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Weekly Public Affairs Program

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Total running time: 29:30 (with optional exit at 24:00)

1. **John R. Baker, PhD**, Professor of Political Science at Wittenberg University, author of *"Government in the Twilight Zone: Volunteers to Small-City Boards and Commissions"*

97 percent of all American cities have a population fewer than 50,000 and Dr. Baker studies the workings of these smaller local governments. He discussed how local board systems operate, who the board members are and what motivates them to serve. He explained why it is important for citizens to understand how government functions, even in small towns.

Issues covered:

Length: 6:54

**Citizenship
Government Policies**

2. **Lennard J. Davis, PhD**, Professor in the English Department in the School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Professor of Disability and Human Development in the School of Applied Health Sciences of the University of Illinois at Chicago, Professor of Medical Education in the College of Medicine, author of *"Enabling Acts: The Hidden Story of How the Americans with Disabilities Act Gave the Largest US Minority Its Rights"*

Disabled Americans are the largest minority group in the country. Dr. Davis believes the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is the widest-ranging and most comprehensive piece of civil rights legislation in history. He explained the unusual path the law took to passage, some of the challenges in implementing it and the enormous impact of the ADA, 25 years after its adoption. He also outlined several potential reforms which he believes could improve it.

Issues covered:

Length: 10:21

**Disabilities
Civil Rights
Government Policies**

3. **Michael A. Fischer, MD, MS**, Instructor in Medicine at Harvard Medical School, Associate Physician at the Division of Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmacoeconomics at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston

Dr. Fischer led a study that found that many people whose doctors start them on medications for conditions like diabetes and high blood pressure may never fill those prescriptions. He explained the reasons behind this problem and how doctors and patients can improve communication.

Issues covered:

Length: 5:00

**Personal Health
Medical Issues**