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Weekly Public Affairs Program

Show # 2021-50

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

1. **Alison Gemmill, PhD, MPH**, Assistant Professor in the Department of Population, Family and Reproductive Health at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

2020 saw the fewest babies born relative to the population of women between 15 and 44 of any year in American history. Prof. Gemmill discussed the most significant reasons behind the drop in US birthrates, the social effects a declining population may cause, and what steps in public policy may change the trend.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:48

Population
Government Policies
Parenting

2. **Grant Donnelly, PhD**, Assistant Professor of Marketing at The Ohio State University's Fisher College of Business

Several US cities have instituted taxes on drinks with added sugar, in order to reduce consumption. Prof. Donnelly led a study that examined whether price tags that specifically mentioned the tax would change consumers' buying decisions. He said the tax falls harder on low-income consumers.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:13

Taxes
Consumer Matters
Personal Health

3. **Bree Fowler**, Senior Security expert at CNET

An estimated \$63 billion in holiday packages will be delivered to homes this holiday season, and a recent survey found that 43% of Americans have had at least one package stolen from their porch. Ms. Fowler outlined simple steps online shoppers can take to deter porch pirates.

Issues covered:

Length: 5:12

Crime
Consumer Matters

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