

Quarterly Issues Report
WEDH, WEDN, WEDW, and WEDY – (Connecticut Public Broadcasting, Inc.)

FOR THE PERIOD OF January 1, 2021 THROUGH March 31, 2021

The license of station has determined that the following issues were of importance to the residents of Connecticut during the past three months and has aired the following programs to address these issues:

1. Science and Technology

NOVA – Secrets In Our DNA

1/13/21 10:00 p.m. 60 minutes

Millions of Americans have sent their DNA to be analyzed by private companies, which are revealing customers ancestry and family connections, and reporting health risks. But what are the pitfalls and unintended consequences of sharing genetic data.

Beyond the Elements on NOVA

2/3, 2/10 & 2/17/ 9 :00p.m./8:00p.m. 3/60 minutes

Discover the fascinating chemistry that makes our world and everything in it – including us.

Independent Lens – Coded Bias

3/22/21 10:00p.m. 90 minutes

When MIT Media Lab researcher Joy Buolamwini discovers most facial recognition does not see dark-skinned faces or women with accuracy, she joins the fight to expose the threats to civil liberties posed by an increasingly data-driven, automated world.

2. History

American Experience – The Codebreaker

1/11/21 9:00p.m. 60 minutes

Discover the fascinating story of Elizabeth Smith Friedman, the groundbreaking cryptanalyst who helped bring down Al Capone and break up a Nazi spy ring in South America. Her work help lay the foundation for modern codebreaking today.

Black Church: This Is Our Story, This Is Our Song

2/16 & 2/17 9:00p.m. 4 hours

Retrace the 400 year old story of the Black church in America with Henry Louis Gates, Jr., exploring its role as the site of African American organizing, resilience, autonomy, freedom and solidarity.

American Experience – The Blinding of Isaac Woodard

3/30/21 9:00p.m. 120 minutes

Discover the 1946 incident of racial violence by police that led to the racial awakening of President Harry Truman and set the stage for the landmark 1954 Supreme Court Brown v. Board of Education decision, jump-starting the civil rights movement.

3. Health/Health Care

POV – Mole Agent

1/25/21 10:00p.m. 90 minutes

Follow a private investigator hired to go undercover inside a nursing home as he struggles to balance his assignment with his increasing involvement in the lives of other residents.

Frontline – China’s COVID Secrets

2/2/21 10:00p.m. 90 minutes

The untold story of the beginning of the corona virus pandemic and how China responded. Chinese scientists and doctors, international disease experts and health officials reveal missed opportunities to suppress the outbreak and lessons for the world.

Fast Forward: Look Into Your Future

3/24/21 10:00p.m. 60 minutes

Follow four millennials and their parents as they travel through time wearing an MIT-produced “empathy suit” and working with professional make-up artists to navigate the realizations, conversations and mindset required to age successfully.

4. Politics/Social Issues/Government

Cutline: Playing with COVID

1/21/21 8:00p.m. 60 minutes

For some it’s years of tape to show college recruiters, for others it’s the motivation of competition. COVID has changed high school sports. How does the pause in high school sports affect college dreams and scholarships? How has it affected students emotionally? And what of the adults who are invested — parents, coaches, referees?

Cutline: Everyday White Supremacy

2/18/21 8:00p.m. 60 minutes

Explore the segment of society that believes white identity automatically makes this land theirs. We discuss world views rooted in white supremacy that incite anger, verbal and physical violence whenever identity-based entitlement is challenged. The conversation features events across Connecticut that continue to perpetuate racial unrest.

Cutline In The Community: Democracy and Community

3/28/21 10:00a.m. 60 minutes

Designed and facilitated by the Dialogues and Democracy Initiative at the University of Connecticut , this conversation features residents from around the state discussing the challenges and opportunities for building a more inclusive, just and effective democracy in Connecticut.

5 Biography

American Masters – How It Feels To Be Free

1/18/21 9:00p.m. 120 minutes

Explore the lives and trailblazing careers of African American entertainers. Lena Horne, Abbey Lincoln, Nina Simone, Diahann Carroll, Cicely Tyson and Pam Grier are featured. They changed American culture through their films, fashion, music and politics.

American Experience – Voice of Freedom

2/15/21

9:00p.m.

120 minutes

Explore the fascinating life of celebrated singer Marian Anderson. In 1939, after being barred from performing at Constitution Hall because she was Black, she triumphed at the Lincoln Memorial in what became a landmark moment in American history.

American Masters - Flannery

3/23/21

8:00p.m.

90 minutes

Explore the life of Flannery O'Connor whose provocative fiction was unlike anything published before. Features never before seen archival footage, newly discovered journals and interviews.