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Weekly Public Affairs Program

Show # 2019-43

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

1. **Teesha Hadra**, co-author of "*Black and White: Disrupting Racism One Friendship at a Time*"

Ms. Hadra talked about the surprising ways that building friendships with people of other races can shape and move them toward taking actions against racism. She said that the limited definition of racism that most people have can set a very low bar for their conduct. She said well-meaning people can passively participate in racism by simply being unaware of it.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 8:31**

**Racism**

**Minority Concerns**

2. **Kenneth P. Rosenberg, MD**, Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association with a private practice in Manhattan, Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry at the New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center, author of "*Bedlam: An Intimate Journey Into America's Mental Health Crisis*."

Dr. Rosenberg discussed the ineffective way that America handles the mentally ill. He said while those with serious mental illness were once treated in mental institutions and asylums, now they end up on the streets and in prisons. He said those with serious mental illness die an average of 28 years earlier than other Americans. He talked about potential reforms and the importance of initiating a national conversation about the problem.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 8:44**

**Mental Health**

**Government Policies**

**Law Enforcement**

3. **Melissa Stormont, PhD**, Professor of Special Education, University of Missouri College of Education

Prof. Stormont led a study that found that a very simple readiness test can predict kindergarteners' success in school after 18 months. She said identifying students early in the academic year who may need additional support can allow teachers and parents more time to build essential academic and social behavioral skills. She outlined steps that parents can take to prepare their children for kindergarten.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 5:02**

**Early Childhood Education**

**Learning Disabilities**

**Parenting**