr. Swartzberg. Dr. John Swartzberg, clinical professor emeritus of infectious diseases at UC Berkeley's School of Public Health
Chaos in Haiti: the US & Disaster Capitalism			
	Letters & Politics	02.13.24/10:00AM/25 min	Haiti's Disaster Capitalism. Guest: Jake Johnston is a Senior Research Associate at the Center for Economic and Policy Research in Washington, D.C., and the author of Aid State: Elite Panic, Disaster Capitalism, and the Battle to Control Haiti.
	Background Briefing	03.11.24/3:00PM/18 min	Haiti's Rapid Descent Into Anarchy. We assess the dire situation in Haiti as the country rapidly descends into anarchy. Joining us is Garry Pierre-Pierre, a Haitian-born Pulitzer-prize winning multimedia and entrepreneurial journalist who left the New York Times in 1999 to launch The Haitian Times, a New York-based English-language weekly publication serving the Haitian Diaspora. He is the co-founder of the City University of New York's Center for Community and Ethnic Media.
	Flashpoints	03.11.24/5:00PM/35 min	Continued Coverage on 20 Years After The Coup in Haiti w/ Senior Producer, Kevin Pina. we continue our special Drum Beat Coverage of Haiti 20 years after the US coup: Flashpoints senior producer, Kevin Pina and country expert, Journalist Jeb Sprague, report on the violent situation on the ground, and also on a shipment of tainted and dangerous rice, sent from the US that could be responsible for deaths in Haiti
	UpFront	03.12.24/7:00AM/21 min	What's Next for a Haiti Transitional Government? Brian Concannon is a Human rights lawyer and the Founder and Executive Director of the Institute for Justice & Democracy in Haiti (JJDH)
	Flashpoints	03.14.24/5:00PM/30 min	Haiti update - gangs empowered by years of US destabilization politics have taken control of the streets, instituting a region of deadly terror
	Flashpoints	03.18.24/5:00PM/17 min	Growing violence in Haiti as US destabilization policy comes home to roost.
	Flashpoints	03.21.24/5:00PM/15 min	We explore the role the US is now playing in subverting the people's will for democracy and self-determination in Haiti with Kevin Pina
	Hard Knock Radio	03.22.24/4:00PM/27 min	An Update on Haiti . Bloc Report's JR Valrey speaks with organizer Pierre Labossiere about the history of Haiti and occupation.

The Demise of Journalism and Democracy			
	Background Briefing	01.30.24/3:00PM/16 min	How Layoffs at Newsrooms Will Impact This Year's Elections Then finally we assess the impact on coverage of this year's elections from the rash of layoffs of journalists at The Los Angeles Times, TIME and Business Insider while hundreds of staffers at Condé Nast, Forbes, The New York Daily News and others are protesting with walkouts over cuts. Joining us is Christian Dyogi Phillips, a Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Southern California whose research is focused on the intersection of race, gender and immigration in American politics. She is the author of Nowhere to Run: Race, Gender and Immigration in American Elections.
	Background Briefing	02.01.24/3:00PM/15 min	What It Will Take to Save American Journalism From Big Tech and Vulture Capitalism. following yesterday's Senate hearing at which big tech leaders were grilled and there was talk on revisiting Section 230 of the Communications Act that immunizes these social media giants from responsibility for what goes out over their platforms, we speak with Victor Pickard, a Professor at the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania where he co-directs the Media, Inequality & Change Center. He is the author of America's Battle for Media Democracy: The Triumph of Corporate Libertarianism and the Future of Media Reform, and his latest book is Democracy without Journalism?: Confronting the Misinformation Society. We discuss his article at Harvard's Nieman Lab, "The news industry finally reckons with the political economy of journalism."
Undermining Immigration Justice			
	UpFront	01.31.24/7:00AM/13 min	UC Regents Employment for Undocumented Students. Guests: Karely Amaya Rios, is a graduate student of public policy at UCLA and lead organizer of the Opportunity for All campaign. Ahilan Arulanantham is Professor from Practice and Co-Director of the Center for Immigration Law and Policy (CILP) at the UCLA School of Law.
	Letters and Politics	02.07.24/10:00AM/24 min	A History of the War on Immigrants. Guest: John Carlos Frey is an investigative reporter and documentary filmmaker. He is the author of is the author of the new book Sand and Blood: America's Stealth War on the Mexico Border.
	UpFront	03.13.24/7:00AM/14 min	ICE Detainee Migrants Crammed into Golden State Annex. Katie Kavanagh is Senior Attorney with the California Collaborative for Immigrant Justice. Alexander is an immigrant who has been detained for over a month at Golden State Annex, an ICE detention center in McFarland, CA, owned and operated by the for-profit private prison company GEO Group.
	Flashpoints	03.19.24/5:00PM/12 min	Supreme Court Sides With Texas Border Law. Racist Texas border law slides into place, thanks to the Supreme Court.
	Flashpoints	03.21.24/5:00PM/30 min	Pablo Alvarado of NDLO on Texas New Law S.B. 4. A new draconian, anti democratic Texas state law known as S.B.4, is put on hold Tuesday, after a U.S. federal appeals court blocked it's further implementation. We'll speak with Pablo Alvarado of the National Day Laborer Organizing Network, about the grassroots battle to prevent the further implementation of S.B.4