

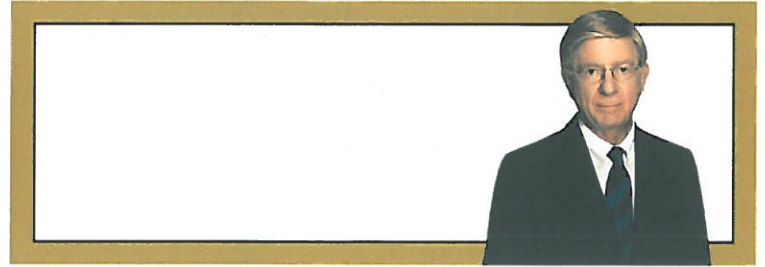
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George Will: American Happiness and Discontents



George F. Will

Columnist, The Washington Post; Author, American Happiness and Discontents: The Unruly Torrent, 2008- 2020

In Conversation with Jonathan V. Last

Editor, The Bulwark

Pulitzer Prize-winner George F. Will has been one of this country's leading columnists since 1974 and, as The Wall Street Journal once called him, "perhaps the most powerful journalist in America." In his new collection titled American Happiness and Discontents: The Unruly Torrent, 2008–2020, Will offers an in-depth account of a remarkably chaotic 13 years in our nation's experience through his analysis of an impressively vast array of topics.

In this stirring examination, George Will reveals the ways in which expertise, reason and manners are continually under attack in our institutions, courts, political arenas and social venues. Will covers topics including his perspective on American socialists, anti-capitalist conservatives, drug policy, the criminal justice system, climatology and the coronavirus.

Join us as we delve into this stunning account of American politics and culture from one of the preeminent columnists and intellectuals of our time.

See more at: <https://www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2021-09-17/george-will-american-happiness-and-discontents>

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Mary Roach's Fuzz: When Nature Breaks the Law



Mary Roach

Author, *Fuzz: When Nature Breaks the Law*

Kara Platoni

Science Editor, Wired—Moderator

Mary Roach wants to let us in on a secret: The greatest number of repeat criminal offenders are outside, all around us, and you've probably even seen some today—animals. It has only been three centuries since animals had to stand trial for their misconduct, in a court of law, with legal representation. Yes, really.

In her newest book, *Fuzz: When Nature Breaks the Law*, the science enthusiast turned writer deep-dives into human-animal conflict. As human land consumption creeps further into the natural habitats of these so-called troublemakers, it becomes more pressing to realize a symbiotic coexistence. The question becomes: Who is in the wrong, animals living according to their instincts or the humans that increasingly police them? To answer this question, Roach trots the globe from the Himalayas to Vatican City making friends with rats and foes with a macaque. Ultimately she reaches the conclusion that there is true, untamed hope for working with rather than against our critter counterparts.

At INFORUM Roach will regale us with stories as wild as they are true, such as her foray into rat-bait taste testing. Further she will serve as our safari-guide in the conversation of how to bring outdoor and indoor worlds together safely and justly at a time when this work is needed most. This conversation is moderated by Kara Platoni, Wired's science editor.

See more at: <https://www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2021-09-21/mary-roachs-fuzz-when-nature-breaks-law>

- Thursday October 14, 2021 KQED broadcast date. Available Friday, October 15 via Content Depot.
- Available Tuesday, October 19, 2021 for download from the Commonwealth Club FTP Server. (Recorded September 21, 2021)

The Trump Era, with Mary Trump, Carol Leonnig and Philip Rucker



Mary Trump

Psychologist; Author, *The Reckoning*

In Conversation with Molly Jong-Fast

Editor at Large, *The Daily Beast*

Carol Leonnig and Philip Rucker

Journalists; Authors

In Conversation with Yamiche Alcindor

Host, "Washington Week," PBS

This radio program from The Commonwealth Club draws on two separate events: "Mary Trump: The Reckoning" and "Carol Leonnig and Philip Rucker: Inside Donald J. Trump's Catastrophic Final Year."

Mary Trump joined us just hours after it was announced that her uncle, former President Donald Trump, was suing her and *The New York Times* over the public release of his tax information. She explores how our current trauma is the logical outcome of the stories we tell ourselves, the myths we embrace, and the lies we perpetuate. She says an enormous amount of healing must be done to rebuild our faith in leadership, and our hope for this nation, and it starts with the reckoning.

Also, *Washington Post* reporters Carol Leonnig and Philip Rucker reveal what they learned about the final days of an administration they say was sabotaging its own country. Their sources were in the rooms Trump and the key players around him—doctors, generals, senior advisors and family members—continued to prioritize the interests of the president over that of the country. These witnesses saw firsthand Trump's desire to deploy military force against protests in the wake of George Floyd's death. They saw his refusal to take coronavirus seriously, even to the point of allowing himself and those around him to be infected. They, along with the rest of the world, saw him spur on what would become the January 6 storming of the U.S. Capitol building.

See more at: <https://www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2021-09-26/radio-program-trump-era-mary-trump-carol-leonnig-and-philip-rucker>

- Thursday October 21, 2021 KQED broadcast date. Available Friday, October 22 via Content Depot.
- Available Tuesday, October 26, 2021 for download from the Commonwealth Club FTP Server. (Combo Program; Leonnig & Rucker Recorded July 26, Trump recorded September 21, 2021)

COP26 Preview



Albert Cheung

Head of Global Analysis, Bloomberg NEF

Kate Larsen

Director, International Energy & Climate, Rhodium Group

Mitzi Jonelle Tan

Climate Justice Activist, Youth Advocates for Climate Action Philippines

Carlton Zackhras

Marshall Islands Youth Climate Activist

Greg Dalton

Founder and Host, Climate One

Countries around the world have been experiencing unprecedented extreme weather events—raging wildfires, killer heat waves and catastrophic floods. In August, the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released a new Assessment Report, which UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres called “code red for humanity,” adding that alarm bells are deafening and the evidence is irrefutable.

Against this backdrop, delegates are set to convene in Glasgow for the international climate summit known as COP26. Six years on from the Paris agreement, is there finally enough urgency to turn ambition and promises into action?

See more at: <https://www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2021-09-26/cop26-preview>

- Thursday October 28, 2021 KQED broadcast date. Available Friday, October 29 via Content Depot.
- Available Tuesday, November 2, 2021 for download from the Commonwealth Club FTP Server.
(Recorded October 15, 2021)

Radio Program: Erika Moritsugu and Andrew Yang



Erika Moritsugu

Deputy Assistant to the President and Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander White House Senior Liaison

In Conversation with Dion Lim

Anchor/Reporter, ABC 7 News in San Francisco

Andrew Yang

Entrepreneur; Political Candidate; Author, *Forward: Notes on the Future of Our Democracy*

Raj Mathai

News Anchor, NBC Bay Area—Moderator

This radio program from The Commonwealth Club draws on two separate events: “Erika Moritsugu, Deputy Assistant to President Biden: Challenges and Opportunities Facing Asian Americans” and “Andrew Yang: Forward.”

Erika Moritsugu was appointed in April by President Biden to serve as deputy assistant to the president and AA/NHPI senior liaison. She engages with AA and NHPI communities and leaders on issues such as advancing safety, justice, inclusion, and opportunity through a whole-of-government approach to racial justice. Learn how the White House is forming critical partnerships across sectors to fight anti-Asian hate crimes, moving forward the administration’s Build Back Better Agenda to rebuild the economy, and ensuring the advancement of the Asian American/Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (AA and NHPI) communities.

Dubbed the “most surprising” candidate, Andrew Yang made waves with a rousing 2020 presidential campaign. With his newfound platform, he advanced the prevalence of progressive concepts such as the Universal Basic Income (UBI), bringing them into mainstream discussion. A year later, Yang is more adamant than ever that the need for change is urgent and that we can rely on no one else other than ourselves to bring it to fruition. Yang lays out his vision for an American future that is modern, sustainable and serves its constituents. Hoping to defy creeping stagnation, he extends a call to action to every American citizen. The message? “Now or never.”

See more at: <https://www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2021-09-26/radio-program-erika-moritsugu-and-andrew-yang>

- Thursday November 4, 2021 KQED broadcast date. Available Friday, November 5 via Content Depot.
- Available Tuesday, November 9, 2021 for download from the Commonwealth Club FTP Server.(Combo Program; Recorded September 24, and October 13, 2021)

The Private Sector's Role in Ending the COVID-19 Pandemic



Greg A. Adams

Chair and Chief Executive Officer, Kaiser Permanente

Brett Hart

President, United Airlines

Molly Moon Neitzel

CEO, Molly Moon Homemade Ice Cream

Stephen Parodi

Executive Vice President, The Permanente Federation; National Infectious Disease Leader, Kaiser Permanente

Jim Wunderman

President and CEO, Bay Area Council

Raj Mathai

News Anchor, NBC Bay Area—Moderator

As the devastating effects and tragic loss of life from COVID-19 persist 18 months after the global pandemic began, the world is desperate to end this public health crisis.

As businesses across industries are rolling out varying degrees of vaccine, testing, and masking mandates, President Biden announced the requirement for federal workers, medium and large employers, and health-care staff to be vaccinated. Working together and partnering with government and community leaders, the private sector plays a role in helping to close the vaccination gap in our workforce and communities.

What can the business community do to stop this pandemic? What is the private sector's role in helping keep our communities safe? How are organizations responding to local, state and federal mandates? What processes are working and not working? What will it take to return to a strong and stable economy? Join a panel of business leaders across industries discussing opportunities to address this public health crisis and how we can work together to end it.

See more at: <https://www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2021-10-18/destination-health-private-sectors-role-ending-covid-19-pandemic>

- Thursday November 11, 2021 KQED broadcast date. Available Friday, November 12 via Content Depot.
- Available Tuesday, November 16, 2021 for download from the Commonwealth Club FTP Server. (Recorded October 18, 2021)

[John McWhorter: The Limits of Antiracism](#)



John McWhorter

Associate Professor of English and Comparative Literature, Columbia University; Author, *Woke Racism: How a New Religion Has Betrayed Black America*

Debra J. Saunders

Fellow, Chapman Center for Citizen Leadership; Columnist, Creators Syndicate

Since the killing of George Floyd in May 2020, Americans have been engaged in a vast discussion on the state of race in America. Like many topics in the country, the issue has become a divisive, tense debate about how the country faces its racist past, the meaning of systemic racism, the role of critical race theory in K–12 schools and universities, and what it means to be “anti-racist” during this challenging moment in American civic life.

Renowned linguist and award-winning writer John McWhorter feels this debate and discussion has been dominated by a “woke mob” that subscribes to theories that are illogical, unreachable and, ultimately, racist in their impact, however unintentional those effects may be. In his book *Woke Racism: How a New Religion Has Betrayed Black America*, McWhorter argues that an “illiberal neoracism,” disguised as antiracism, is hurting Black communities and weakening the American social fabric.

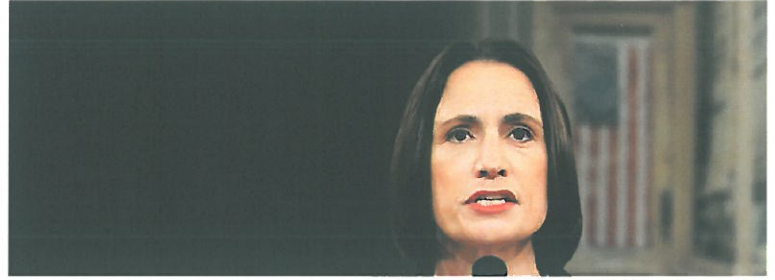
In *Woke Racism*, McWhorter reveals the workings of this new progressive approach toward race, from the original sin of “white privilege” to the weaponization of cancel culture to ban heretics. His book sets out to show how efforts that claim to “dismantle racist structures” are actually harming his fellow Black Americans by infantilizing Black people, setting Black students up for failure, and passing policies that disproportionately damage Black communities. Some may call it “antiracism,” but to McWhorter, it features a racial essentialism that’s barely distinguishable from racist arguments of the past.

Please join us for an important discussion on the limits of antiracism with an increasingly visible writer who has a different roadmap to justice that he believes will help, not hurt, Black America.

See more at: <https://www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2021-11-02/john-mcwhorter-limits-antiracism>

- Thursday November 18, 2021 KQED broadcast date. Available Friday, November 19 via Content Depot.
- Available Tuesday, November 23, 2021 for download from the Commonwealth Club FTP Server. (Recorded November 2, 2021)

Fiona Hill: Finding Opportunity in the Twenty-First Century



Fiona Hill

Former Senior Director for Europe and Russia, National Security Council; Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution; Author, *There Is Nothing for You Here: Finding Opportunity in the Twenty-First Century*

In Conversation with Ellen Nakashima

National Security Reporter, *The Washington Post*

Before Fiona Hill became a celebrated foreign policy expert and key witness in the 2019 impeachment trial of then-President Donald Trump, she was a coal-miner's daughter from northern England in a town where the last of the coal mines had closed. Her father urged her to get out, saying "There is nothing for you here, pet."

Hill went on to study in Moscow and at Harvard and served under three United States presidents. But in both Russia and the United States, she saw troubling reflections of her hometown and similar populist impulses. Her new book, *There Is Nothing for You Here: Finding Opportunity in the Twenty-First Century*, draws on her own journey out of poverty and her unique perspective as a policymaker to warn that America is on the brink of socioeconomic collapse and an authoritarian swing that could rival modern Russia.

In her powerful and deeply personal account, Hill reveals why expanding opportunity for desperate and forgotten Americans is the only long-term hope for our democracy. Join us as she reflects on her own experience and expertise to analyze the future of American democracy.

See more at: <https://www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2021-10-12/fiona-hill-finding-opportunity-21st-century>

- Thursday November 25, 2021 KQED broadcast date. Available Friday, November 26 via Content Depot.
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(Recorded October 12, 2021)

[A Black Power Manifesto with Charles Blow](#)



Charles Blow

Op-Ed Columnist, The New York Times; Author, *The Devil You Know: A Black Power Manifesto*

In Conversation with Melissa Murray

Frederick I. and Grace Stokes Professor of Law, NYU School of Law; Co-host, "Strict Scrutiny" Podcast

Violence against Black people—both physical and psychological—has seemed only to increase in recent years, culminating in the historic pandemic and protests in the summer of 2020. "After centuries of waiting for white majorities to overturn white supremacy," Charles Blow writes, "it seems to me that it has fallen to Black people to do it themselves."

A New York Times op-ed columnist, Blow felt compelled to write a new story for Black Americans, one that involves a succinct, counterintuitive and impassioned correction to the myths that have for too long governed our thinking about race and geography in America. *The Devil You Know* is a grand exhortation to generations of a people, proposing nothing short of the most audacious power play by Black people in the history of this country.

Join us as Charles Blow offers a road map to true and lasting freedom.

See more at: <https://www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2021-10-19/charles-blow-black-power-manifesto>

- Thursday December 2, 2021 KQED broadcast date. Available Friday, December 3 via Content Depot.
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Linda Greenhouse: The Supreme Court at the Brink



Linda Greenhouse

Contributing Op-Ed Writer, The New York Times; Clinical Lecturer in Law, Senior Research Scholar in Law, Yale Law School; Author, Justice on the Brink

In Conversation with Lara Bazelon

Professor of Law and Director of Criminal Juvenile Justice and Racial Justice Clinical Programs, University of San Francisco

Over the past four years, the United States Supreme Court has seen drastic changes to its members, from the death of Ruth Bader Ginsberg to the appointment of Amy Coney Barrett. At the end of the 2019–20 term, followers of the Supreme Court noted that a new “center” of the court was holding under the leadership of Chief Justice John Roberts. By the end of the 2020–21 term, much about the nation’s highest court had changed, reflecting a conservative supermajority enabled by jurors nominated by President Donald Trump. Many observers of the court expect these shifts to continue and deepen, making this past year a critical pivot point in the history of the Supreme Court, and American politics as a whole.

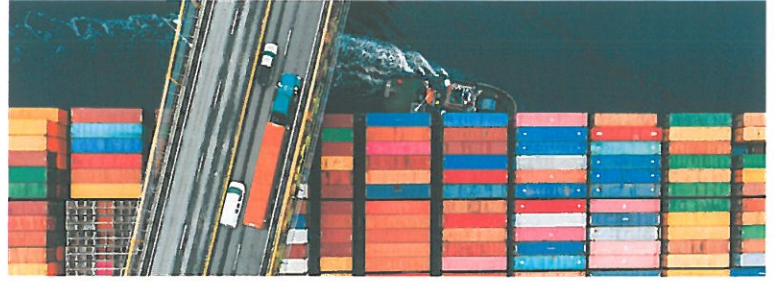
In her new book, Linda Greenhouse, a Pulitzer Prize winner and one of the best-known chroniclers of the Supreme Court of her generation, explores the end of the 2020–21 term for the court, the changes that have occurred in the past year, and what the future holds for the court in these increasingly partisan times. Greenhouse covers everything from the death of Justice Ginsburg to the rise of Justice Comey Barrett, from the pandemic to the disputed 2020 election, putting the happenings around the Supreme Court at the center of the country’s partisan political disputes.

Please join us for an important conversation on the U.S. Supreme Court and its increasing role in American society with a writer who knows the court and its politics as well as anyone in America.

See more at: <https://www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2021-11-30/linda-greenhouse-supreme-court-brink>

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What the Infrastructure Deal Means for Climate



Carla Frisch

Principal Deputy Director, Office of Policy, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)

Sasha Mackler

Executive Director of the Energy Project, Bipartisan Policy Center

Beth Osborne

Director, Transportation for America

Greg Dalton

Founder and Host, Climate One

The biggest piece of climate legislation in US history has just been signed into law. To be sure, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act got pared down significantly from what was first put on the table, but the bill President Biden signed still contains five times more money for projects aimed at mitigating the climate crisis than the best legislation the Obama administration could get through. What did it take to get 19 Republican senators (not to mention Joe Manchin and Kristen Sinema) to vote with the Democrats? And with the states being given great latitude over how to spend the money, will the billions available for highways negate any positive climate impacts?

See more at: <https://www.climateone.org/watch-and-listen/podcasts>

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An Evening with Kal Penn and Huma Abedin



Huma Abedin

Former Vice Chairperson, Hillary Clinton 2016 Presidential Campaign; Author, *Both/And: A Life in Many Worlds*

Kal Penn

Actor; Former Principal Associate Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement; Author, *You Can't Be Serious*

Kal Penn and Huma Abedin had vastly different journeys into the world of American politics. As a collegiate-level White House intern during Hillary Clinton's time as the first lady, Abedin never predicted she'd go on to witness some of the most crucial moments in America's modern political history; including Clinton's watershed nomination as the first female candidate for president. Penn, too, has both witnessed and shaped political history as a liaison for the Obama administration—something that he, a prominent Hollywood actor who'd experienced countless discriminations in the entertainment industry, never saw coming.

While their foray into politics were poles apart, Abedin and Penn do share a similar vision of the American Dream molded by their immigrant families. In their own professional endeavors—from Penn's shift to politics to Abedin's powerful tenure as Hillary Clinton's right-hand woman—they've done more than just manifest this dream. Instead, they've disrupted it's very core.

Together at INFORUM, Huma Abedin and Kal Penn will bring to life the remarkable experiences they've detailed in their new memoirs, *Both/And* and *You Can't Be Serious*, respectively. In doing so, they will provide the audience with more than just powerful insights toward the meaning of the American Dream—instead, they'll challenge its "one size fits all" narrative in order to reconstruct its meaning for a more inclusive future.

See more at: <https://www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2021-11-09/evening-kal-penn-and-huma-abedin>

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Nigel Poor and Earlonne Woods: This is Ear Hustle



Nigel Poor

Visual Artist; Co-Creator and Co-Host, “Ear Hustle” Podcast; Co-Author, This Is Ear Hustle: Unflinching Stories of Everyday Prison Life

Earlonne Woods

Co-Creator and Co-Host, “Ear Hustle” Podcast; Co-Author, This Is Ear Hustle: Unflinching Stories of Everyday Prison Life

Piper Kerman

Author, Orange Is the New Black: My Year in a Women’s Prison—Moderator

Some might say that Nigel Poor and Earlonne Woods were destined to meet. Poor, a professor of photography at CSU Sacramento, was volunteering with the Prison University Project at San Quentin State Prison when she met Woods, who was serving a 31-year-to-life sentence. The two bonded over a love of storytelling and with no formal experience, began a podcast together where they showcase the realities of life in prison while detailing the path of their fateful friendship. Their upcoming book, This Is Ear Hustle, shares its name with their well-received podcast, which has gone on to become a finalist for the 2020 Pulitzer Prize and is in its seventh season. The book avoids the overtly political and instead delves into the richness of humanity found even behind the bars of the prison system. With candor, the authors showcase the unlikely inspiration found in stories of the incarcerated.

At INFORUM Earlonne Woods—whose sentence was commuted in 2018—and Nigel Poor will take our stage in downtown San Francisco to help our audiences become “ear hustlers” themselves, eavesdropping on the tales of resilience, forgiveness and the lives that exist behind some of America’s most well-guarded doors.

This program will be moderated by Piper Kerman, author of The New York Times bestseller Orange Is the New Black: My Year in a Women’s Prison.

See more at: <https://www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2021-10-25/earlonne-woods-and-nigel-poor-ear-hustle>

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