

Section I: Issues

WRTC has identified the following topics as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

1. Social History:
2. Drugs Produced Overseas:
3. Melting Greenland Ice Sheet:
4. Ramsey Clark s Appeal for Peace In Iraq:
5. American Economic Illusions :
6. Afghanistan and Why to Really End the War:
7. Dispatches from The Mother Tree Project:
8. Israel s Bombing of Gaza :
9. Is anti-Zionism anti-Semitism? :
10. Ending the War on Terrorism :
11. Palestine and Activism:
12. The U.S. Space Force :
13. Unending War on Afghanistan:

Section II: Responsive Programs

WRTC broadcast programming dealing with the various issues outlined in Section I of this list. The programming was aired on the dates and times as follows:

2. Drugs Produced Overseas:

Community Affairs

Broadcast on 04-04-2021 at 12:00PM; Duration: 29:00. Katherine Eban's recent book, *Bottle of Lies*, reveals that nearly 80 percent of the active ingredients of all brand-name and generic drugs as well as almost all of the antibiotics in the U.S. are made outside of the country, mostly in China and India.

Eban is an investigative journalist who has written award-winning stories that range from pharmaceutical counterfeiting to gun trafficking. *Bottle of Lies* is a New York Times bestseller that came out in 2019.

On June 17, 2020, Eban gave a talk for TEDMED, a series of TED talks that focus on health and medicine. Their mission is to connect science and the public by sharing stories that inform, inspire, engage and provoke action.

3. Melting Greenland Ice Sheet:

Community Affairs

Broadcast on 04-11-2021 at 12:00PM; Duration: 29:00. TUC Radio: Greenland Ice Going Gone? Examining a drill core collected during the Cold War.

The mile thick Greenland ice sheet would raise the oceans of the world by seven meters if all of it melted. Climate change deniers say this massive ice sheet, second only to the Arctic, could never thaw completely -- or at a rate that concerns us.

Examining a drill core collected during the Cold War and forgotten for almost 60 years, Andrew Christ and his colleague Paul Bierman found evidence of plant life from less than a million years ago. They found frozen under nearly 1.4 km of ice, well-preserved fossil plants and biomolecules sourced from at least two ice-free warm periods in the past few million years.

4. Ramsey Clark's Appeal for Peace In Iraq:

Community Affairs

Broadcast on 04-18-2021 at 12:00PM; Duration: 29:00. Former U.S. attorney general and longtime human rights lawyer Ramsey Clark died on April 10, 2021 at the age of 93.

He served as attorney general from 1967 to 1969. After leaving office, Clark became a leading critic of U.S. foreign policy.

"The world is the most dangerous place it's ever been because of what our country has done, and is doing," he said.

He said that when George Bush declared his war on terrorism he made the most lawless step in the history of the United States. Clark warned of another war on Iraq -- both for the poor and tortured people of that country and for us, for our own safety and for our souls. In spite of huge peace demonstrations across the world -- war began on March 19, 2003.

Few people knew Iraq as well as Clark and he returned to Iraq every year to see the effect of the sanctions and weekly US/UK bombings. He visited hospitals and devastated neighborhoods.

Section II: Responsive Programs (Continued)

5. American Economic Illusions :

Community Affairs

Broadcast on 04-25-2021 at 12:00PM; Duration: 29:00. Chris Hedges discusses the nearly \$5 trillion being allocated by the Biden Administration for COVID-19 relief and infrastructure projects with the economist Prof. Richard Wolff on April 10, 2021.

Hedges, who invited Wolff on his weekly program "On Contact" for RT, is a journalist, author, Presbyterian minister and visiting lecturer at Princeton University.

His many books include "War is a Force That Gives us Meaning" and "America: The Farewell Tour". Hedges spent nearly two decades as a foreign correspondent for print and radio, including the New York Times.

Wolff is a visiting professor in the graduate program in international affairs of the New School in New York City. He is host of the nationally syndicated program "Economic Update with Richard Wolff."

6. Afghanistan and Why to Really End the War:

Community Affairs

Broadcast 2 times during the period 05-02-2021 thru 05-09-2021 at various times of the day: Duration 29:00 each. Peace activist David Swanson discusses the history and current U.S. relationship with, occupation of and withdrawal from Afghanistan with Mathew Hoh, senior fellow with the Center for International Policy and a member of the Eisenhower Media Network (EMN).

Hoh is also a member of the Advisory Board of World BEYOND War.

He is a 100-percent disabled Marine combat veteran and, in 2009, he resigned his position with the State Department in Afghanistan in protest of the escalation of the war.

7. Dispatches from The Mother Tree Project:

Community Affairs

Broadcast on 05-16-2021 at 12:00PM; Duration: 29:00. Suzanne Simard, professor of Forest Ecology in the University of British Columbia's Faculty of Forestry, has discovered that fungal threads link nearly every tree in a forest even trees of different species.

Carbon, water, nutrients, alarm signals and hormones can pass from tree to tree through these subterranean circuits. Simard is the author of *Finding the Mother Tree* released on May 4, 2021.

Each year, the world's forests capture more than 24 percent of global carbon emissions. Crucially, a majority of the carbon sequestered in forests resides in the soils, anchored by networks of symbiotic roots, fungi and microbes.

When a mature forest is burned or clear-cut, the planet loses an invaluable ecosystem and one of its most effective systems of climate regulation.

This program includes excerpts of Simard's TED talk in June 2016 and excerpts from her Zoom seminar at UBC: *Dispatches from The Mother Tree Project*, on Oct 22, 2020.

Also appearing is environmental writer Ferris Jabr who has written for *Scientific American*, *The Atlantic*, *Harper's* and *The New Yorker*.

Section II: Responsive Programs (Continued)

8. Israel's Bombing of Gaza :

Community Affairs

Broadcast on 05-23-2021 at 12:00PM; Duration: 29:00. A broadcast of Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib's May 13 speech on the floor of the House of Representatives.

Tlaib says that she's a reminder to colleagues "that Palestinians exist, that we are human and we dream."

She calls for apartheid and ethnic cleansing of Palestinians to end. She points out that current military support of Israel is unconditional and that Israel as the largest recipient of security assistance from the US does not comply with federal laws and international human rights standards.

Excerpted are some of Chris Hedges' 27-minute interview with Doctor Sami Al-Arian, Director of the Center for Islamic and Global Affairs in Istanbul -- posted on line on May 17, 2021.

Hedges is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, Presbyterian minister, author and television host of "On Contact." He was a foreign correspondent and bureau chief in the Middle East and the Balkans for 15 years.

Al-Arian says that claiming the right to defend itself, following thousands of rockets being fired into Israel by the PLO, Israel is violating international law by bombing Palestinians in their occupied lands.

The US is enabling Israel with money and weapons i.e. \$38 billion in defense aid over the next decade. He also wants us to remember that the current conflict began with the attempt to evict Palestinians from their homes in Jerusalem -- based on tenants not paying rent -- and the attack on Arab worshippers in the Al-Aqsa Mosque.

9. Is anti-Zionism anti-Semitism? :

Community Affairs

Broadcast on 05-28-2021 at 12:00PM; Duration: 29:00. The question put to Israeli historian Ilan Pappé by Intelligence Squared and recorded before the most recent attack on Gaza was: is anti-Zionism anti-Semitism?

His response, recorded on March 30, 2021, is an extraordinary mini-lecture on the origins of this argument and how it is now used to prevent the critique of Israeli policies.

Ilan Pappé is an expatriate Israeli historian, socialist activist and a professor of Social Sciences and International Studies at the University of Exeter, UK.

Pappé is one of Israel's New Historians. Since the release of pertinent British and Israeli government documents in the early 1980s, they have been rewriting the history of Israel's creation in 1948. That includes the corresponding expulsion or flight of 700,000 Palestinians in the same year, an event that is remembered as Nakba, the Catastrophe.

On May 20, 2021, when a fragile cease fire ended the most recent bombing of Gaza by Israel, following thousands of rockets being fired into Israel by the PLO, the University of Exeter, UK, held a conference on the transition from capitalism to techno-feudalism.

Ilan Pappé and Yanis Varoufakis were keynote speakers and they decided to dedicate part of their discussion to the recent events in Palestine/Israel.

Yanis Varoufakis is a Greek economist, college teacher, author and politician. A former member of the Syriza party, he served as Minister of Finance from January to July 2015 when he resigned in opposition to his party's fiscal politics. In the 2019 election Varoufakis regained a seat in the Greek Parliament.

Varoufakis is now active in the anti-Apartheid movement in solidarity with Palestinians.

Section II: Responsive Programs (Continued)

10. Ending the War on Terrorism :

Community Affairs

Broadcast on 06-06-2021 at 12:00PM; Duration: 29:00. This Week on Talk World Radio it s time to end the terrorism-generating war on terrorism.

The guest is Scott Horton, the director of the Libertarian Institute, editorial director of Antiwar.com, host of Antiwar Radio on KPFK 90.7 FM in Los Angeles, and author of Fool s Errand: Time to End the War in Afghanistan, and of the new book we ll be mostly discussing Enough Already: Time to End the War on Terrorism.

11. Palestine and Activism:

Community Affairs

Broadcast on 06-13-2021 at 12:00PM; Duration: 29:00. Focus on activism on behalf of the basic human rights of Palestinians.

The guest is Nora Barrows-Friedman, an associate editor at The Electronic Intifada and the author of "In Our Power: U.S. Students Organize for Justice in Palestine."

She is also the co-host of The Electronic Intifada Podcast and co-host of The Brief Podcast.

12. The U.S. Space Force :

Community Affairs

Broadcast on 06-20-2021 at 12:00PM; Duration: 29:00. At the end of December, 2019, then-U.S. President Trump signed into law legislation creating the first new armed service since 1947, the U.S. Space Force.

In February 2021, President Biden declared that he will not seek to eliminate the Space Force and roll military space functions back into the Air Force. Instead, he increased the funding of the Space Force in the defense budget proposal for 2022.

This program features an interview with Bruce Gagnon. Gagnon has dedicated his life and energy, and inspired so many others along the way, to organize against the weaponization of space.

He cofounded the Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space in 1992.

In recent conversations in February and June of 2021, film maker Regis Tremblay began by asking Gagnon about STRATCOM, the U.S. Strategic Command. Gagnon explains why he wrote that STRATCOM is a danger to the world and how it relates to the new Space Force.

13. Unending War on Afghanistan:

Community Affairs

Broadcast on 06-27-2021 at 12:00PM; Duration: 29:00. The non-ending of the war on Afghanistan, the ramping up of the cold war on China and the Black Alliance for Peace is discussed.

Guest Julie Varughese has served in an advisory role for the Black Alliance for Peace since it was founded in 2017. She also is the coordinator of the Black Alliance for Peace s Solidarity Network.