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Weekly Public Affairs Program

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

1. **Dennis Culhane, PhD**, Dana and Andrew Stone Professor of Social Policy at the University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy and Practice, co-founder and Co-Director of the Actionable Intelligence for Social Policy initiative

Over the next decade, the number of elderly homeless Americans is projected to triple — and that was before COVID-19 hit. Prof. Culhane explained why younger members of the boomer generation have remained the dominant homeless population in the United States, and what can be done to address the problem. He noted that people who experience homelessness have a life expectancy of 64-65 years.

Issues covered:

Length: 7:38

**Homelessness
Senior Citizens
Drug Abuse**

2. **Christopher Ali, PhD**, Associate Professor, Department of Media Studies, University of Virginia

Nearly 40 million households lack a quality internet connection, cutting them off from work, schools and more. Prof. Ali said the same huge government efforts that brought electricity and telephone service to rural areas in the 1930s and 40s should be applied in a similar way to broadband service today. He said lower income and minority Americans are most likely to be affected by the digital divide.

Issues covered:

Length: 9:36

**Broadband Internet
Rural Concerns
Education
Poverty**

3. **Michael S. Pollard, PhD**, Senior Sociologist at the RAND Corporation, Professor at the Pardee RAND Graduate School

Across America, alcohol consumption has risen sharply during the pandemic shutdowns. Dr. Pollard led a study that found that heavy drinking by women rose 41%. He explained who was most at risk of binge drinking and why this is a serious and ongoing problem.

Issues covered:

Length: 5:09

**Alcoholism
Mental Health
Coronavirus Lockdowns**

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