

QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS LIST

The following is a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by station KRWQ. Gold Hill, Oregon, along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period January 1, 2024, to March 31, 2024. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

Description of Issue	Program/Segment	Date	Time	Length (min)	Narration of Type & Description of Program/Segment
County Government, local political action, what form for county government?	Clear Connections	1/7	0530	28	Larry West with Citizens for Responsible Government explains the proposal to change the Josephine County government charter, Measure 17-116. The proposal would make county commissioners a part time position, increase the number of commissioners from 3 to 5. 4 would be elected by district with one commissioner "at large". It would also require the hiring of a county administrator. West claims the change would make the government more responsible to the citizens. Critics claim it will increase costs and make it more difficult for the county to "get things done". As is the citizens vote for all 3 commissioners. The new proposed charter would have citizens voting for only 2 of 5. This issue is a big one in Southwest Oregon as a citizen's group in Jackson County is also attempting a similar ballot measure.
County Government, local political action, what form for county government?	Clear Connections	1/14	0530	10	Josephine County Commissioner responds to the 1/6-1/7 show of the prior week, coming out for a strong NO on Measure 17-116. He explains the proposal to increase the number of commissioners from 3 to 5 will not increase representation. As it is every voter gets to choose all 3 commissioners. The new plan would be 2 of 5. Baertschiger adds that the costs increase and it would be very difficult to attract truly good people to the part-time position. Baertschiger considers this a Democratic Party power grab as they've been unsuccessful having much impact on getting candidates on the commission. Baertschiger adds it's a sort of "divide and conquer" proposal through splitting up the county into districts instead of governing the county for the betterment of the entire county.
Campaign Finance Reform, difficulty in getting more good candidates running for public office	Clear Connections	1/14	0540	20	Dan McMillan, J.D., Ph. D is the founder of Save Democracy in America. The group has delved into the connection between campaign finance and the persistence of elderly candidates. Dan says the current way campaigns are financed cause big problems. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Deterring Potential Leaders: The constant need for campaign funds discourages potential leaders from entering politics. 2) Narrowing the Talent Pool: Running for office has become a millionaire's game, drastically limiting the pool of eligible candidates. <p>McMillan advocates reforming finance to assign government money to all legal registered voters. These "voter's bucks" as he called them, perhaps \$100 or so, could lead to voters designating campaign funds to candidates that might find voter interest, but are not usually financed by wealthy donors or lobbyist.</p>
Public Health and infectious disease police, Medical freedom and ethics	Clear Connections	1/21	0530	28	A deep discussion with Dr. Pierre Kory, author of <i>War on Ivermectin: The Medicine that Saved Millions and Could Have Ended the Pandemic.</i> <p>During the COVID-19 pandemic, he cofounded and continues to serve as the president and chief medical officer of the Front Line COVID-19 Critical Care Alliance (flccc.net), a nonprofit organization dedicated to</p>

					<p>developing the most effective treatment protocols for COVID-19.</p> <p>Kory makes a strong case that corruption played a large part in extending the Covid pandemic due to improper repression of alternative inexpensive treatments such as Ivermectin, proven in dozens of studies to have great success at treating Covid infection.</p>
Traffic Safety, honest government, legal and justice system issues	Clear Connections	1/28	0530	15	<p>Dr. Glenn Gumaer, area chiropractor, updates listeners on the success of hiring an Oregon attorney to represent a class action suit against the city of Medford for having improperly timed the Red-Light camera systems in SE Medford. Plaintiffs claim that state and federal standards were not followed, and the yellow light time was too short for many motorists to possibly avoid a red light ticket.</p>
Local taxation, prioritization of city services, police and fire safety, homelessness effects on community	Clear Connections	1/28	0545	15	<p>Richard Emmons, publisher and Editor of the Oregon Eagle newspaper, reports on challenges going on in the city of Grants Pass. The coffers are “dry” but increasing costs and the need to restore additional police and fire positions has the city looking at several choices. One option is a seasonal sales tax, another is raising the monthly utility fee paid by residents. Emmons believes the utility fee hike is the “best of all the bad choices” available. Grants Pass’s issues are likely to be common throughout SW Oregon cities as the days of budgets flush with Covid recovery dollars is over.</p>
Support for the 2nd amendment, unfair weaponization of unelected bureaucracy by government	Clear Connections	2/4	0530	10	<p>Epoch Times reporter Kevin Stocklin discusses how New York Attorney General Letitia James led a multi-state coalition of 20 attorneys general calling on the Biden administration to halt the sale of 5.56 caliber ammunition to civilians by the Lake City Army Ammunition Plant, a Missouri-based supplier for the U.S. military.</p> <p>Advocates for firearms rights took issue with the arguments of Ms. James and her co-signers. “This is another attempt by gun control advocates to chip away at the ability for law-abiding gun owners to exercise their Second Amendment rights to keep and bear arms,” Mark Oliva, public affairs director at the National Shooting Sports Foundation, told The Epoch Times. “This attempt is especially dangerous because their goal of denying the sale of ammunition produced at Lake City would be detrimental to military readiness.</p>
Is DEI policy leading to poor medical outcomes and badly skilled medical professionals?	Clear Connections	2/4	0540	20	<p>Guest is Ian Kingsbury, Research Director at Do No Harm Medicine. We discuss Ian’s new op-ed which highlights how medical schools are trying to get around the Supreme Court’s decision striking down affirmative action. Kingsbury shows how medical schools claims that DEI is essential to patient care is “an implicit argument for re-segregating health care.”</p> <p>Kingsbury talks about medical schools using the debunked racial concordance theory (which DNH has refuted in this report), that patients get better outcomes with physicians that share their race to push this new segregation in schools.</p> <p>Kingsbury adds “What medical schools are doing will hurt patients, not help them. They need to stop discriminating – now.”</p>
Public services and local taxation	Clear Connections	2/11	0530	15	<p>Oregon Eagle publisher and editor Richard Emmons reports on the decision for the city of Grants Pass to fund public safety with a major increase in the public safety fee by residents.</p>
Immigration Reform, National security,	Clear Connections	2/11	0545	15	<p>Federation for American Immigration Reform’s Joey Chester who is part of FAIR’s team at the border gives a firsthand look at both the illegal immigration situation and</p>

					the showdown between Texas and the Biden administration. Chester remarked on the sheer number of immigrants coming through Eagle Pass, and how the trafficking has overwhelmed the city services.
Public School Education, need to end racial discrimination and reverse racial discrimination	Clear Connections	02/18	0530	15	<p>Pacific Legal Foundation attorney Andrew Quinio discusses the case they've joined involving an Eagle Point, Oregon high school teacher who has filed a federal lawsuit challenging racial discrimination in the State's Diversity License Expense Reimbursement Program.</p> <p>Like every teacher in Oregon, Tyler Lynn has to renew his teaching license every five years and welcomed the opportunity for reimbursement. Despite Tyler's significant contributions to promoting diversity in his classroom and enhancing his students' appreciation for other cultures, the State denied him the benefit solely because he has the wrong skin color.</p> <p>Tyler is represented by Pacific Legal Foundation, and PLF says Oregon cannot use race to disfavor individuals for government benefits. The fact that it is only a modest reimbursement makes the State's decision to discriminate even more baffling.</p>
City Finances, minimizing impact on local economy from fees and taxation	Clear Connections	02/18	0545	15	<p>Jay Meredith, former Grants Pass city finance director weighs in on how the city will pay for fire and police. The prior week Meredith reports the Grants Pass City Council had a preliminary vote and are moving forward to act on a new Public Safety Utility Fee ordinance next week as well as a 3% restaurant tax (Food and Beverage Tax). But they haven't approved the ordinances yet, so this is not a done deal. Meredith believes they are asking for more money than the city really needs to balance the budget...so much so that they could scrap the idea of a restaurant tax, stick with the proposed modest utility fee, and they'll be fine and can even restore previous cuts and add the 8 public safety professionals needed.</p>
State Legislative session news, the drive to re-criminalize street drugs, homelessness policy, public health and pharmaceutical policy, personal economics	Clear Connections	2/25	0530	28	<p>State Senator Linthicum criticizes the proposed fix for the Measure 110 drug decriminalization bill, saying that there are not enough teeth in the legislation that would encourage most drug addicts to seek treatment.</p> <p>Surprisingly the Senator voted against the "35 dollar insulin bill" which would have capped out of pocket costs for insulin at \$35. The Senate recently passed SB 1508, which Linthicum had originally suggested, but voted "no" on since it became a disfigured version of what he had intended. Linthicum is an insulin-dependent person and understands the life and death nature of insulin cost.</p> <p>Linthicum adds Insulin prices are not driven by extravagant insurance co-pay fees, but by the practices that protect Big Pharma dominance through endless trade secret and patent and manufacturing protections. These legal protections limit market competition by preventing alternative suppliers from entry into the marketplace.</p>
Disability hiring awareness, fairness in employment, the danger of DEI hiring policies, pushback against "woke" ideology	Clear Connections	3/3	0530	28	<p>Guest is Dr. Mark Mostert PhD, senior researcher at Able Americans, the National Center's project to support Americans living with intellectual, developmental, and physical disabilities. We're discussing the insane woke policy to hire ANYONE disabled, no questions asked, at the FAA.</p> <p>While it's laudable that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) wants to increase job opportunities</p>

					<p>for people with disabilities, Mostert calls the FAA's employment inclusion program "fervently misguided."</p> <p>In a Human Events column, the doctor had this to say:</p> <p>The concept of disability has long since abandoned the "medical model" approach, where disability characteristics were defined by medical and psychiatric evaluations and assessments. It has been superseded by a "social model" of disability that holds, essentially, that there is no such thing as a disability, because we are all different, some more different than others, and that everyone can achieve whatever they want. In this context, the only reason people with disabilities, irrespective of the severity of their condition, are "disabled" is because society has done a poor job of accommodating "difference."</p> <p>Disability as social construction leads exactly to this fervently misguided approach of this FAA program. It raises many questions.</p> <p>I'll resist the obvious: Do we really want blind pilots or actively psychotic air traffic controllers?</p> <p>I think the answer is no, but already airlines continue to bow to woke.</p>
<p>Medical care affordability, Medicare reimbursement policies, encouragement of creation of independent medical practices</p>	<p>Clear Connections</p>	<p>3/10</p>	<p>0530</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>Dr. Josh Umbehr—Founder of Atlas MD talks about the health care affordability crisis and real reforms that should be enacted. While Americans worry about the rising costs of medical care, many of the underlying causes of higher prices are overlooked. Bad government policies, especially Medicare reimbursement policies, foster an environment of consolidation in the healthcare industry, leading to higher prices that hurt everyone. Medicare policies must be changed to bring down costs.</p> <p>Umbehr says Congress should mandate that Medicare implement site-neutral reimbursements that would require payments of the same amount regardless of where the service is provided and whether a hospital owns a physician practice. Site-neutral payments would remove the incentive for hospitals to buy small practices and help keep healthcare costs from rising.</p>
<p>Economic distortion, the corruption of the U.S. capitalism system, Energy Policy</p>	<p>Clear Connections</p>	<p>3/17</p>	<p>0530</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>Paul H. Tice spent 40 years working on Wall Street and is author of the new book, THE RACE TO ZERO: How ESG Investing Will Crater the Global Financial System (</p> <p>For most of his career, Tice specialized in the energy sector—both as a top-ranked sell-side research analyst and a buy-side investment manager—which has made him an expert in climate policy and environmental regulation as well as its financial off-shoot, the ESG and sustainable investment movement.</p> <p>Tice discusses in the interview how the practice of sustainable investing is truly a socialist ruse meant to undermine traditional shareholder capitalism while promoting a globalist agenda of climate hysteria, economic collectivism, and progressive social values.</p> <p>He argues that sustainable investing is a fraud being perpetrated on the financial markets that violates all the traditional rules and conventions of investing that were meant to protect shareholders while funding profitable goods and services preferred by consumers in a free-market economy and free society.</p>

Federal government action, social media policy, foreign aid,	Clear Connections	3/24	0530	15	U.S. Congressman Cliff Bentz from Oregon's Second District comments on various legislative agendas in play en – Including a vote from the House to force the divestiture of the "Tik Tok" social media platform in order to wrestle control of the algorithm from the Chinese Communist Party. A large goal of the House will be to pass an Israel aid package to help the middle east ally fight the ongoing conflict against the Hamas terror group
Dam Removal environmental damage, fish and wildlife protection, southern Oregon and northern California ecotourism impact	Clear Connections	3/24	0545	15	Naturalist Captain William E. Simpson reports on the continued environmental degradation on the Klamath River due to the nation's largest ever dam removal project. Widespread testing indicates the flushing of millions of cubic yards of toxic sediment behind the dams is contaminating the river and fisheries. This week the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors issue a proclamation declaring a state of emergency over the damage done. The region is already committed to dam removal so there's no "going back". However, Simpson calls for a digging out and removal of the sediment in order to protect the region's ecology over the long term.
Constitutional rights, fight against government censorship, Supreme Court Action	Clear Connections	3/31	0530	15	<p>Bill Meyer interviews Ilya Shapiro, director of constitutional studies and senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute. He, alongside MI legal fellow Tim Rosenberger, filed an amicus brief in the Supreme Court Case <i>Murthy v. Madison</i>, which recently heard oral arguments.</p> <p>In this case the plaintiffs accuse the government of coercing and otherwise pressuring social media companies to take down constitutionally protected speech. Shapiro opines "Although the trial judge called it 'the most massive attack against free speech in United States history,' there doesn't seem to be a Supreme Court majority ready to rule against the government's collusion with tech companies to suppress social-media posts and accounts. Most of the justices seemed to be hung up on how the government's encouragement and exhortation constitutes 'coercion,' even though the central feature of the case is that it shows how tech companies act as government agents without the need for a metaphorical gun to the head.</p> <p>There's uncontroverted evidence that government officials asked that platforms refrain from publishing disfavored speech or limit its spread—and company executives repeatedly conveyed the scope of their deletions and shadow bans to confirm that they'd gone far enough to restrict the speech that the government didn't like. That should be enough to affirm the injunction against such action here; the willingness of Big Tech to cooperate with the government's policy wishes doesn't lessen the First Amendment injury. This case cries out for a digital-age update of the state-action doctrine, but it doesn't look like the Supreme Court is going to do that yet."</p>
Election Integrity, need to "clean" voter rolls	Clear Connections	3/31	0545	15	Catherine Engelbrecht, founder of www.TrueTheVote.org , a citizen led effort to restore honor and integrity to the electoral system. Engelbrecht explains her group's latest action agenda which allows voter who visit the site to scan their voter name and check to see if they are still registered to vote in other areas of the country where they once lived, and how to get your name removed from those voter registries. Catherine says many states don't adequately "clean" their election voter databases which leave inactive and out of state voters on the rolls. Groups wanting to cheat can use these names to submit votes in mail in elections which are fraudulent.