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1. **Emily Oster, PhD**, Professor of Economics at Brown University, author of "*Cribsheet: A Data-Driven Guide to Better, More Relaxed Parenting, from Birth to Preschool*"

An abundance of often-conflicting advice is usually hurled at new parents from doctors, family, friends, and strangers on the internet. Dr. Oster examined some of this standard advice, compared it to scientific research and found that the conventional wisdom is often wrong. She offered advice to help new moms and dads to be better and more relaxed parents.

Issues covered:
Parenting

Length: 7:31

2. **Roy Ramthun, M.A.**, Founder and President of HSA Consulting Services and the web site AskMrHSA.com

Mr. Ramthun discussed the merits of Health Savings Accounts and how they compare to traditional insurance. He said more Americans should be willing to ask what a medical procedure or medication costs, then shop around to be sure they are not overpaying. He explained how to search for an HSA insurance policy and its companion savings account.

Issues covered:
Healthcare
Consumer Matters

Length: 9:46

3. **Joel E. Segel, PhD**, Assistant Professor of Health Policy and Administration at Penn State University

The devastating consequences of the opioid crisis are far-reaching in the United States. Prof. Segel was a co-author of a study that examined the costs to society in general and to state and local budgets in particular. He said the most significant impact to taxpayers was treatment costs borne by the Medicare programs run by states, and lost tax revenue from people who exited the workforce because of addictions.

Issues covered:
Government Spending
Drug Abuse
Medicare

Length: 5:02