

Weekly Public Affairs Program

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

 Philip Pauli, Policy and Practice Director of RespectAbility, a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowerment and self-advocacy for individuals with disabilities

Mr. Pauli said nearly 1 in 5 Americans live with some form of disability. He discussed some of the challenges they face, and explained how the Americans with Disabilities Act has improved many aspects of their lives. He also talked about the role that the media plays in perceptions of the disabled, and how technology improvements have improved mobility for many disabled people.

<u>Issues covered:</u>
Disabilities
Government Regulation

Length: 7:42

2. Natasha Ravinand, author of "Girls With Dreams: Inspiring Girls to Code and Create in the New Generation"

Only 29% of all science and engineering workers are female, and far fewer are minorities. Natasha Ravinand is a high school junior with a passion for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), who is striving to close the gender gap in tech. She talked about the reasons that girls lose interest in STEM subjects, and why the inclusion of women and minorities in technical workplaces is so important.

Issues covered:
Women's Issues
Minority Concerns
Education/STEM

Length: 9:23