

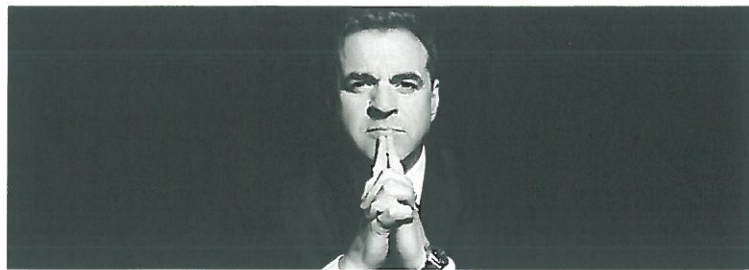
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# Niall Ferguson: The Politics of Catastrophe



## **Niall Ferguson**

Milbank Family Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution; Author, *Doom: The Politics of Catastrophe*

## **In Conversation with Maya Jasanoff**

Coolidge Professor of History, Harvard University

Disasters are inherently inevitable in life. We cannot predict the next earthquake, wildfire, financial crisis, war or pandemic, but we can predict how to handle each situation better. Unexpected calamities have happened all throughout human history, yet even in the 21st century we are ill-prepared to recover from them. In the new book *Doom: The Politics of Catastrophe*, popular historian Niall Ferguson explores the reasoning behind this phenomena and offers solutions on how to handle unforeseen circumstances of mass misfortune.

Ferguson has spent his academic career lecturing on the international, financial, and economic history of British and American imperialism. In his new book, Ferguson uses centuries of knowledge to understand the complex pathologies at work that make societies fail in the face of disaster. He offers the lesson he says the West urgently needs to learn if we want to handle the next crisis better and avoid the ultimate doom of irreversible decline.

Join us as Niall Ferguson offers an explanation of disaster response and strategies to make us better at handling the next catastrophe we will inevitably face.

See more at: <https://www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2021-06-01/niall-ferguson-politics-catastrophe>

- Thursday July 1, 2021 KQED broadcast date. Available Friday, July 2 via Content Depot.
- Available Tuesday, July 6, 2021 for download from the Commonwealth Club FTP Server. (Recorded June 1, 2021)

## Dr. Jen Gunter with Samantha Bee: The Menopause Manifesto



### **Dr. Jen Gunter**

M.D., OB/GYN and Pain Medicine Specialist; Author, The Menopause Manifesto

### **Samantha Bee**

Comedian; Host, "Full Frontal with Samantha Bee," TBS

Dr. Jen Gunter, the outspoken and digitally savvy Bay Area doctor who has been called "the world's most famous gynecologist" returns to The Commonwealth Club for what should be a fun discussion on her new book, The Menopause Manifesto, with television comedian Samantha Bee.

Dr. Gunter, who has made waves with her fierce advocacy of women's health, saw great success with her previous book, The Vagina Bible. The Menopause Manifesto takes on stubborn myths and misunderstandings about menopause in Dr. Gunter's traditional fashion: hard facts, real science, fascinating historical perspective, expert advice, and strong doses of humor. As the book notes, the only thing predictable about menopause is its unpredictability. Factor in widespread misinformation, misogyny, a lack of research, and the culture of shame around women's bodies, and it's no wonder women are unsure what to expect during the menopause transition and beyond. Dr. Gunter believes women (and men) should be educated on what's to come with menopause years in advance of it happening rather than the current practice of leaving people on their own with bothersome symptoms and too much conflicting information.

Join us for what is sure to be a frank, funny, and unique discussion!

See more at: <https://www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2021-06-02/dr-jen-gunter-samantha-bee-menopause-manifesto>

- Thursday July 8, 2021 KQED broadcast date. Available Friday, July 9 via Content Depot.
- Available Tuesday, July 13, 2021 for download from the Commonwealth Club FTP Server. (Recorded June 2, 2021)

# Black Smoke: African Americans and the United States of Barbecue with Adrian Miller



## **Adrian Miller**

Writer; Certified Barbecue Judge; Attorney; Author, *Black Smoke: African Americans and the United States of Barbecue*

## **In Conversation with Justin Phillips**

Columnist, San Francisco Chronicle

This July 4, the country will be emerging from the pandemic to celebrate the most patriotic of holidays with friends and family. At The Commonwealth Club, just days before the holiday, we'll be re-opening our doors and cracking open our grills in a special event that celebrates an iconic American food: barbecue! We'll explore this rich and historic food, particularly the essential role that African Americans have played in the development of the cuisine. Audiences can watch either online or join us in-person!

Adrian Miller, author of *Black Smoke: African Americans and the United States of Barbecue*, will kick off our event with stories of Black perseverance, culinary innovation, and entrepreneurship in the world of barbecue. His work illustrates that despite cultural marginalization, African Americans have enriched a now-embraced barbecue culture tied strongly to summer holidays and recounts how Black barbequers, pitmasters and restaurateurs are coming into their own after having helped develop this American cuisine, incorporating techniques first pioneered by Native Americans. Miller is also featured in the new Netflix special "High on the Hog," about African-American food history.

San Francisco Chronicle columnist Justin Phillips will interview Miller in the Taube Family Auditorium at our headquarters on the Embarcadero.

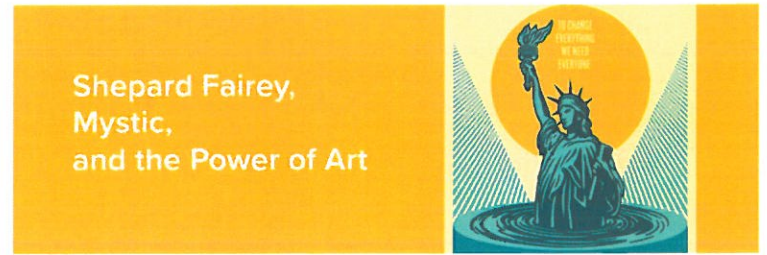
Following the program, the live audience is invited to our rooftop for a special afterparty to enjoy mouth-watering BBQ from West Oakland's Horn Barbeque! Owners Matt and Nina Horn will join us in person for a brief discussion on the Texas barbecue traditions honored in the food of their popular East Bay eatery (Matt Horn is featured in Miller's book). The cost for food is included in the ticket price for the program.

We are thrilled to open our doors again for the first time in 15 months and hope that you will join us for a late afternoon of history, celebration and community! Seating to the in-person event is very limited, so act fast! COVID guidelines will be enforced.

See more at: <https://www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2021-06-28/black-smoke-african-americans-and-united-states-barbecue>

- Thursday July 15, 2021 KQED broadcast date. Available Friday, July 16 via Content Depot.
- Available Tuesday, July 20, 2021 for download from the Commonwealth Club FTP Server. (Recorded June 28, 2021)

# Shepard Fairey, Mystic and the Power of Art



## **Shepard Fairey**

Artist; Activist

## **Mystic**

Grammy-nominated hip hop Artist

## **Greg Dalton**

Founder and Host, Climate One

From street art to political campaigns to corporate advertising, the power of the image is undeniable. For more than three decades, Shepard Fairey's work has provoked thought and controversy in both the art and political spheres.

Now, with a public weary of climate charts and apocalyptic images of melting glaciers and emaciated polar bears, Climate One's Greg Dalton explores how art might provoke a more productive conversation.

See more at: <https://www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2021-06-07/shepard-fairey-and-power-art>

- Thursday July 22, 2021 KQED broadcast date. Available Friday, July 23 via Content Depot.
- Available Tuesday, July 27, 2021 for download from the Commonwealth Club FTP Server. (Recorded June 7, 2021)

# Dealing with the Pandemic; Andy Slavitt and Dr. Lucy Kalanithi



## **Segment 1** **Andy Slavitt**

White House Senior Advisor for COVID Response; Host, "In the Bubble" Podcast; Author, Preventable: The Inside Story of How Leadership Failures, Politics, and Selfishness Doomed the U.S. Coronavirus Response

## **In Conversation with Dr. Atul Gawande**

Endocrine Surgeon, Brigham and Women's Hospital; Professor, Harvard Medical School and the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

## **Segment 2** **Jessi Gold**

M.D., M.S., Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Director of Wellness, Engagement, and Outreach, Washington University School of Medicine (St. Louis)

## **In Conversation with Lucy Kalanithi**

M.D., Host, "Gravity" Podcast; Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, Stanford University; Widow of Paul Kalanithi M.D.; Author, When Breath Becomes Air

This radio program from The Commonwealth Club draws on two separate events: "Andy Slavitt: Inside the Doomed U.S. Coronavirus Response" and "The New Normal: Emotions as We Emerge from the Pandemic."

Leading health-care advisor Andy Slavitt describes what went wrong in America's response to the coronavirus pandemic and puts forth the solutions that could prevent us from repeating the situation. Slavitt describes the fateful decisions that were made in an attempt to curb the spread of the coronavirus and the failures of political leaders to keep Americans healthy. The story he tells is one of a country where bad leadership, political and cultural fractures, and an unwillingness to sustain sacrifice created a complex problem that proved near-impossible to resolve.

After a year of so much hardship and isolation, how do we readjust to a "new normal"? Join Dr. Jessi Gold and Dr. Lucy Kalanithi for a deep dive into the varied emotions many of us are currently feeling as the country reopens post-pandemic. From Zoom fatigue to unprocessed mental health challenges—including grief and trauma—there are countless underlying effects of COVID-19 still left unspoken.

See more at: <https://www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2021-04-18/radio-program-dealing-pandemic>

- Thursday July 29, 2021 KQED broadcast date. Available Friday, July 30 via Content Depot.
- Available Tuesday, August 3, 2021 for download from the Commonwealth Club FTP Server. (Andy Slavitt recorded June 22, 2021, Dr. Lucy Kalanithi recorded July 14, 2021)

## Carol Anderson: Race and Guns in a Fatally Unequal America



### **Dr. Carol Anderson**

Ph.D., Charles Howard Candler Professor of African American Studies, Emory University; Author, *The Second: Race and Guns in a Fatally Unequal America*

### **In Conversation with Melissa Murray**

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

The Constitution clearly states that Americans have the right to keep and bear arms, an argument often used to dispute proposed gun control legislation. However, historian Carol Anderson says that deeper analysis of the formation of the Second Amendment reveals ulterior, racialized motives to keep Black people powerless and oppressed. In her new book *The Second: Race and Guns in a Fatally Unequal America*, Anderson uncovers the history behind the Second Amendment and argues that it was designed to keep African Americans vulnerable and subdued.

As a professor of African American Studies at Atlanta's Emory University, Anderson's research primarily focuses on how racial inequality affects the processes and outcomes of policymaking. In early America, slaves were prohibited from owning, carrying or using a firearm. She says this sentiment remains today as measures to expand and curtail gun ownership are aimed to keep the Black community neutralized and punished. In an era when many are reexamining government policy through a racial lens, Anderson sheds new light on another mysterious dimension of anti-Blackness in the United States.

Join us in conversation with Carol Anderson to understand the connection between Blackness, gun ownership and racial equality.

See more at: <https://www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2021-07-21/carol-anderson-race-and-guns-fatally-unequal-america>

- Thursday August 5, 2021 KQED broadcast date. Available Friday, August 6 via Content Depot.
- Available Tuesday, August 10, 2021 for download from the Commonwealth Club FTP Server. (Recorded July 21, 2021)

# Jay Inslee, BP and Washington's Climate Story



## **Jay Inslee**

Governor, Washington State

## **Tom Wolf**

Senior Manager for Government Affairs on West Coast, BP

## **Leonard Forsman**

Chairman of the Suquamish Tribe

## **Greg Dalton**

Founder and Host, Climate One

In Washington State, voters defeated initiatives to put a value on carbon price - twice. Governor Inslee himself then lost his personal bid for the White House. Yet his bold ideas have proven staying power.

The state legislature recently passed a carbon cap that will reduce economy-wide greenhouse gas emissions 95 percent by 2050. Even big oil, which spent tens of millions to defeat the 2018 carbon pricing proposal, seems to be changing its tune, with BP now supporting a price on carbon. Is this greenwashing, or is the changing attitude for real? And how might Washington State be a bellwether for Washington DC?

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

- Thursday August 12, 2021 KQED broadcast date. Available Friday, August 13 via Content Depot.
- Available Tuesday, August 17 2021 for download from the Commonwealth Club FTP Server.  
(Recorded July 1, 2021)



## Sheera Frenkel and Cecilia Kang: Inside Facebook's Battle for Domination



### **Sheera Frenkel**

Cybersecurity Correspondent, The New York Times; Co-author, *An Ugly Truth: Inside Facebook's Battle for Domination*

### **Cecilia Kang**

Technology and Regulatory Policy Correspondent, The New York Times; Co-author, *An Ugly Truth: Inside Facebook's Battle for Domination*

### **Emily Chang**

Anchor and Executive Producer, Bloomberg Technology; Author, *Brotopia: Breaking Up the Boys' Club of Silicon Valley*

Flawed. Furtive. Facebook. In the nearly two decades of the social media platform's existence, it has both soared into worldwide popularity and plummeted into the depths of conspiracy peddling and hate-mongering. Is this the fate of any globally devoured site, or is it due to miscalculations in programming, or is it the consequence of decisions made at the top by the site's infamous leaders?

Sheera Frenkel and Cecilia Kang, authors of the book *An Ugly Truth: Inside Facebook's Battle for Domination*, argue that Facebook is doing exactly what it was created to do. From abusing user data and empowering political corruption to creating echo chambers of misinformation, they say Facebook is in the midst of a reckoning—and Frenkel and Kang are in front row seats. Their work, built on intimate connections to the industry and insiders, is a call for accountability from the site's two mogul leaders who have time and time again shown their willingness to turn a blind eye.

At INFORUM Sheera Frenkel and Cecilia Kang will disentangle the many narratives that shroud Facebook and its leaders in mystery. By unpacking the years of manipulation they say Facebook has baked into its platform, they argue that there's no time like the present to understand the pitfalls the behemoth succumbed to and to prevent history from repeating itself.

See more at: <https://www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2021-08-04/sheera-frenkel-and-cecilia-kang-inside-facebooks-battle-domination>

- Thursday August 19, 2021 KQED broadcast date. Available Friday, August 20 via Content Depot.
- Available Tuesday, August 24, 2021 for download from the Commonwealth Club FTP Server. (Recorded August 4, 2021)

## A Conversation with Congresswoman Liz Cheney



### **Liz Cheney**

U.S. Congressional Representative (R-Wyoming)

Liz Cheney serves as Wyoming's lone member of Congress in the U.S. House of Representatives. She was first elected in 2016, on a platform of restoring America's strength and power in the world, and pursuing conservative solutions to create jobs, cut taxes and regulation as well as expand America's energy, mining and agriculture industries.

She made national headlines earlier this year when she voted to impeach President Trump, saying he "provoked" the January 6 Capitol attack. She has also vowed to fight to keep President Trump out of office if he runs again and has challenged all assertions by Trump and his supporters that the 2020 election was fraudulent and stolen. This led to her removal as chair of the House Republican Conference, the third-ranking Republican in the House of Representatives. She was also recently appointed by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) to serve on the House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol. In a Washington Post opinion column published this past May, Rep. Cheney wrote, "the Republican Party is at a turning point, and Republicans must decide whether we are going to choose truth and fidelity to the Constitution. .... History is watching. Our children are watching. We must be brave enough to defend the basic principles that underpin and protect our freedom and our democratic process. I am committed to doing that, no matter what the short-term political consequences might be."

Join us for a rare in-person and online conversation with congresswoman Cheney about the outlook for American democracy.

See more at: <https://www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2021-08-17/conversation-congresswoman-liz-cheney>

- Thursday August 26, 2021 KQED broadcast date. Available Friday, August 27 via Content Depot.
- Available Tuesday, August 31, 2021 for download from the Commonwealth Club FTP Server.  
(Recorded August 17, 2021)

# Gen Z and the Fight Against Voter Suppression



## **Thandiwe Abdullah**

Co-Founder, Black Lives Matter Youth Vanguard

## **Alex Edgar**

Voting Rights Activist; University of California, Berkeley, Freshman Class of 2025

## **Divyansh Kaushik**

Ph.D. student, Carnegie Mellon University; President, Carnegie Mellon University Graduate Student Assembly; Advisory Board Member, Students Learn Students Vote

## **Rainesford Stauffer**

Freelance Writer; Author, *An Ordinary Age*—Moderator

July 1 marks 50 years since the ratification of the 26th Amendment. The lowering of the voting age from 21 to 18 had lasting impacts on the political and cultural landscapes of the 1970s, but even now youth organizing and social activism have a massive influence on American elections, policies and progress.

In honor of this historic anniversary, join our panel of youth organizers leading the fight against youth voter suppression and to learn how the 26th Amendment might help provide contemporary solutions.

See more at: <https://www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2021-07-26/right-vote-age-18-gen-z-and-fight-against-voter-suppression>

- Thursday September 2, 2021 KQED broadcast date. Available Friday, September 3 via Content Depot.
- Available Tuesday, September 7, 2021 for download from the Commonwealth Club FTP Server.  
(Recorded July 26, 2021)

# Which Way Are Swing Voters Swinging on Climate?



## **Andrew Freedman**

Axios Reporter, Covering Climate and Energy

## **Venkatachalam “Ram” Ramaswamy**

Director, NOAA’s Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory

## **Rich Thau**

Moderator, The Swing Voter Project; Co-founder and president, Engagious

## **Greg Dalton**

Founder and Host, Climate One

In this program, we explore two important and timely topics.

In early August the Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change released a report unequivocally connecting global warming and extreme weather to human-driven greenhouse gas emissions, and warning of much more dramatic climate futures if we don’t change course soon.

Since the 2020 election, Rich Thau’s Swing Voter Project has been querying those who shifted from Trump in 2016 to Biden in 2020 about a range of issues. How will their views affect the 2022 midterms and the 2024 election? Where does climate rate on their list of issues? And does the accelerating climate crisis matter enough to affect their votes?

See more at: <https://www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2021-08-15/swing-voters>

- Thursday September 9, 2021 KQED broadcast date. Available Friday, September 10 via Content Depot.
- Available Tuesday, September 14, 2021 for download from the Commonwealth Club FTP Server.  
(Recorded August 16, 2021)

# The 20th Anniversary of 9/11 and the Homeland Today



## **Janet Napolitano**

Professor of Public Policy, Director of the Center for Security in Politics, and Former President, University of California; U.S Homeland Security Secretary Under President Obama; Former Governor, Arizona

## **Anthony Romero**

Executive Director, American Civil Liberties Union

## **Amy Zegart**

Sr. Fellow, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies; Morris Arnold & Nona Jean Cox Sr. Fellow, Hoover Institution; Professor, by courtesy, of Political Science, Stanford University; Author, Spies, Lies, and Algorithms

As the country reflects on the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, join us for a special 90-minute conversation focused on the state of homeland security today and looking ahead. Homeland security is a term that has evolved over the past two decades since the deadly terrorist attacks in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania. At first, it was a subject primarily focused on protecting the country from international terrorism, including Osama Bin Laden's Al Qaeda, then ISIS, as well as affiliated terrorist organizations. Over the past several years and culminating on January 6 earlier this year, the phrase has also expanded to include domestic extremism and threats from within the United States.

A high-level panel featuring former Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, ACLU Executive Director Anthony Romero and Hoover Institution Senior Fellow and cybersecurity expert Dr. Amy Zegart will discuss a range of issues related to homeland security, including civil liberties and technology. The program will explore our changing understanding of homeland security, what we have learned about keeping the country safe over the past 20 years, and what the trade-offs have been for the country's citizens and the country itself.

See more at: <https://www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2021-09-10/20th-anniversary-911-and-homeland-today-janet-napolitano-anthony-romero-and-amy>

- Thursday September 16, 2021 KQED broadcast date. Available Friday, September 17 via Content Depot.
- Available Tuesday, September 21, 2021 for download from the Commonwealth Club FTP Server. (Recorded September 10, 2021)

## Craig Melvin: Learning to Be a Son and a Father



### **Craig Melvin**

Cohost, NBC's "Today Show"; Author, Pops: Learning to Be a Son and a Father

### **Brian Watt**

News Anchor, KQED—Moderator

Involved, caring fathers make a lasting impact on their children's lives. On his "Today Show" "Dads Got This!" series, Craig Melvin explores the inspiring stories of fathers across the nation who are dedicated to making a difference in their kids' lives. He's covered fathers who are frontline workers, raising their children alone, and working with children with learning and physical disabilities. Now, in his new book Pops, Craig Melvin investigates his own relationship with his father and how it influences the way he chooses to pursue fatherhood.

Addiction, transformation and redemption are the honest truths at the core of Melvin's story. Craig's father, Lawrence, was distant and often absent due to work obligations and alcohol addiction, but a fiercely loving mother made sure their family stayed together. In his book, Melvin reveals what makes an inspiring, proactive father as seen through the people in his life—uncles, teachers, mentors—and how their examples set a standard for his own fatherhood journey.

A story of journey, understanding and reconciliation, Craig Melvin is exploring the honest truths of fatherhood. Join us as Melvin discusses the joys and challenges of being a father.

See more at: <https://www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2021-07-12/craig-melvin-learning-be-son-and-father>

- Thursday September 23, 2021 KQED broadcast date. Available Friday, September 24 via Content Depot.
- Available Tuesday, September 28, 2021 for download from the Commonwealth Club FTP Server.  
(Recorded July 12, 2021)

# Bright Galaxies, Dark Matter, Black Universe



## **Stephon Alexander**

Professor of Physics, Brown University; Jazz Musician; Author, *Fear of a Black Universe: An Outsider's Guide to the Future of Physics*

## **Ashley Jean Yeager**

Associate News Editor, *Science News*; Author, *Bright Galaxies, Dark Matter, and Beyond: The Life of Astronomer Vera Rubin*

## **In Conversation with George Hammond**

Humanities Member Led Forum Chair; Author, *Conversations With Socrates*

This radio program from The Commonwealth Club draws on two separate events: “Fear of a Black Universe” and “Bright Galaxies, Dark Matter and Beyond.”

Cosmologist Stephon Alexander argues that great physics requires one to think outside the mainstream—to improvise and to rely on intuition. His approach has led him to three principles that shape all theories of the universe: the principle of invariance, the quantum principle, and the principle of emergence.

And science journalist Ashley Jean Yeager describes how astronomer Vera Rubin’s persistence, after her work was initially dismissed, finally convinced the scientific community that dark matter might exist. It is now taken for granted that the universe is mostly dark, made up of particles that are undetectable even by our most powerful telescopes. This discovery of the possible existence of dark matter signaled a Copernican-like revolution in astronomy: not only are we no longer the center of the universe, but even the stuff we’re made of appears to be insignificant. By showing that some astronomical objects seem to exaggerate gravity’s grip, Rubin played a pivotal role in this discovery.

See more at: <https://www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2021-08-01/radio-program-bright-galaxies-dark-matter-black-universe>

- Thursday September 30, 2021 KQED broadcast date. Available Friday, October 1 via Content Depot.
- Available Tuesday, October 5, 2021 for download from the Commonwealth Club FTP Server.(Combo Program; Recorded August 26 and September 8, 2021)