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Weekly Public Affairs Program

Show # 2020-30

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

1. **Federico E. Vaca, PhD**, Professor of Emergency Medicine and Director of the Yale Developmental Neurocognitive Driving Simulation Research Center (DrivSim Lab)

Teens are getting drivers licenses later than previous generations and missing critical safety training as a result, according to Dr. Vaca's research. He discussed the importance of Graduated Driver Licensing requirements, which are typically not required after a person turns 18. He outlined potential policy changes that could expand and improve driver safety training, regardless of age.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 8:26**

**Traffic Safety  
Teen Concerns**

2. **John-Tyler Binfet, PhD**, Psychologist, Associate Professor of Education at the University of British Columbia Okanagan

Dr. Binfet discussed his research into kids and kindness, which challenges media stereotypes that teens are common perpetrators of bullying, cyber harassment and schoolyard fights. He said most parents would be surprised at how kind their children are to others outside of the home. He also suggested ways for parents to encourage their kids to be kind.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 8:48**

**Children's Issues  
Parenting  
Mental Health**

3. **Daniel Soques, PhD**, Assistant Professor of Economics at the University of North Carolina Wilmington

The reaction to COVID-19 shutdowns has led to an unexpected coin shortage nationwide, causing some businesses to notify customers that they have no change to give, or to encourage only electronic transactions. Prof. Soques explained the factors behind the shortage and what steps are being taken by the Federal Reserve to address it. He also said that moving away from physical cash and coins disproportionately affects low income and homeless people.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 5:03**

**Economy  
Consumer Matters  
Government  
Poverty**

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