

ISSUES AND PROGRAMS

WEZS-AM

Quarter Ending June, 2016

WEZS provides programming in response to community issues in its news and information programming, talk and discussion programming, and public service programming and announcements.

The following listing documents programming offered during the quarter ending June 30, 2016. This list is not all-inclusive, and the order in which the list is presented is primarily chronological and does not represent a judgement by the licensee as to the relative importance of those issues or programs.

Discussion Programming

WEZS Radio broadcasts a locally originated discussion and listener call-in program "The Advocates" weekdays from 9AM to 10AM and Saturdays from 8AM to 12N. A wide range of subjects of local, regional, and national significance are discussed with frequent opportunities for dialog between listeners and guests.

WEZS frequently interviews community leaders in a 20 to 30 minute forum during its daily news programming. Also, "The Costa Report" offers in-depth interviews with national leaders, journalists and decision makers in a non-partisan environment. A summary of programs broadcast during the quarter ending June 30, 2016 follows.

The Costa Report – 6/25/16, 6:05PM

Former political advisor to President Bill Clinton, Sidney Blumenthal is an American journalist who was a major figure in the Grand Jury investigation that led to the impeachment of President Clinton, and is the author of "A Self-Made Man: The Political Life of Abraham Lincoln" which sheds light on Lincoln's early life and political career and the events that led to Lincoln's views on slavery as well as immigration. Lincoln partly formed his views on slavery from personal experience, having been hired out as an indentured servant by his father. Mr. Lincoln was also instrumental in the fight towards the abolition of slavery in Washington, D. C. which also led to the formation of the Republican Party. (55 min)

The Costa Report – 6/18/16, 6:05PM

Dana Perino is a best-selling author and was the second Republican woman to serve as the White Press Secretary. Ms. Perino is currently a political commentator for Fox News and is a co-host for The Five. She was among a group of Conservatives who were invited to meet with the CEO of social network Facebook following stories that reported that Conservative topics had been prevented from appearing in its trending module. Donald J. Trump's presidential campaign has been unconventional, not only has he not been taking the Republican Party's advice, but he has been campaigning in states unlikely to give him a majority vote in the General Election. (55 min)

The Costa Report – 6/11/16, 6:05PM

American political analyst, historian and columnist for Harper's Magazine, Thomas Frank analyzes trends in American electoral politics, propaganda and economics. He is the author of the best-selling book, "Listen Liberal" which looks into the Democratic Party's philosophy and how it has shifted from embracing the working class to dedicating itself to advocating for highly educated professionals in spite of the fact that professionals only make up approximately 30% of the population. Organized labor has continued to support the Democratic Party even though they feel the Party has betrayed them in part because they feel the Republican Party would support them less than the Democrat Party. (55 min)

The Costa Report – 6/4/16, 6:05PM

Turnaround expert and successful businessman, Greg Brenneman is the Chairman of CCMP Capital and was instrumental in turning several businesses around, including Continental Airlines and Burger King. Mr. Brenneman discusses his new book: "Right Away and All At Once" in which he outlines the five key steps that helped him save Continental Airlines which can successfully be applied in personal lives as well as business. One of the key steps in business involves creating a team and culture that empowers them to make successful business decisions. Successful personal lives are the result of building on personal relationships, establishing goals and recognizing priorities that include generosity. (55 min)

The Costa Report – 5/28/16, 6:05PM

Former GOP candidate, author and renowned neurosurgeon Dr. Benjamin Carson, a graduate of Yale and Johns Hopkins, was the first surgeon to successfully separate twins conjoined at the head. An increasing number of women are extremely pro-life and recognize that the relationship between the child in the womb and the mother is the most sacred relationships there. 'Our founders wanted our citizens to have the ability to join with our military to repel an outside attack' and they wanted our citizens to have the ability to protect themselves against a tyrannical government. America went from nowhere to the pinnacle of the world in record time because we created an environment that induced entrepreneurial risk taking and capital investment and were fuels for the most powerful economic engine that the world has ever known and are engines that still exist. Mr. Carson feels that we just have to allow it to work again. (55 min)

The Costa Report – 5/21/16, 6:05PM

Juan Martinez, Prosecutor for Maricopa County, has a 25 year litigation history with the Maricopa County Attorney Office. Best known for his role as prosecutor for the Jodi Arias murder trial in which he attempted to place Ms. Arias on death row which is the basis of his new book: "Conviction: The Untold Story of Putting Jodi Arias Behind Bars". The premeditated murder of Travis Alexander made Jodi Arias a household name as the trial was broadcast on television, a method that helps prevent disputes about the arguments and testimony at trial proceedings. (55 min)

The Costa Report – 5/14/16, 6:05PM

Legal clerk and environmental advocate, Erin Brockovich spearheaded the lawsuit against Pacific Gas and Electric, with the discovery that PG&E had been dumping chromium tainted wastewater into local ponds located in Hinkley, CA. More government oversight is necessary to ensure that the general public has access to safe, uncontaminated drinking water. Ms. Brockovich is currently advocating against FDA premarket approval that shields businesses like the manufacturers of Essure, from product litigation from consumers who have been harmed by their products. (23 min)

The Costa Report – 5/14/16, 6:05PM

Debbie Wasserman Schultz, U.S. Representative for Florida, is the Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee and is a member of the New Democrat Coalition. With the DNC Convention only weeks away, Ms. Schultz is confident that Senators Clinton and Sanders can come together to make sure Donald J. Trump does not become the next president. With his divisive comments about women and minorities, Ms. Schultz believes that Mr. Trump has alienated women, asian pacific islands, Mexicans and the LGBT community as well as Muslims who will likely either vote for a Democrat or stay home. Ms. Schultz also feels that Mr. Trump is the “most misogynistic sexist repulsive candidate” we’ve had in modern times. (32 min)

The Costa Report – 5/7/16, 6:05PM

Pulitzer prize winning journalist Fred Kaplan is the author of “Dark Territory: The Secret History of Cyber War”, is the war stories columnist for Slate, and a former journalist for the Boston Globe. Kaplan credits the title of his book to Secretary of Defense Robert Gates who said: “We’re wandering in dark territory” as cyber warfare is uncharted territory. Our nation’s computer systems, public and private, are vulnerable to attack by foreign countries, and because the United States is so dependent on the internet, it stands to lose more than its adversaries if the government uses cyber warfare. (55 min)

The Costa Report – 4/30/16, 6:05PM

Award-winning journalist and author Juan Williams has been the lead journalist for the Fox News Channel since 1997, and also writes for The Washington Post, The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal. The upcoming presidential election is the focus of today’s discussion. Juan Williams, offers his opinions about the Republican Convention, which takes place in July of 2016, and who is likely to win the GOP’s nominee for President of the United States. Mr. Williams offers his opinions about Hillary Clinton’s scandals and how it affects her political campaign, and the negative campaigning of both Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump. “We The People”, Mr. Williams new book, focuses on the general public’s views on changes in America and the role women play in elections as well as society. (55 min)

The Costa Report – 4/23/16, 6:05PM

Michael Hayden, a retired U.S. Air Force four-star general and former director of both the NSA and the CIA. General Hayden discusses his new book “Playing To The Edge, American Intelligence In The Age of Terror”. Gen. Hayden believes that America is safer than many countries in Europe due in part to the collection of human and electronic intelligence by the NSA, CIA and the CI as it pertains to ISIL and other threats. He also discusses political candidates Hillary Clinton, and Donald Trump as well as his endorsement of John Kasich. Gen. Hayden believes that there is a need for America to take a more aggressive stance with North Korea as it is becoming a “rogue” nation and threatens United States national security. (55 min)

The Costa Report – 4/16/16, 6:05PM

Former Governor of Arizona, Jan Brewer, discusses illegal immigration as it concerns Arizona and the passage of SB 1070, a bill that Ms. Brewer sponsored. The controversial bill allows law enforcement officers to ask any person for identification, i.e. driver’s license, passport or visa, to determine their status as legal residents or citizens of the United States. Ms. Brewer also discusses her endorsement of political candidate Donald Trump. (55 min)

The Costa Report – 4/9/16, 6:05PM

Astronaut Buzz Aldrin, one of the first people to walk on the moon, is the founder of ShareSpace Foundation, explains how close we are to a manned mission to Mars by 2040. He and flight commander Neil Armstrong made the Apollo 11 moonwalk in 1969. Aldrin believes we can have people on Mars by 2040, and he discusses the possibility of manned space stations on the moon to refuel spacecraft headed to Mars. Mr. Aldrin designed the Aldrin Mars Cycler, a spacecraft that was designed to be in permanent orbit around earth and Mars and which will facilitate a long term objective to prepare for the eventual proposed colonization on Mars. (55 min)

The Costa Report – 4/2/16, 6:05PM

Tom Daschle, former Democratic U.S. Senator from S. Dakota and one of the longest serving Senate Democratic leader. Tom recently partnered with Republican Trent Lott to co-author their new book, which offers a prescription for leadership: Crisis Point: Why We Must – and How We Can – Overcome Our Broken Politics in Washington and Across America. Mr. Daschle is concerned that lawmakers are spending less time in Washington, and more time campaigning. He also stresses the need to work together across the aisle, which includes compromise. Mr. Daschle discusses his views on the Supreme Court and the upcoming General Election. (55 min)