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Weekly Public Affairs Program

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

1. **Steven Woolf, MD**, Director Emeritus of the Center on Society and Health at Virginia Commonwealth University

Dr. Woolf led a study that found that mortality rates have increased in 48 states since 2010. He said the Rust Belt and Appalachia have seen some of the most dramatic increases in death rates for Americans, ages 25 to 64. He believes that, while the opioid epidemic is a major factor, the decades-long economic decline and loss of manufacturing jobs for the middle class may be one of the deeper root causes.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:44

**Public Health
Drug Abuse
Economy**

2. **Teru Clavel**, global education consultant, author of *"World Class: One Mother's Journey Halfway Around the Globe in Search of the Best Education for Her Children"*

Students in Asia consistently rank among the best in the world. Ms. Clavel spent a decade living in Asia, with her three children attending public schools in Hong Kong, Shanghai and Japan, before returning to the US. She explained how the American education system has much to learn from its Asian counterparts. She believes that local funding of schools in the US should be replaced by a national education budget, because under the current system, wealthy communities provide a much better education than lower-income communities.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:34

**Education
Federal Spending**

3. **Jamie Amelio**, philanthropist, entrepreneur, author of *"Staying Bothered: Find Your Passion, Commit to Action, Change the World"*

Ms. Amelio explained how every person is capable of affecting real positive change in their communities and around the world if they find one thing that bothers them, then take action to fix it. She shared her own story of a vacation to Cambodia in 2003 that turned into a ground-breaking educational non-profit called Caring for Cambodia.

Issues covered:

Length: 5:08

**Volunteerism
Charity**