

Quarterly Issues/Programs List

The Quarterly Issues/Programs List for Station WATX-AM, (F/K/A WQUN-AM)
Hamden, Connecticut.

Second Quarter for April1 – June 30, 2020

WATX was silent from April 1, 2020 until May 28, 2020

Station resumed broadcasting on May 28, 2020

Title: Democracy Now, Daily Program
Time: 21:00:00
Date: June 4, 2020
Duration: 59 Minutes
Topics:

Segment 1: The Protests Made a Huge Difference: All Four Minneapolis Cops Charged in Killing of George Floyd

After more than a week of nationwide protests, all four Minneapolis police officers involved in the killing of George Floyd have been charged with murder or aiding and abetting murder in a case that triggered historic protests across the country. "If you look at the video ... the pressure from all three officers on Mr. Floyd's body contributed to his death," says activist and civil rights attorney Nekima Levy Armstrong, former president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP. "They heard the man pleading, saying 'I can't breathe,' and they had a callous disregard for his life."

Guests:

Nekima Levy Armstrong

Civil rights attorney, activist, founder of the Racial Justice Network and former president of the Minneapolis chapter of the NAACP.

Segment 2: Tamika Mallory: Nationwide Uprising Against State Violence Shows People Have Reached Breaking Point

As Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison files charges against all four Minneapolis police officers involved in the killing of George Floyd, a mass uprising against police brutality continues. "At this point, we're looking at a nation and a world that has decided that what we saw happen on camera ... is no longer acceptable, and we cannot continue to meet and ask and cry and beg for change. People have taken to the streets to demand change," says Tamika Mallory, former national co-chair of the 2017 Women's March.

Guests:

Tamika Mallory

Co-founder of the social justice organization Until Freedom and former national co-chair of the 2017 Women's March in Washington, D.C.

Segment 3: Say Her Name: Breonna Taylor Was Killed by Police in March. Why Haven't the Officers Faced Charges?

We go to Louisville, where protesters are calling for charges against the officers involved in the death of Breonna Taylor, the 26-year-old African American woman who was an emergency room technician treating COVID patients and was shot to death by police inside her own apartment in March. This comes as the National Guard fired shots at a crowd of protesters on Monday, killing David McAtee, a local barbecue restaurant owner who regularly gave police officers free meals. We speak with Sadiqa Reynolds, president and CEO of Louisville Urban League.

Guests:

Sadiqa Reynolds

President and CEO of Louisville Urban League.

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Title: Democracy Now, Daily Program
Time: 21:00:00
Date: June 11, 2020
Duration: 59 Minutes
Topics:

Segment 1: U.S. Passes 2 Million Coronavirus Cases as States Lift Restrictions, Raising Fears of a Second Wave

The number of confirmed U.S. coronavirus cases has officially topped 2 million as states continue to ease stay-at-home orders and reopen their economies and more than a dozen see a surge in new infections. "I worry that what we've seen so far is an undercount and what we're seeing now is really just the beginning of another wave of infections spreading across the country," says Dr. Craig Spencer, director of global health in emergency medicine at Columbia University Medical Center.

Guests:

Dr. Craig Spencer

Emergency room doctor and director of global health in emergency medicine at Columbia University Medical Center.

Segment 2: "He Didn't Deserve to Die Over \$20": George Floyd's Brother Urges Congress to Stop Police Killings

A day after George Floyd's family laid him to rest in his hometown of Houston, his brother Philonise Floyd addressed lawmakers on Capitol Hill to demand an end to police violence. "I'm tired. I'm tired of pain," he told the House Judiciary Committee. "People of all backgrounds, genders and races have come together to demand change. Honor them. Honor George."

Segment 3: Historian Robin D.G. Kelley: Years of Racial Justice Organizing Laid Groundwork for Today's Uprising

As protests against police brutality and racism continue across the country, we speak with historian and UCLA professor of African American studies Robin D.G. Kelley. "We're not here by accident," Kelley says, crediting racial justice organizers for laying the groundwork for this moment over the last decade. "The real question now is whether or not this can be sustained."

Guests:

Robin Kelley

Professor of African American studies at UCLA who studies social movements.

Segment 4: Seattle Protesters Declare Autonomous Zone Around Police Precinct After Heated Standoff with Police

In Seattle, protesters have barricaded a six-block autonomous zone, after protests were met with a violent police response. Amid a days-long standoff, police removed barricades and abandoned their East Precinct building, and protesters moved into the area, declaring it "Free Capitol Hill." We go to Seattle to speak with Omari Salisbury, a citizen journalist who has been live-streaming the uprising and police crackdown.

Guests:

Omari Salisbury

Citizen journalist and founder of Converge Media.

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Title: Democracy Now, Daily Program

Time: 21:00:00

Date: June 18, 2020

Duration: 59 Minutes

Topics:

Segment 1: Murder Charge for Atlanta Cop Who Shot & Killed Rayshard Brooks Shows the "Power of a Movement"

Prosecutors have charged the Atlanta police officer who shot and killed Rayshard Brooks with felony murder, and accuse Garrett Rolfe of twice shooting Brooks in the back and then kicking him as he lay dying. A second officer, Devin Brosnan, faces four charges, including assault. We talk to Rashad Robinson of Color of Change about the charges in Atlanta and growing calls to defund the police. "For the last 20 years in this country, violent crime has basically steadily went down," Robinson says. "At the same time, police budgets have continued to rise, continued to expand. We've militarized police."

Guests:
Rashad Robinson
President of the racial justice organization Color of Change.

Segment 2: Rashad Robinson on Recent Spike in Hanging Deaths, the Cancellation of “Cops” & Boycotting Facebook

For more than a decade, the racial justice organization Color of Change led a push to cancel the long-running TV show “Cops,” which glorifies police aggression. Now the show has been cancelled, along with A&E’s “Live PD.” “The thing about these shows is that they call themselves reality programming, but they are only from the vision of the police officers,” says Rashad Robinson, president of Color of Change. “These shows have served as a PR arm for law enforcement.” He is now calling on Netflix to cancel “Border Security: America’s Front Line.”

Guests:
Rashad Robinson
President of the racial justice organization Color of Change.

Segment 3: “Tear Gas Is a Weapon”: Amnesty Report Reveals Police Use of Tear Gas Fuels Rights Abuses Worldwide

As police officers in nearly 100 U.S. cities and towns have fired tear gas on protesters in recent weeks and left many with severe injuries, a new Amnesty International report finds the use of tear gas continues to grow each year, and fuels police human rights violations against peaceful protesters on a global scale. “Everywhere we look, police are just very quick to use tear gas, which is not a safe product and can cause real injuries,” says Brian Castner, senior crisis adviser on arms and military operations for Amnesty International.

Guests
Brian Castner
Amnesty International’s senior crisis adviser on arms and military operations.

Segment 4: “Movements Work”: As Activists Occupy Seattle’s Capitol Hill, City Bans Tear Gas, Expels Police Union

In Seattle, the fight to demilitarize and defund the police continues as the King County Labor Council voted to expel the Seattle police union Wednesday, following weeks of protest. Seattle police sparked outrage for responding to massive protests against police brutality by using pepper spray, tear gas and flashbangs on demonstrators and reporters. Activists then formed an autonomous zone in response to the police department’s abandonment of a precinct building. On Wednesday, President Trump threatened to send troops into Seattle to dismantle the community-run Capitol Hill Occupied Protest, which extends over several city blocks. Seattle socialist Councilmember Kshama Sawant calls the threat of military intervention “absolutely horrific” and says it “shows that Donald Trump is a coward and movements work.”

Guests:
Kshama Sawant
Socialist city councilmember in Seattle.

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Title: Democracy Now, Daily Program
Time: 19:00:00
Date: June 25, 2020
Duration: 59 Minutes
Topics:

Segment 1: How U.S. and Brazil Leadership That “Neglects Science” Led to Hemisphere’s Worst Coronavirus Crises

As coronavirus infections worldwide approach 10 million, nearly half can be found in the two largest countries in the Americas: the United States and Brazil, which now has the worst infection rate in the world and could surpass the U.S. death toll next month. “What we see in the country is a reflection

of the leadership that we have,” says Marcia Castro, professor of demography, chair of the Department of Global Health and Population at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and co-chair of Harvard’s Brazil Studies Program, noting far-right President Jair Bolsonaro has downplayed the pandemic’s severity and undermined efforts to enforce protective measures. We also discuss the country’s participation in vaccine trials, the impact of the crisis on Brazil’s Indigenous population, and the spike in COVID in the three most populous U.S. states of California, Texas and Florida.

Guests:

Marcia Castro

Professor of demography and chair of the Department of Global Health and Population at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. She also co-chairs the Brazil Studies Program at Harvard’s Center for Latin American Studies.

Segment 2: Repair & Revive: Rev. William Barber on Fighting Racism, Poverty, Climate Change, War & Nationalism

The Poor People’s Campaign offered a counterpoint to President Trump’s sparsely attended Tulsa campaign rally with a mass digital gathering that unveiled a policy platform to spur “transformative action” on five key issues of systemic racism, systemic poverty, ecological devastation, the war economy and the threat of religious nationalism. “We have to repair and revive,” says Rev. Dr. William Barber, co-chair of the Poor People’s Campaign. “That has to be a part of if we’re truly going to ever be the democracy we claim to be on paper.”

Guests:

Rev. Dr. William Barber

Co-chair of the Poor People’s Campaign and president of Repairers of the Breach.

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WATX went silent on June 25, 2020 at 20:00:00