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Weekly Public Affairs Program

Show # 2019-49

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

1. **Jennifer B. Johnston, PhD**, Assistant Professor of Psychology at Western New Mexico University

Dr. Johnston recently led a study that examined the role that media coverage may play in fueling the increase of mass shootings in the U.S. Her study concluded that one of the most effective ways of curbing mass shooting incidents may be to drastically change how news organizations cover them. She is in favor of an organized campaign to convince media organizations to focus more on the victims, rather than the killer, his weapons and his motivations.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 9:45**

**Media**

**Mass Shootings**

2. **Brian Roe, PhD**, McCormick Professor of Agricultural Marketing and Policy at Ohio State University

American consumers throw away about 80 billion pounds of food a year. Dr. Roe led a study that examined Americans' attitudes and misconceptions about food waste. He said many consumers think they have good reasons to throw food away, but those perceived benefits are often not real. He noted that food waste is the largest source of municipal solid waste in the U.S. and the most destructive type of household waste in terms of greenhouse gas emissions.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 7:28**

**Environment**

**Consumer Matters**

**Food Safety**

3. **Jan E. Stets, PhD**, Professor of Sociology at the University of California, Riverside

Cheating to get ahead is likely to reduce your level of happiness, according to Dr. Stets' research. In her study, participants were given the opportunity to cheat to get ahead. The 30% who cheated were more likely to report a reduction in happiness, once they considered that others would not see them as moral persons.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 4:58**

**Mental Health**

**Workplace Issues**

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