



Weekly Public Affairs Program

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1. **Rashmi Shetgiri, MD**, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Los Angeles Biomedical Research Institute at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center

Dr. Shetgiri led a study of what factors influence teens to get involved with weapons. She said emotional distress and substance abuse both increase the odds for white, black and Hispanic youth to carry or use a gun or knife. She also discussed the importance of parents and positive role models in the prevention of youth violence.

Issues covered:

Youth Violence

Youth at Risk

Minority Concerns

Length: 7:47

2. **Harold Pollack, PhD**, Helen Ross Professor of Social Service Administration at the University of Chicago, where he researches health and urban policy concerns, nonresident fellow at the Century Foundation, co-author of *"The Index Card: Why Personal Finance Doesn't Have to Be Complicated"*

Dr. Pollack believes that everything Americans need to know about managing their money could fit on a single index card. He explained why his nine simple rules outperform more complicated financial strategies. He also discussed the most responsible way to select a financial advisor and why he felt one of his most important rules should be to support the nation's social safety net.

Issues covered:

Personal Finance

Charitable Contributions

Length: 9:33

3. **Maria Corkern**, reading specialist, teacher, author of *"Doris Thesaurus"*

Recent studies have found that since 1950, the average teenager's vocabulary has dropped from 25,000 words to only 10,000. Ms. Corkern said that a limited vocabulary translates into a reduced ability to think critically and communicate effectively, which results poor educational performance. She offered suggestions for parents on how to help a child improve his vocabulary.

Issues covered:

Education

Teen Concerns

Youth at Risk

Length: 5:02