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Weekly Public Affairs Program

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

1. Eric Garcia, journalist, author of "*We're Not Broken: Changing the Autism Conversation*"

Mr. Garcia shared his story of living with autism, to explain the social and policy gaps that often fail to help Americans across the autism spectrum. He said society has not listened to the needs of the autistic community. He outlined several misconceptions, including the belief that there is an autism epidemic, because diagnostic criteria were expanded in the 1990s.

Issues covered:

Length: 9:05

Autism

Government Policies

2. Sarah Foster, Bankrate.com analyst

Higher education is one of the most important financial decisions most young people make, and Bankrate.com recently completed a study that ranked the most and least valuable college majors. Ms. Foster shared the rankings, as well as what crucial factors college students should consider when deciding on a major.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:05

Higher Education

Career

3. Elaine Parke, author of "*The Habits of Unity: 12 Months to a Stronger America...One Citizen at a Time*"

Recent news has cast Facebook in a less than flattering light. Ms. Parke says, like anything, the positive or negative influences of Facebook depend on how you use it. She said in a time of political division and social strife, paying closer attention to the social media Americans are exposed to—or taking a break from Facebook—might be good for their mental health.

Issues covered:

Length: 4:59

Mental Health

Social Media