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Weekly Public Affairs Program

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

1. **John Snook**, Executive Director of the Treatment Advocacy Center, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to eliminating barriers to the timely and effective treatment of severe mental illness

Mr. Snook discussed the increasing rates of homelessness across the country. He said that most of the chronically homeless have a serious mental illness and usually a co-occurring substance abuse problem. He said while affordable housing is also an important contributor to the problem, the main issue is that those who are in need of serious medical treatment of mental illness are not getting it. He said many cities and states have failed to amend their laws relating the mentally ill to keep up with the medical research.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:31

Homelessness

Mental Illness

Substance Abuse

Government Policies

2. **Jo Boaler, PhD**, Professor of Education and Equity at Stanford University, Faculty Director of youcubed—an education resource that has reached over 230 million students, co-author of *"Limitless Mind: Learn, Lead, and Live Without Barriers."*

Prof. Boaler discussed the latest research into neuroplasticity, the science that examines how the human brain is constantly growing and changing. She said whenever a student is struggling, that is the best time for brain growth. She said the brain is highly adaptable and that anyone can learn anything at any age, although learning does take longer as we age.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:44

Education

Personal Health

3. **Ellen Smit, PhD**, Nutritional Epidemiologist, Associate Professor at Oregon State University College of Public Health and Human Sciences

Dr. Smit led a study that examined four barometers of whether someone's behavior could be considered healthy, and the results were dismal. She found that fewer than 3% of all Americans have a genuinely healthy lifestyle. She explained the importance of the four criteria and the health impacts of each.

Issues covered:

Length: 5:02

Personal Health

Obesity

