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Weekly Public Affairs Program

Show # 2020-22

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

1. **Paul A. Offit, MD**, Director of the Vaccine Education Center and Professor of Pediatrics in the Division of Infectious Diseases at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, co-inventor of the rotavirus vaccine

Dr. Offit discussed the race for a COVID-19 vaccine. He talked about the various strategies that vaccine researchers are pursuing and what the biggest challenges are. He said the typical vaccine takes 20 years to develop. He believes the chances are low that a vaccine will be available by the end of 2020, even with unprecedented resources poured into the research. He expects that there will eventually be multiple vaccines using different approaches because of the great number of companies and government agencies engaged in research.

Issues covered:

Length: 9:15

**Vaccines
Government
Coronavirus**

2. **Bob Bixby**, Executive Director of the Concord Coalition, a nationwide, non-partisan, grassroots organization advocating generationally responsible fiscal policy

Mr. Bixby discussed the rapidly expanding national debt. He said although he is a deficit hawk, he believes that the US government has little choice than to pour trillions of dollars into the economy in response to the current economic tailspin. He believes the increased spending should be temporary and carefully targeted, and that taxes will almost certainly have to rise in future years. He talked about the path to recovery, once the COVID-19 crisis has passed.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:03

**Economy
Government
Coronavirus**

3. **Bobbi S. Pritt, MD**, Director of the Clinical Parasitology Laboratory in the Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology at Mayo Clinic

Dr. Pritt explained the differences between two primary tests related to COVID-19. She explained who should get either of the tests, how long it takes to receive the results, and what happens next if someone receives a positive test.

Issues covered:

Length: 5:09

**Public Health
Coronavirus**

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