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Air Date: January 6, 2024, January 7, 2024
Time: Saturday 6:00AM-7:00AM, Sunday 5:00AM-6:00AM
Program: One-Hour Public Affairs provided by the Commonwealth Club

Topic: **Dr. Joy Buolamwini and Sam Altman: Unmasking The Future of AI**

Speakers: **Sam Altman**, CEO, OpenAI
Joy Buolamwini, Founder, the Algorithmic Justice League; Author, *Unmasking AI: Mission to Protect What Is Human in a World of Machines*
In Conversation with **Deepa Seetharaman**, Tech Reporter, The Wall Street Journal

To many of us, it might seem like recent developments in artificial intelligence emerged out of nowhere to pose unprecedented threats to humanity. But to Dr. Joy Buolamwini, a trailblazer in AI research, this moment has been a long time in the making. Dr. Buolamwini has spent decades pondering the many implications of an AI-powered world—all the potential benefits, detriments, and injustices.

But Dr. Buolamwini hasn't simply explored the potential for harm by AI; she has researched and identified real-world AI harm that has already been done by some of the world's largest tech companies. In graduate school, she led groundbreaking research at MIT's Future Factory that exposed widespread racial and gender bias in AI services from tech giants like Microsoft, IBM, and Apple. In her upcoming book, *Unmasking AI*, Dr. Buolamwini takes readers through the remarkable journey of how she uncovered what she calls "the coded gaze"—the evidence of encoded discrimination and exclusion in tech products—and how she galvanized the movement to prevent AI harms by founding the Algorithmic Justice League.

Dr. Buolamwini has educated President Biden's administration and international leaders at the World Economic Forum and the United Nations on the importance of rectifying algorithmic harms. Her work has been featured in Time, The New York Times, and the Netflix documentary Coded Bias. Now, she shares her story with us.

Hear from a pioneer of algorithmic justice as talks with OpenAI CEO Sam Altman and Wall Street Journal technology journalist Deepa Seetharaman, explaining Buolamwini's belief that computers are reflections of both the aspirations and the limitations of the people who create them.

Air Date: January 13, 2024, January 14, 2024
Time: Saturday 6:00AM-7:00AM, Sunday 5:00AM-6:00AM
Program: One-Hour Public Affairs provided by the Commonwealth Club

Topic: **Jonathan Karl: Donald Trump and the End of the GOP**

Speakers: **Jonathan Karl**, Chief Washington Correspondent, ABC News; Author, *Tired of Winning: Donald Trump and the End of the Grand Old Party*
In Conversation with **Jonathan Swan**, Political Reporter, The New York Times

In 1964, Ronald Reagan told Americans it was “a time for choosing.” Sixty years later, Republicans have their own choice to make: Are they tired of winning?

Perhaps no one has changed the Republican Party in the modern era as much as Ronald Reagan and one of his successors in office, Donald Trump. But Trump's post-presidency has been as filled with controversy and chaos as his time in the White House.

Journalist Jonathan Karl has known Trump since his days as a New York Post reporter in the 1990s, and he covered every day of Trump's administration as ABC News's chief White House correspondent. Now he follows up his bestselling book, *Betrayal with Tired of Winning: Donald Trump and the End of the Grand Old Party*. Karl tracks Trump's improbable journey from defeated former president to the dominant force, yet again, in the Republican Party.

Karl says that from his exile in Mar-a-Lago, Donald Trump has become more extreme, vengeful, and divorced from reality than he was on January 6, 2021. His meddling damaged the GOP's electoral prospects for a third consecutive election in 2022. His legal troubles are mounting. Yet he's re-emerged as the front-runner for the 2024 Republican presidential nomination. Karl details the former president's quest for retribution and provides a glimpse at what the GOP would be signing up for if it once again chooses him as its standard bearer.

Air Date: January 20, 2024, January 21, 2024
Time: Saturday 6:00AM-7:00AM, Sunday 5:00AM-6:00AM
Program: One-Hour Public Affairs provided by the Commonwealth Club

Topic: **Is U.S. National Security In Jeopardy?**

Speakers: **Dr. Madelyn Creedon**, Former Principal Deputy Administrator, DOE/NNSA; Former Assistant Secretary of Defense; Former Armed Services Committee Staff; Chair, U.S. Congressional Strategic Posture Commission
Rose Gottemoeller, Steven C. Háy Lecturer, Stanford University's Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies and its Center for International Security and Cooperation; Commissioner, U.S. Congressional Strategic Posture Commission
Jon Kyl, Former U.S. Senator (R-AZ); Vice Chair, U.S. Congressional Strategic Posture Commission
Dr. Gloria Duffy, President and CEO, Commonwealth Club of California; Commissioner, U.S. Congressional Strategic Posture Commission

Just Completed: Global Threat Assessment — U.S. Strategic Posture Commissioners' Report

In October, the U.S. Congressional Strategic Posture Commission released its final report, "America's Strategic Posture." The bipartisan group of 12 former officials, appointed by Congress, assessed the international threats facing the United States, reviewing U.S. defense strategy and force structure, including nuclear weapons.

The report concludes that the United States now faces unprecedented threats, from authoritarian regimes that are building up their military forces and behaving aggressively towards their neighbors. Major concerns include the Chinese program to add 1,000 strategic nuclear weapons to their arsenal, Russian behavior in Ukraine and mutual support between Russia and China. The commissioners call for an "all of government" U.S. effort to combat these threats.

What are the greatest threats faced by the United States? How should they be addressed? What does this mean for the U.S. nuclear posture, for our alliances, for defense spending and for arms control and other approaches to reducing risk? What will be the impact of the report? Will its recommendations be implemented?

The four commissioners, including Commission Chair Dr. Madelyn Creedon, and the vice chair, former Arizona Senator Jon Kyle, plus Ambassador Rose Gottemoeller and Dr. Gloria Duffy, review and discuss their year-long evaluation and final report.

Air Date: January 27, 2024, January 28, 2024
Time: Saturday 6:00AM-7:00AM, Sunday 5:00AM-6:00AM
Program: One-Hour Public Affairs provided by the Commonwealth Club

Topic: **Jason Rantz: What's Killing America**

Speakers: **Jason Rantz**, Host, "The Jason Rantz Show" on KTTH-AM; Author, *What's Killing America: Inside the Radical Left's Tragic Destruction of Our Cities*
In Conversation with **Melissa Caen**, Host, "Get Out the Bet" Podcast; Political Analyst; Attorney

Seattle-based conservative radio host and commentator Jason Rantz is a rising star on the right, making frequent appearances on Fox News and “The Ben Shapiro Show.” In his first appearance at The Commonwealth Club, he discusses his claims that left-wing policies and “woke” Democrats are ruining America’s biggest cities and threatening to spread that ruin to the rest of the country.

Taking aim at “crime, drug addiction, homelessness, left-wing school indoctrination, so-called inclusive housing policies, and outrageous taxes,” Rantz says the effects of left-wing policies “always spread, which should alarm Americans regardless of their political leanings.”