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Weekly Public Affairs Program

QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT, JANUARY-MARCH, 2019

Show # 2019-01

Date aired: 1/5/19 Time Aired: 2:30 PM

Katy J. Harriger, PhD, Chair and Professor, Department of Politics and International Affairs at Wake Forest University

Our nation's political climate is more polarized than ever, and voter turnout among young people is abysmal. But Dr. Harriger led a study that found that learning to talk about controversial issues while in college can inspire young adults to be more engaged citizens even ten years later. She explained what the students were taught and how it could be applied to voters of any age.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:34

Civic Participation

Voting

Youth Concerns

Matt Schulz, Senior Industry Analyst at CreditCards.com

25 million credit cardholders haven't changed their go-to credit card in at least ten years. Mr. Schultz said that people are missing many rewards because card issuers are hotly competing for new customers and giving big sign-up bonuses. He outlined some of the methods savvy consumers use to get the most out of their credit cards. He also explained why many consumers are reluctant to switch cards.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:27

Personal Finance

Consumer Matters

Show # 2019-02

Date aired: 1/12/19 Time Aired: 2:30 PM

Angela Fagerlin, Ph.D., Chair of Population Health Sciences at University of Utah Health, Research Scientist with the VA Salt Lake City Health System's Informatics Decision-Enhancement and Analytic Sciences (IDEAS) Center for Innovation

Dr. Fagerlin was the senior author of a study that found that 60 to 80 percent of people surveyed are not honest with their doctors about information that could be relevant to their health. She explained why people are sometimes reluctant to be truthful with their doctors, and why that can be a dangerous practice.

Issues covered:

Length: 7:29

Personal Health

Teresa Gil, PhD, psychotherapist, author of *“Women Who Were Sexually Abused As Children: Mothering, Resilience and Protecting the Next Generation”*

Dr. Gil estimates that there are approximately 21 million mothers in America who experienced childhood sexual abuse. She discussed how that trauma may affect their own parenting. She talked about the value of strong mother-daughter relationships, spiritual beliefs, and therapy in coping.

Issues covered:

**Sexual Abuse
Parenting
Mental Health**

Length: 9:40

Show # 2019-03

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Alan Schroeder, MD, Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at the Stanford University School of Medicine

Each year, thousands of teenagers and young adults are prescribed opioids for pain relief after having their wisdom teeth removed. Dr. Schroeder led a study that found almost 6 percent of these patients were diagnosed with opioid abuse during the 12 months after the initial prescription. He discussed alternate options for pain relief. He said wisdom tooth extraction is by far the most common surgical procedure for adolescents and young adults but there is very little research that supports the widespread use of the procedure.

Issues covered:

**Drug Abuse
Personal Health**

Length: 7:26

Elizabeth Emens, PhD, Isidor and Seville Sulzbacher Professor of Law at Columbia Law School, author of *“Life Admin: How I Learned to Do Less, Do Better, and Live More”*

Every day an unseen form of labor creeps into our lives—the kind of secretarial and managerial work necessary to run a life and a household. Dr. Emens discussed how this labor is created, how it affects our lives, and how we might avoid, reduce, and redistribute admin whenever possible—as individuals and as a society.

Issues covered:

**Personal Productivity
Parenting
Career
Education**

Length: 9:48

Show # 2019-04

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Tasleem Padamsee, PhD, Assistant Professor of Health Services Management and Policy at Ohio State University

Dr. Padamsee led a study that found that African-American women at high risk of breast cancer are less likely than white women to pursue potentially life-saving preventive care. She talked about the most common preventative steps that at-risk patients can take. She also encouraged patients to talk to their physicians about cancer risk concerns.

Issues covered:
Cancer Prevention
Minority Concerns
Women's Issues

Length: 9:32

James Clear, author of "*Atomic Habits: Tiny Changes, Remarkable Results*"

Mr. Clear offered strategies aimed at forming good habits, breaking bad ones, and mastering the tiny behaviors that lead to extraordinary results. He explained how to find the underlying causes of bad habits and why that can help to correct them. He offered examples of ways to redesign an environment to break bad habits.

Issues covered:
Personal Productivity
Personal Health

Length: 7:41

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