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 Alan Schroeder, MD, Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at the Stanford University School of Medicine

Each year, thousands of teenagers and young adults are prescribed opioids for pain relief after having their wisdom teeth removed. Dr. Schroeder led a study that found almost 6 percent of these patients were diagnosed with opioid abuse during the 12 months after the initial prescription. He discussed alternate options for pain relief. He said wisdom tooth extraction is by far the most common surgical procedure for adolescents and young adults but there is very little research that supports the widespread use of the procedure.

Issues covered:
Drug Abuse
Personal Health

2. **Elizabeth Emens, PhD**, Isidor and Seville Sulzbacher Professor of Law at Columbia Law School, author of "Life Admin: How I Learned to Do Less, Do Better, and Live More"

Every day an unseen form of labor creeps into our lives—the kind of secretarial and managerial work necessary to run a life and a household. Dr. Emens discussed how this labor is created, how it affects our lives, and how we might avoid, reduce, and redistribute admin whenever possible—as individuals and as a society.

Issues covered:
Personal Productivity
Parenting
Career
Education

3. **Marcos A. Rangel, PhD,** Applied Microeconomist, Assistant Professor in the Sanford School of Public Policy Medicine at Duke University

Dr. Rangel led a study that found that immigrant children are nearly twice as likely to study and pursue careers in STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) as children born in the US. He believes that because immigrant students are less comfortable communicating in English than their native-born peers, they gravitate toward subjects where the language barrier is less of an impediment.

Issues covered: Education/ STEM Immigration <u>Length:</u> 4:51

