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***News Hour:
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Weekend of 6.21-22.2025***

Al Franken Podcast:

Heather McGhee on Trump's Wars on DEI and Immigration

<https://www.alfranken.com/listen/heathermcghee250615>

The Trump administration is waging war on DEI. But what does that mean? We ask one of our favorite guests, Heather McGhee, to break down how and why DEI has become such a focus for Trump and his allies. Heather wrote the groundbreaking book "The Sum of Us" and is an expert in economic and social policy. She explains that diversity is the backbone of America and that it's unquestionably better for everyone when we embrace more diverse voices.

We also discuss the appalling ICE raids in Los Angeles and around the country and the economic and moral impact of the war on immigrants. Heather sees many parallels between this and the disgusting actions of segregationists, who chose to fill in and close public pools rather than let everybody have access to them.

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Democracy Now!

<https://www.democracynow.org/shows/2025/6/13>

- Israel Attacks Iran, Killing Top Military Leaders, Scientists; Hits Nuke Sites in Expanding Conflict
- “We Are in the Midst of the Creation of a Police State”: Rep. Ilhan Omar on Trump’s Authoritarianism
- “Millions of Lives at Risk”: USAID Cuts Lead to Global Rise in Death, Hunger, Poverty and Disease

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Pod Save America:

Can Trump's Health Care Cuts Be Stopped?

<https://crooked.com/podcast/can-trumps-health-care-cuts-be-stopped/>

The health care of ten million Americans is at risk as President Trump's massive tax cut legislation makes its way to the Senate. Will Majority Leader John Thune be able to cobble together a bill that the "Medicaid moderates," budget hawks, and hardliners can all agree on?

Meanwhile, Stephen Miller freaks out at ICE leadership for failing to detain and deport enough immigrants, corporate America begins cutting ties with law firms that bent the knee to Trump, and Democratic presidential hopefuls begin testing the waters.

Jon and Lovett embrace the schadenfreude, discuss the lies Speaker Mike Johnson is peddling to win over his Senate colleagues, and evaluate Senator Joni Ernst's "we're all going to die" message to her constituents. Then, Jon talks to Senator Brian Schatz about putting an end to Democratic navel gazing and fighting to stop Trump's "Big Beautiful Bill."

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The Weekly Show with Jon Stewart:

Jon Save America?

<https://podurama.com/episode/b8872d3a-8325-5385-85cb-e41a2afc651e>

As Democrats seek to reestablish their credibility, Jon is joined by Crooked Media founders and “Pod Save America” hosts Jon Favreau and Jon Lovett. Together, they dissect the political and media environment that shields established leaders from accountability, debate how Democrats should position themselves during Trump’s second term, and explore what qualities might help future Democratic candidates break through.

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The Weekly Show with Jon Stewart:

The For-Profit Presidency

<https://podurama.com/episode/d0443544-e976-5408-809a-a61b1a2f4eec>

As concerns mount over presidential profiteering, Jon is joined by Susan Glasser, *New Yorker* staff writer and co-author of “The Divider: Trump in the White House, 2017-2021,” and Eric Lipton, investigative reporter for *The New York Times*. Together, they explore the scope of Trump’s business entanglements, discuss the challenges of covering these ethical breaches, and examine the legal and historical precedents that laid the groundwork for Trump’s unprecedented abuses of power.

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Kamala Harris Address at the Emerge 20th Anniversary Gala
<https://www.rev.com/transcripts/kamala-harris-at-emerge-gala>

Kamala Harris delivered her most recent speech on April 30, 2025, at the Emerge 20th Anniversary Gala in San Francisco. It was her first major public address since leaving office, and she focused on criticizing President Trump's administration, discussing economic policies, and emphasizing the importance of unity and courage.

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Osterholm Update:
Vaccine Confidence Crisis
<https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/childhood-vaccines/episode-182-vaccine-confidence-crisis>

Dr. Osterholm and Chris Dall discuss measles cases in the United States, the latest COVID vaccine news, and the launch of CIDRAP's Vaccine Integrity Project.

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Weekend of 4.05-06.2025***

Excerpts from Senator Cory Booker's Marathon Speech in U.S. Senate
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cory_Booker's_marathon_speech

From March 31 to April 1, 2025, Cory Booker, the senior Democratic senator from New Jersey, delivered a speech to protest the second presidency of Donald Trump and the operations of Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency which was the longest recorded speech in United States Senate history.

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The Weekly Show with Jon Stewart:
Why We Can't Have Nice Things
<https://podurama.com/episode/9360f9a3-aaf5-5afe-814c-542fe7759b1e>

As Democrats struggle to define the future they want to create, we're joined by Ezra Klein, host of *The New York Times* podcast "The Ezra Klein Show" and co-author of *Abundance*, to examine why turning progressive visions into reality has become so difficult. We explore how good intentions have created obstacles, how empowering officials can streamline government, and what could be achieved without bureaucratic constraints.

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The Weekly Show with Jon Stewart:
America's Factory Reset
<https://podurama.com/episode/191f8eac-262a-5206-926d-33b8e30918fe>

As the Trump administration pursues a dramatic economic realignment, we're joined by Adam Tooze, author of *Chartbook* on Substack, and Sohrab Ahmari, US Editor of *UnHerd*, and author of *Tyranny, Inc.*, to examine the feasibility and implications of an American industrial revival. We analyze the administration's strategy for reshoring manufacturing, debate whether reversing globalization is possible or desirable, and consider what economic nationalism would accomplish for a workforce that has largely moved beyond factory jobs.

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Talking Points Memo with Josh Marshall:

The Pitchforks Are Out

<https://talkingpointsmemo.com/podcasts/the-josh-marshall-podcast/ep-362-the-pitchforks-are-out/>

Congress, angry town halls and a chainsaw-wielding Musk.

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***News Hour:
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Al Franken Podcast:

Journalist Molly O'Toole on Trump's Mass Deportation Plans

<https://www.alfranken.com/listen/mollyotoole250202>

Donald Trump ran on a platform of mass deportations. Now that he's back in the White House, what does that look like? We're joined by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Molly O'Toole, whose upcoming book *The Route* details global migration through the Americas.

Molly has spoken to hundreds of migrants making their way from war-torn countries to be in the U.S. and sheds some light on the *very* difficult American immigration process. We discuss Trump's rhetoric versus what is *actually* happening with deportations and why creating an environment of fear isn't helping the problem.

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The Weekly Show with Jon Stewart:
Confronting the Chaos with Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY)
<https://podurama.com/episode/0a0bac45-b9f0-57cd-be87-d23555cecdfa>

Amid the disarray in Washington, we're joined by House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries to discuss leading the opposition during Trump's second term. We examine his strategy for countering Republican overreach, explore what resistance looks like this time around, and consider how Democrats might harness this moment to forge a more responsive and effective party.

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The Weekly Show with Jon Stewart:

The Cons & Cons of Trump with Gov. Chris Christie

<https://podurama.com/episode/7f519aa5-93fc-5337-94c2-3fa1d0cd8c55>

The second Trump administration is off to a chaotic start. To better understand the President's mindset and motivations, we're joined this week by Trump friend-turned-foe, former New Jersey Governor Chris Christie. Plus, we delve into issues like DEI and meritocracy, and consider how both parties might evolve in a new Trump era.

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The Weekly Show with Jon Stewart:

JON & AOC

<https://podurama.com/episode/e5a85fe3-ced1-5bf3-a6ba-8266196a44d4>

As Trump returns to the White House, backed by a coalition of billionaires and blue-collar workers alike, we're joined by Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY). Together, we confront the growing disconnect between Democrats and their working class roots, discuss strategies for advancing progressive priorities in a resistant Congress, and explore what it would take to rebuild a party that actually delivers for working people.

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Talking Points Memo with Josh Marshall:

Mapping Out the Future

<https://talkingpointsmemo.com/podcasts/the-josh-marshall-podcast/ep-349-mapping-out-the-future/>

Discussion of how Democrats can ready themselves to take back power, and analysis of Trump's early cabinet picks.

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Pod Save America:

Covering Trump 2.0

<https://crooked.com/podcast/covering-trump-2-0/>

Eugene Daniels, *Politico* White House Correspondent, coauthor of the *Playbook* newsletter, and president of the White House Correspondents Association, talks about the changing media environment and what will—and won't —change about covering a second Trump term. Plus, the latest on the blowback to the Hunter Biden pardon, Pete Hegseth's mom fighting back, and what's next for Trump's cabinet picks.

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Last Word with Lawrence O'Donnell
<https://www.msnbc.com/the-last-word#!/full-episodes>

Kamala Harris echoes Frederick Douglass in her 2024 US presidential election concession speech. And Senator Whitehouse on what Democrats face in next Trump term.

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Vice President Kamala Harris's Closing Argument Speech to American Voters
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z5t7EmrrGs4>

Vice President Kamala Harris addressed a crowd of 75,000 supporters at the Ellipse in Washington, DC to make her closing argument to American voters ahead of Election Day.

The Weekly Show with Jon Stewart:
Trump 2024: The Patriotism Paradox
<https://podurama.com/episode/befd609e-5572-5728-895d-30750da7d07e>

With less than a week until the election, Americans face a stark choice about their country's future. While Trump's supporters wave flags from the Revolutionary War—a war fought against a king—Trump seeks to expand presidential authority and claim immunity from wrongdoing. This week, we're joined by Mona Charen, Policy Editor at *The Bulwark* and host of *Beg to Differ* podcast, and Harvard Professor Emeritus Laurence H. Tribe, to explore Trump's shallow patriotism and his disregard for the very Constitution he could once again swear to preserve, protect, and defend.

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CNN Town Hall with Vice President Kamala Harris

<https://transcripts.cnn.com/show/se/date/2024-10-23/segment/01> |q

<https://ktvz.com/cnn-opinion/2024/10/24/key-lines-to-understand-the-kamala-harris-town-hall-on-cnn/>

Vice President Harris engages with undecided and persuadable voters at a CNN town hall in Delaware County in Pennsylvania.

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Fox News Interview with Vice President Kamala Harris
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aLC2XjW_Z08

Vice President Kamala Harris discusses immigration and the differences between herself and former President Trump during a 2024 election interview.

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The Weekly Show with Jon Stewart:
MAGA Mirage: Trump and Vance's Contradictory Conservatism
<https://podurama.com/episode/f94393a6-d1dd-5c25-8a3d-6ed4109e99e7>

You've heard the Republican ticket's pro-worker rhetoric. It often contradicts their own actions and party ideology, but is representative of an emerging faction within the right wing. Joining us to explore this new conservative ideology are Oren Cass, Chief Economist at American Compass, and Zachary Carter, author of *The Price of Peace: Money, Democracy, and the Life of John Maynard Keynes*. Together, we delve into key policy battlegrounds, from labor rights and immigration to domestic

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60 Minutes:

Interviews with Vice President Kamala Harris & Governor Tim Walz

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TJys7OVH24E&list=PLxzNezk7uSpPKgEOsA4SkI0gGU1wKHbZ9&index=6>

Vice President Kamala Harris discusses the economy, immigration, the ongoing war in the Mideast, and the differences between herself and former President Trump during a 2024 election interview. Governor Walz discusses the role of vice president & its importance.

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Late Show with Stephen Colbert:

Interview with Vice President Kamala Harris

https://www.cbs.com/shows/video/Jc0JENs6fsIBY_LaFLAkiAATKW1zsRr4/

Stephen welcomes Vice President Kamala Harris, for a full hour interview, and they also share beers.

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2024 US Vice Presidential Debate

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/vp-debate-replay-2024/>

The vice presidential debate was held between Democratic Gov. Tim Walz of Minnesota and GOP Sen. JD Vance of Ohio at the CBS Broadcast Center in New York City, New York.

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Osterholm Update:

A Coronavirus Dance

<https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/covid-19/episode-167-coronavirus-dance>

Dr. Osterholm and Chris Dall discuss the latest COVID trends, the upcoming winter respiratory virus season, and a UN meeting on antimicrobial resistance. Dr. Osterholm also provides an update on long COVID research.

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Second 2024 US Presidential Debate
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T89NYFjEAiM>

The second presidential debate was held between Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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The Daily Show with Jon Stewart:
Assessing the Second 2024 US Presidential Debate
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KtHn59wqdBc>

Stewart shares his reaction to the presidential debate between Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump.

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Vice President Kamala Harris's First Joint Rally with Running Mate Tim Walz
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2024_United_States_presidential_debates#September_10:_Second_presidential_debate_\(ABC,_Philadelphia\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2024_United_States_presidential_debates#September_10:_Second_presidential_debate_(ABC,_Philadelphia))

Democratic nominee Kamala Harris holds her first campaign rally in Philadelphia after announcing she selected Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz as her running mate.

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Al Franken Podcast:
Author Anne Applebaum on Autocracies & Comedian Trae Crowder on JD Vance
<https://www.alfranken.com/listen/pulitzer-prize-winning-author-anne-applebaum-on-autocracies-and-comedian-trae-crowder-on-jd-vance>

Our friend Anne Applebaum has written a new book called *Autocracy Inc.* She chronicles the rise of authoritarianism around the world and how those autocracies work together to keep themselves in power. With Donald Trump running for President of the United States, could we be heading for a similar fate? We've seen other countries thwart autocracies in recent weeks. Is America ready to do the same? Plus, Donald Trump has one of the most disliked VP candidates in history. We talk to The Liberal Redneck, comedian Trae Crowder, about JD Vance and his "Hillbilly" roots.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xqao9GI4QU>

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The Daily Show with Jon Stewart:
Interview with Pete Buttigieg
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jli0_oKMG-0

Stewart talks with Buttigieg about Kamala Harris's Campaign, VP Vetting, & JD Vance.

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The Weekly Show with Jon Stewart:
Trump, Vance, and the Republican Anti-Worker Playbook
<https://podurama.com/episode/59c88761-52ce-5e6e-8623-cd9d587f1687>

The right wing talks a big economic populist game, claiming that the working class is their chief concern. But their pro-worker words don't translate into pro-worker actions. During the first Trump administration, for instance, Republicans killed raising the minimum wage and created a higher threshold for workers to be eligible for overtime pay. Plus, Trump's Supreme Court justice selections represent the most anti-worker judges in a century.

Stewart is joined by Steven Greenhouse, the labor and workplace reporter at the *New York Times* for 19 years, a senior fellow at the Century Foundation, and author of the book, *Beaten Down, Worked Up: The Past, Present, and Future of American Labor*, as well as Heather Cox Richardson, author of *Democracy Awakening: Notes on the State of America*. Together, they examine the history of labor in the US and explore what populist rhetoric offers Americans when it's accompanied by policies that undermine workers.

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Vice President Harris Delivers Remarks at Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc.'s 60th Biennial Boule in Houston, Texas
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z_PBgnorlDg

Harris slammed Trump as divisive and disrespectful, and that the country's differences are an "essential source" of its strength.

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Vice President Kamala Harris Speaks at Biden-Harris Campaign Headquarters
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nKvJJR-6jO4>

After President Joe Biden exited the 2024 US presidential race, VP Harris spoke to Biden-Harris campaign staff at its Delaware headquarters. Harris has been endorsed by President Biden in the race.

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President Joe Biden's Speech to the US Regarding His Withdrawal
<https://www.cnn.com/2024/07/24/politics/video/biden-oval-office-speech-leaving-2024-race-full-digvid>

President Biden's speech about his decision to drop his Democratic reelection bid.

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The Weekly Show with Jon Stewart:
Biden Out, Harris In: A Media Disasterpiece
<https://podurama.com/episode/b62d6587-88b9-539f-97ad-a703911e86a3>

In the turbulent month since President Biden's disastrous debate performance, the media has been speculating as to whether it was probable, or even possible, for him to drop out of the race. Turns out, it was both. In light of Biden's historic decision, how effectively did the media guide the public through the election chaos? This week, helping us to contextualize the moment and understand the challenges in covering it, we're joined by Doris Kearns Goodwin, presidential historian and Pulitzer Prize-winning author, whose most recent book is *An Unfinished Love Story: A Personal History of the 1960s*, as well as Eugene Daniels, *POLITICO* White House correspondent and *Playbook* co-author. Together, they examine the flaws in our electoral process and media coverage, offer some possible fixes, and provide facts—not speculation—about what to expect in the weeks ahead.

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The Weekly Show with Jon Stewart:
Trump Assassination Attempt Aftermath with Bill O'Reilly
<https://podurama.com/episode/50d6b19e-bc10-56fa-9b82-df853cca3464>

It has been a few days since the attempted assassination of former President Trump. Both sides in our polarized political system have retreated to their respective corners and cast blame on the other, making it more difficult than ever to engage in healthy debate with political adversaries. Joining us to do just that is Bill O'Reilly, anchor of *No Spin News* and author of the upcoming book, *Confronting the Presidents: No Spin Assessments from Washington to Biden*.

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The Weekly Show with Jon Stewart:

Abortion: Mission Impossible

<https://podurama.com/episode/b6d2d666-da12-59fc-9b80-98d10a9dc2ea>

The media may have you believe that the recent Supreme Court decision on Mifepristone was a win for reproductive rights. In reality, it merely upheld the current status quo—a drastic departure from the standard once set by Roe. And an onslaught of challenges, aimed at making abortion impossible, if not illegal, are on the horizon. Joining us to explore this regression we have Melissa Murray, NYU Law Professor and co-host of the *Strict Scrutiny* podcast, and Jessica Valenti, founder of AbortionEveryDay.com and author of the forthcoming book, *Abortion: Our Bodies, Their Lies, and the Truths We Use to Win*. Together, they discuss how our distorted democracy brought us to this moment, unpack the backward slide of abortion rights in America, and offer tips on what we can do to counter this trend.

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The Weekly Show with Jon Stewart:
The Military Industrial Complexity
<https://podurama.com/episode/839bb523-6e62-5d85-a184-24d9072e39f6>

On the 80th anniversary of D-Day, we reflect on how the US military saved democracy from fascism. This week, as the Senate marks up next year's defense spending bill, Jon sits down with Bill Hartung of the Quincy Institute and Roxana Tiron of Bloomberg to investigate whether our arsenal is still bolstering democracy, both abroad and at home.

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The Weekly Show with Jon Stewart:
Democracy Under Threat: The Soft Hum of Corruption
<https://podurama.com/episode/3ae58e42-925d-5151-beac-2598f249ef78>

Despite what cable news may have you believe, Donald Trump is not the sole threat to our democracy. This week, we're peeling back the rhetoric and taking a look at where the vulnerabilities in our institutions lie. In conversation with Jane Mayer, Chief Washington Correspondent for *The New Yorker* magazine and Noah Bookbinder, President of Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, Jon explores the roots of our democratic dysfunction.

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The Wilderness:

The Trump Voters Who Are Sick of Trump

<https://www.crooked.com/podcast/the-trump-voters-who-are-sick-of-trump-ep-2/>

Host Jon Favreau is joined by longtime pollster Sarah Longwell and former Republican strategist Tim Miller to get inside the minds of two-time Trump voters who are no longer sure if they'll vote for him again. What's changed? Well, January 6th, a few criminal trials, and some obviously bogus claims that the election was stolen. But is that enough to get them over the line for Joe Biden? Jon, Tim, and Sarah listen to a focus group tape of these voters to figure out how they're leaning in 2024 and then Ben Wikler, Chair of the Wisconsin Democratic Party, joins to help teach you how to persuade the Biden-curious Trump voter in your life.

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Osterholm Update:

Lungs & Udders

<https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/covid-19/episode-157-lungs-udders>

Dr. Osterholm provides updates on H5N1 influenza, COVID-19, and mpox. He also shares his thoughts on a recent WHO report about airborne transmission, and a study on the use of a diabetes drug to treat COVID-19.

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Al Franken Podcast:

How Elon Musk is Helping Trump

<https://www.alfranken.com/listen/judd-legum-on-how-elon-musk-is-helping-trump>

Interview with Judd Legum, editor of the *Popular Information* newsletter. Discussion of how, in the two years since Elon Musk bought Twitter, he's turned it into a leading source of right wing propaganda. He spreads hateful rhetoric, platforms white nationalists, and engages with unfounded conspiracy theories. He lies about President Biden, promotes racist ideology, and pushes his own commentary onto X users whether they follow him or not. All of this is working to get Donald Trump elected President again.

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BBC Documentary Podcast:

Azovstal: The 80 day siege

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0hnpz6n>

Imagine for a moment what it would be like to live in darkness underground for 80 days, while bombs and missile strikes rain down from above and rations are so tight you can only eat once a day. Next, imagine having to choose between feeding yourself and feeding your baby. This was the reality for those trapped in Azovstal steelworks in the Spring of 2022 while Russian military continued their assault. Every day was a gamble with death. Senior journalist for the BBC's Ukraine Service, Diana Kuryshko, meets the Ukrainian citizens and soldiers who survived to tell the tale.

BBC Ukrainecast: Interview with David Cameron

https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0hmqw4z?src_origin=BBCS_BBC

The British Foreign Secretary, Lord David Cameron, speaks exclusively to *Ukrainecast*. He says he has ruled out western boots on the ground in Ukraine, but acknowledged that the "war will be lost if the allies don't step up."

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Left, Right & Center:

Lawmakers are leaving Congress in droves. Why?

<https://www.kcrw.com/news/shows/left-right-center/lawmakers-are-leaving-congress-in-droves-why>

Two dozen Democrats and over 20 Republicans plan to retire from Congress this year. Several members of the House have chosen to end their terms early, making the situation especially difficult for an already tight GOP majority. The most recent examples include Wisconsin Representative Mike Gallagher and Texas Congressman Ken Buck. In interviews prior to his exit this month, Buck called out a lack of professionalism in the current Congress. How serious is this wave of exits? And what are some of the underlying factors making it harder for well-intentioned members to do their jobs?

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Al Franken Podcast:

Interview with Domenico Montanaro

<https://www.alfranken.com/listen/domenico-montanaro-nprs-senior-political-editor-correspondent>

NPR's senior political editor/correspondent Domenico Mantanaro joins us to cover the political landscape! Trump trials, the general election, the Robert Hur report, and Congress. Plus, is Donald Trump taking over the RNC to help bail him out of his financial problems? And, as a reporter, how does Domenico maintain objectivity vs neutrality?

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Weekend of 3.23-24.2024***

Osterholm Update:

Good News in a COVID-Indifferent World

<https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/covid-19/episode-153-good-news-covid-indifferent-world>

Dr. Osterholm and Chris Dall discuss the national and international COVID trends, the latest research on long COVID, and antibiotic resistant Shigella.

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World Week in Review
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Pod Save America: The Biden-Trump Rematch Begins
<https://crooked.com/podcast/the-biden-trump-rematch-begins/>

Nikki Haley suspends her campaign and doesn't endorse Trump. Adam Schiff finishes first in California's primary, Colin Allred will face Ted Cruz in Texas and Ruben Gallego goes against Kari Lake in Arizona as Kristen Sinema announces she will not run for reelection. North Carolina Republicans nominate Holocaust denier Mark Robinson for Governor. And Joe Biden prepares for his State of the Union speech.

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Al Franken Podcast:

GOP Dysfunction

<https://www.alfranken.com/listen/the-atlantics-david-frum-on-gop-dysfunction>

David Frum from *The Atlantic Monthly* discusses the chaos that Donald Trump would bring if he were elected to a second term. From the border to foreign aid to Trump's attempt to pardon his crimes . . . Can we withstand another Trump term?

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Radio Ecoshock:

Climate Cities: Radical Adaptation

<https://www.ecoshock.org/2024/02/climate-cities-radical-adaptation.html>

Is your city ready for extreme heat, floods, and wind? No! It is time for “Radical Adaptation” with Professor Brian Stone, Director of the Urban Climate Lab at Georgia Tech. Can we still make cement, steel—the basics—without fossil fuels? Is fossil-free tech out there now? We catch up with Jelrey Rissman, Senior Director, Industry at Energy Innovation.

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***News Hour:
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Al Franken Podcast:

Interview with Michael Steele

<https://www.alfranken.com/listen/michael-steele>

Al discusses the threat of Donald Trump and MAGA in the coming 2024 US elections with the former chair of the Republican National Committee.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 1.27-28.2024***

Osterholm Update:

A Period of Transition

<https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/covid-19/episode-149-period-transition>

Dr. Osterholm and Chris Dall discuss the latest COVID-19 trends in the U.S. and around the world, a recent study on long COVID, and the rise of measles cases in the United States. Dr. Osterholm also provides an update on influenza and RSV cases in the U.S. and shares the latest “This Week in Public Health History” segment.

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The Problem with Jon Stewart:
Globalization: Made in America
<https://tv.apple.com/gb/episode/globalization-made-in-america/umc.cmc.1ul3hdrws3kox5dab0n4fnnmd>

Jon looks at why states are in a race to woo corporations and what it's costing their workers.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 12.16-17.2023***

Environmental Directions with Nancy Pearlman
<http://www.ecoprojects.org/envdir.htm?button2=Env.+Directions>

Interviews with Rand Taylor, CEO & co-founder of Industrial Sustainable Group, &
Charles Beyer, Executive Director, CEO, & founder of Hovercraft Rescue & Transport.

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***News Hour:
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Weekend of 12.02-03.2023***

Osterholm Update:

The Hospital Capacity Crisis

<https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/covid-19/episode-145-hospital-capacity-crisis>

In “The Hospital Capacity Crisis,” Dr. Osterholm and Chris Dall discuss the state of the pandemic in the U.S. and around the world, the reclassification of the BA.2.86 variant as a variant of interest, and the surge in pediatric pneumonia hospitalizations in China. Dr. Osterholm also provides an update on influenza and RSV in the U.S. and shares a moment of joy from one of our listeners.

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Democracy Now!

<https://www.democracynow.org/shows/2023/11/24>

- “The Mandates of Conscience”: Michelle Alexander on Israel, Gaza, MLK & Speaking Out in a Time of War
- Ta-Nehisi Coates and Rashid Khalidi on Israeli Occupation, Apartheid & the 100-Year War on Palestine

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The Lawfare Podcast: The West Bank and the Israel-Hamas War
<https://www.lawfaremedia.org/article/the-lawfare-podcast-the-west-bank-and-the-israel-hamas-war>

What is going on in the West Bank? Discussion with Hyemin Han, Daniel Byman, Ghaith al-Omari, Scott R. Anderson, and Jen Patja Howell.

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Stories of Our Times:

The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, Explained

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8V-9LRLSzLg>

The past century has seen the borders of Palestine and then Israel shift. From the Balfour Declaration in 1917—when Britain first promised a Jewish homeland—a fierce struggle over land and nationhood has taken place. Whether you need a beginner's guide to the history or just a reminder, we'll take you from that date through to the conflict today.

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Democracy Now!

<https://www.democracynow.org/shows/2023/10/19>

- **Annexation, Ethnic Cleansing & Genocide:** Mustafa Barghouti Decries Israel's Deadly Campaign in Gaza
- **Ceasefire Now!** Rashida Tlaib, Naomi Klein Join Thousands in Jewish-Led D.C. Protest Against Gaza War
- **Israeli Journalist Amira Hass:** How Can the World Stand By and Witness Israel's Slaughter in Gaza?

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***News Hour:
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Al Franken Podcast:

Interview with Climatologist Michael Mann

<https://www.alfranken.com/listen/climatologist-michael-mann-on-how-to-talk-to-climate-deniers>

The climate has always changed—just not this fast! Mann discusses how to talk to climate deniers.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 10.07-08.2023***

Osterholm Update:

One Huge Puzzle

<https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/covid-19/episode-141-one-huge-puzzle>

Dr. Osterholm and Chris Dall discuss the state of the pandemic in the U.S. and around the world, the rollout of the updated mRNA vaccines, and two recently published studies on long COVID. Dr. Osterholm also shares his thoughts on the updated Novavax vaccine and answers an ID Query about COVID vaccine side effects.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 9.16-17.2023***

Radio Ecoshock:

Extreme Antarctica, Ozone & Heat

<https://www.ecoshock.org/2023/09/extreme-antarctica-ozone-heat.html>

The U.N. chief warns: “Climate breakdown has begun.” In this show you hear unreported climate change: “Antarctic Extreme Events” with lead author Martin Siebert, Imperial College London. Plus Dr. Martin Jucker on early start to ozone hole—and the Tongan volcano warming the world for years to come.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 9.09-10.2023***

Al Franken Podcast:

GOP Debate: Highlights & Lowlights

<https://www.alfranken.com/listen/molly-jong-fast-and-mark-leibovich-on-the-gop-debate>

Al assesses the 8/23/23 GOP debate with Molly Jong-Fast & Mark Leibovich.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 9.02-03.2023***

Osterholm Update:

More Confusing Times

<https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/childhood-vaccines/episode-138-more-confusing-times>

In this episode, Dr. Osterholm and Chris Dall discuss the state of the pandemic in the U.S. and around the world, the latest research on long COVID, and the recently approved RSV vaccine for infants.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 7.29-30.2023***

Rachel Maddow Presents: Deja News

Episode 6: "Hello America, this is Addis Ababa."

<https://www.msnbc.com/rachel-maddow-show/rachel-maddow-presents-deja-news/episode-6-hello-america-addis-ababa-rcna95868>

An authoritarian ruler moves to invade a smaller country and take it for himself. People around the world rally to that country's defense. European and American leaders grapple with how to stop the invasion and prevent a wider war. But this isn't Russia and Ukraine in 2022. It's Italy and Ethiopia in 1935. Rachel Maddow and Isaac-Davy Aronson explore what we can learn from the very different choices made decades ago, when the world faced a similar challenge.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 7.22-23.2023***

Rachel Maddow Presents: Deja News

Episode 5: "Taken for a ride"

<https://www.msnbc.com/rachel-maddow-show/rachel-maddow-presents-deja-news/episode-5-taken-ride-rcna94580>

As conservative governors try to score political points by depositing busloads and planeloads of migrants in liberal cities, it can seem like an unprecedented exercise in cruelty. But it's a page ripped from an earlier playbook in U.S. politics, one that was forgotten for decades for a very good reason. Rachel Maddow and Isaac-Davy Aronson revisit the racist Reverse Freedom Rides of the 1960s.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 7.15-16.2023***

Rachel Maddow Presents: Deja News

Episode 4: "It's a very short path"

<https://www.msnbc.com/rachel-maddow-show/rachel-maddow-presents-deja-news/episode-4-s-short-path-rcna93352>

A new president with authoritarian tendencies packs the nation's highest court, which then outlaws abortion—sparking not just a backlash, but a new coalition for democracy and the rule of the law. Rachel Maddow and Isaac-Davy Aronson explore how events abroad in just the last few years might help us understand what is happening now in the United States.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 7.08-09.2023***

Rachel Maddow Presents: Deja News

Episode 3: "The meanest, dirtiest, low-down stuff"

<https://www.msnbc.com/rachel-maddow-show/rachel-maddow-presents-deja-news/episode-3-meanest-dirtiest-low-stuff-rcna91078>

Republican complaints about election integrity that actually hide a more nefarious goal are not unknown in U.S. history.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 6.24-25.2023***

Osterholm COVID 19 Update:

No Simple Answers

<https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/covid-19/episode-133-no-simple-answers>

Dr. Osterholm and Chris Dall discuss national and international COVID trends, a study on metformin and long COVID incidence, and the use of N95 respirators for protection against wildfire smoke. Dr. Osterholm also answers a COVID query on booster doses and shares a moment of joy from one of our listeners.

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Rachel Maddow Presents: Deja News

Episode 2: Florida's First War on Woke

<https://www.msnbc.com/rachel-maddow-show/rachel-maddow-presents-deja-news/episode-2-floridas-first-war-woke-rcna89983>

It turns out, Florida has been here before.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 6.17-18.2023***

The Problem with Jon Stewart:
Where Is Our Tax Money Going?
<https://www.theproblem.com/episode-2-where-is-our-tax-money-going>

Sure, people hate taxes—but maybe they wouldn't if they knew where the money went? Well, we found out, and now we hate it even more.

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Rachel Maddow Presents: Deja News
Episode 1: Riot at the Gates (Again)
<https://www.msnbc.com/msnbc-podcast/episode-1-riot-gates-rcna88781>

A violent right-wing mob interrupts lawmakers formalizing the transfer of power to a new leader.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 6.10-11.2023***

Al Franken Podcast:

Interview with Author Will Sommer

<https://alfranken.com/listen/qanon-weirder-than-you-know-author-will-sommer>

QAnon: weirder than you know! And 15% of Americans believe this stuff!

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 6.03-04.2023***

The Problem with Jon Stewart:

The War Over Gender

<https://www.theproblem.com/episode-1-the-war-over-gender>

Jon tackles the problem with the gender binary—and it turns out there's a lot of nonbinary stuff happening in between the binaries. Our panel offers an insightful look into what gender-affirming care actually is, and why it's so critical for trans kids to have access to it. And, finally, Jon presses Leslie Rutledge, Attorney General of Arkansas, about why her state banned gender-affirming care for minors. ☐

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 5.27-28.2023***

Osterholm COVID 19 Update:
COVID Fog
<https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/covid-19/episode-131-covid-fog>

In this episode, Dr. Osterholm and Chris Dall discuss the state of the pandemic in the U.S. and around the world, the end of the COVID Public Health Emergency of International Concern, and the potential for a surge in mpox cases in the coming months.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 4.15-16.2023***

Radio Ecoshock:

What I Really Think Will Happen is Happening Already

<https://www.ecoshock.org/2023/04/what-i-really-think-will-happen-is-happening-already.html>

Long-time science journalist Alex Smith finally admits his own hopes and fears, knowing what we know now. Some neglected new science shows up, plus clips with Todd Rose on collective illusions, and a word from 11-year-old climate podcaster Zach Fox-DeVol. It's a collection.

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Al Franken Podcast:

Interview with Israel Expert Aaron David Miller

<https://art19.com/shows/the-al-franken-podcast/episodes/4ef16d29-7ce3-434e-a59c-6eb7068c789c/embed>

Discussion of Netanyahu's Anti-democratic judicial "reforms."

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***News Hour:
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Weekend of 4.01-02.2023***

Osterholm COVID 19 Update:

A Tough Two Weeks

<https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/covid-19/episode-127-tough-two-weeks>

Dr. Osterholm shares why the past two weeks have been among the most challenging of the pandemic for him. He also provides an update on global and national COVID trends, examines the latest data on the possible source of the pandemic, and answers a COVID query on booster shots following COVID infection.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 3.25-26.2023***

1. **Radio BBC Documentaries: The Long Haul of Long Covid**
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0f73drd>

Three years after the official declaration of a pandemic, 65 million people—one in 10 who had Covid-19—still have symptoms. Some are so ill they are yet to return to work. *The Economist's* health editor, Natasha Loder, examines the science behind long Covid, and hears about the challenges as researchers try to unravel the cause behind a condition associated with around 200 symptoms.

2. **AMA Update: Long COVID: What We Do and Don't Know after 3 Years of the Pandemic**
<https://ama-update.simplecast.com/episodes/long-covid-what-we-do-and-dont-know-after-3-years-of-the-pandemic-with-andrea-garcia-jd-mph>

AMA Vice President of Science, Medicine and Public Health Andrea Garcia, JD, MPH, summarizes what we've learned—and what unknowns still linger—as the COVID pandemic crosses the three-year mark.

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Al Franken Podcast:

Interview with Andy Slavitt & Laurie Garrett

<https://alfranken.com/listen/andy-slavitt-laurie-garrett-on-the-end-of-the-covid-emergency>

The end of the Covid emergency? Where we are now.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
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**Barack Obama,
Three Speeches**

1. 27.July.2004 – “Keynote Address at the 2004 Democratic National Convention,”
<https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/documents/keynote-address-the-2004-democratic-national-convention>
2. 14.June.2006 – “Take Back America,”
<http://obamaspeeches.com/077-Take-Back-America-Obama-Speech.htm>
3. 08.January.2008 – “Yes We Can,”
<https://access-socialstudies2014.cappelendamm.no/ento/tekst.html?tid=1533581>

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Reverend Jesse Jackson's Speech to 1988 Democratic National Convention
<https://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/jessejackson1988dnc.htm>

Rev. Jackson's "Keep Hope Alive" speech, on July 19, 1988 in Atlanta, Georgia.

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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,

Two Speeches

<https://archive.org/details/MartinLutherKingJrAllSpeeches>

1. 28.August.1963 – “I Have a Dream,” March on Washington for Jobs, Lincoln Memorial, Washington, DC.
2. 31.March.1968 – “Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution,” National Cathedral Washington, DC

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 2.04-05.2023***

Radio Ecoshock:

How Ocean Heat Ends the Human Experiment

<https://www.ecoshock.org/2023/02/01>

The ocean acts like a giant air-conditioner, absorbing 90% of extra heat added by humans. What if it stops? Dr. Keith Moore explains. From New Zealand, Dr. Kevin Trenberth reports more record ocean heating – levels not seen for over a million years.

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Al Franken Podcast:

Interview with Dana Milbank

<https://alfranken.com/listen/wapos-dana-milbank-on-how-only-2-3>

Washington Post columnist Dana Milbank discusses how two-thirds of the GOP's US House members are crazy, and why that won't help much.

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Daily Kos' The Brief

<https://player.fm/series/daily-kos-the-brief/the-republican-congress-continues-to-shoot-itself-in-the-foot>

The Republican Party seems locked in a death spiral of unpopular anti-American rights policies. They seem to believe that the most important things to America are taking away people's rights to choose what they do with their bodies and Hunter Biden's junk. Predictions for the upcoming year and 2024.

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***News Hour:
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Rachel Maddow Presents: Ultra
<https://www.msnbc.com/rachel-maddow-presents-ultra>

Sitting members of Congress aiding and abetting a plot to overthrow the government. Insurrectionists criminally charged with plotting to end American democracy for good. Justice Department prosecutors under crushing political pressure. *Rachel Maddow Presents: Ultra* is the all-but-forgotten true story of good, old-fashioned American extremism getting supercharged by proximity to power. When extremist elected officials get caught plotting against America with the violent ultra right, this is the story of the lengths they will go to... to cover their tracks.

Episode 6: Bedlam

Justice Department prosecutor O. John Rogge isn't prepared for the pre-planned chaos that erupts as the most high-profile sedition trial in U.S. history begins.

Episode 7: Rinse, Repeat

The largest mass sedition trial in American history churns on. One final twist calls into question whether the Justice Department will see the case to the end.

Episode 8: Ultra Vires

In the wake of the sedition trial's collapse, Justice Department prosecutor John Rogge travels overseas and uncovers a bombshell.

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Episode 5: Shut It Down

Members of Congress and the America First movement working to spread Nazi propaganda try to shut down reporting and a Justice Department investigation into their activities.

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Episode 3: The Day

A private spy ring in Los Angeles works to do what law enforcement fails to: infiltrate far-right groups plotting violence across the country and foil their plans.

Episode 4: A Bad Angle

Members of United States Congress, the America First movement and a paid agent of Hitler's government work to weaken democracy and spread Nazi propaganda.

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Episode 1: Trip 19

The death of U.S. Senator Ernest Lundeen in a mysterious plane crash in 1940 left a series of questions that lead to revealing threats to American democracy.

Episode 2: The Brooklyn Boys

Father Charles E. Coughlin calls for armed Americans to create a militia. Their plot to overthrow the U.S. government and democracy questions if the country can handle that kind of homegrown threat.

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Weekend of 11.26-27.2022***

3. **Radio BBC Documentaries: China's Accidental Activists**
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0dgrlj5>

A group of women are taking on China's communist government after their husbands and fathers were jailed as dissidents. The women never wanted to be campaigners but felt compelled to help their loved ones. In China, the women endured detention, surveillance, social isolation and persecution. They've now fled to the United States, where they juggle jobs, bringing up children—and political campaigning. The BBC's Asia-Pacific editor, Michael Bristow, hears their stories that reveal the dark side of China's communist regime.

4. **Radio BBC Documentaries: Trouble in Taiwan**
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0dj0v9>

China's President Xi Jinping says that Taiwan's reunification with the mainland "must and will be fulfilled." The view from democratic Taiwan is somewhat different. It's a threat the islanders have been hearing ever since the 1949 Chinese Civil War, when the Government of the Republic of China was forced to relocate to Taiwan allowing the Chinese Communist Party to establish a new Chinese state: the People's Republic of China. But some sense that the increased rhetoric from China in recent months poses a real and present danger. Taiwanese billionaire Robert Tsao has pledged millions of pounds to train three million "civilian warriors" in three years to defend the island should it be required. But will it come to that? John Murphy is in Taiwan to talk to people there about what they think about the threat from China and whether they'd be prepared to fight to protect what they have.

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Al Franken Podcast:

Interview with Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson and Journalist Ari Berman
<https://alfranken.com/listen/michigan-secretary-of-state-jocelyn-benson-and-journalist-ari-berman>

Our democracy under threat.

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The Trojan Affair:

Part 8: An Appointment in Perth

<https://www.audacy.com/podcasts/the-trojan-horse-affair-76962/part-8-an-appointment-in-perth-1229868616>

A man banned from working in education in the aftermath of the Trojan Horse letter inspires Brian and Hamza to track down one last witness with him – in Australia. And all three travelers find their faith tested.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
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The Trojan Affair:

Part 7: The Detail of the Deputies

<https://www.audacy.com/podcasts/the-trojan-horse-affair-76962/part-7-the-detail-of-the-deputies-1229868617>

Birmingham authorities struggle to explain why they disavowed their own findings about the Trojan Horse plot. But when Brian and Hamza make a discovery deep inside some court documents, everything suddenly makes sense.

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The Trojan Affair:

Part 6: Cucumbers and Cooker Bombs

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-trojan-horse-affair/id1606918193>

Hamza takes a long, hard look at what the government found when it investigated more than 20 majority-Muslim schools in Birmingham. And our two reporters have a confrontation—with each other.

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The Trojan Affair:

Part 5: A Study in Scarlett

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-trojan-horse-affair/id1606918193>

Hamza and Brian learn that the Trojan Horse letter wasn't the only unsigned letter alleging an extremist operation was afoot in Birmingham. An interview with a couple who lodged complaints against their school starts out cordially, but six hours later, the atmosphere is so tense that not even an offer of tea can smooth things over. And Hamza stops pretending he's not angry about what he's hearing.

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***News Hour:
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Weekend of 9.17-18.2022***

1. **The Trojan Affair:**
Part 4: The Meeting and the Mole
<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-trojan-horse-affair/id1606918193>

A series of frustrating interviews with Birmingham politicians leaves Brian and Hamza wondering if crucial information about the Trojan Horse letter was kept from officials in London. Then one rainy Friday afternoon, Brian hears back from a government source who wants to meet right away.

2. **Remarks by President Biden on the Continued Battle for the Soul of the Nation**
<https://bit.ly/3DxiITU>

Independence National Historical Park
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
September 1, 2022

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The Trojan Affair:

Part 3: Sir Albert and the Missing "H":

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-trojan-horse-affair/id1606918193>

In a state of surprise, Hamza and Brian leave a meeting with the man the Trojan Horse letter was first sent to. And they learn about an internal investigation report that local officials have kept hidden, but which they think could contain a bombshell.

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The Trojan Affair:

Part 2: The Case of the Four Resignations:

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-trojan-horse-affair/id1606918193>

Hamza and Brian think the source of the Trojan Horse letter might be hiding in plain sight. After learning about the petty personnel dispute that probably gave rise to the letter, they're even more bewildered about how it ever could have been taken seriously.

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The Trojan Affair:

Part 1: The Letter in the Brown Paper Envelope

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-trojan-horse-affair/id1606918193>

A strange letter appears on a city councilor's desk in Birmingham, England, laying out an elaborate plot by Islamic extremists to infiltrate the city's schools. The plot has a code name: *Operation Trojan Horse*. The story soon explodes in the news and kicks off a national panic. By the time it all dies down, the government has launched multiple investigations, beefed up the country's counterterrorism policy, revamped schools and banned people from education for the rest of their lives.

To Hamza Syed, who is watching the scandal unfold in his city, the whole thing seemed . . . off. Because through all the official inquiries and heated speeches in Parliament, no one has ever bothered to answer a basic question: *Who wrote the letter? And why?* The night before Hamza is to start journalism school, he has a chance meeting in Birmingham with the reporter Brian Reed, the host of the hit podcast *S-Town*. Together they team up to investigate: *Who wrote the Trojan Horse letter?* They quickly discover that it's a question people in power do not want them asking.

Part 1: A strange letter appears outlining a plot by Islamic extremists to infiltrate Birmingham schools. Hamza and Brian visit the supposed mastermind of the plot, and he tells them he did take over a bunch of schools—just not for the reasons in the letter.

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Al Franken Podcast:

Interview with Daniel Goldman

<https://alfranken.com/listen/daniel-goldman-lead-counsel-on-the-jan-6th-hearings>

Daniel Goldman, Chief Counsel for the House Managers in (the first) Trump Impeachment, & legal analyst, weights in on the Jan. 6th hearings.

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***News Hour:
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Weekend of 6.25-16.2022***

The Problem with Jon Stewart:

White People

<https://www.theproblem.com/episode-8-the-problem-with-racism-white-people/>

America prides itself on being a place of equality for all, but that's never been true for Black people. Slavery and its legacy have informed virtually every institution of American life, and that's forced Black people to fight so hard for basic equality that they've been irreparably set back in the pursuit of equity. This country needs a real racial reckoning, but it's white people that need to confront their role in perpetuating white supremacy and figure out how they're going to make things right.

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Weekend of 6.18-19.2022

Radio Ecoshock:

Digital Repression: How Are You Being Channeled?

<https://www.ecoshock.org/2022/06/future-black-as-coal.html>

You don't know about the growing methane threat from coal mining, Dr. Ryan Driskell Tate reports China's energy crisis, new coal-mines, and emissions no one talks about. Alex wraps the big picture, with guarded better news about a possible future.

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World Week in Review
Weekend of 6.11-12.2022***

5. **Radio BBC Documentaries: Ukraine: The Disinformation War**
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0cbjrtp>

British academics accused of sharing Russian disinformation about war in Ukraine. They claim there's a McCarthyist witch hunt against them.

6. **Radio BBC Documentaries: Evacuated to Russia**
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0ccs7qw>

More than a million refugees from the war in Ukraine have ended up in the arms of the enemy, Russia. Have they been rescued? Or illegally deported in another Kremlin war crime?

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World Week in Review
Weekend of 6.04-05.2022***

Al Franken Podcast:
Interview with Patton Oswalt
<https://alfranken.com/listen/patton-oswalt>

On comedy – seriously – but more funnily.

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Radio Ecoshock:

Future Black as Coal

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The Problem with Jon Stewart:

The Media

<https://www.theproblem.com/episode-7-the-problem-with-media>

The media makes for an easy scapegoat for people all across the political spectrum, but the truth is that the media still matters—and it's essential to maintaining our freedoms. (Remember?) Good journalism can hold people in power accountable, tell important stories, and connect us all in ways that keep our society informed and functioning. So the big question, then, is why is it so hard for the media to give us news we can actually use?

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 4.30-5.01.2022***

Al Franken Podcast:

Interview with Michael Lewis

<https://alfranken.com/listen/michael-lewis-on-why-u-s-covid-response-was-socrappy-my-word>

Why U.S. COVID response was so . . . crappy. Lewis's latest book is *Premonition*: a riveting story of genius and dedication against a backdrop of institutional dysfunction.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 4.16-17.2022***

1. **Radio BBC Documentaries: Destroying Ukrainian History**
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0bxmlgm>

How major news stories are affecting the lives of people around the world.

2. **Radio BBC Documentaries: Talking to Ukraine's Children**
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0byy28s>

An estimated four million people—mostly women and children—have escaped from Ukraine and its war. Host Karnie Sharp hears from two Ukrainian mental health professionals who discuss the impact of war on the minds of children. One is a psychiatrist who remains in the capital Kyiv, and the other a child psychologist who fled the country a few weeks ago and is now safe in Germany with her family.

3. **Radio BBC Documentaries: Helping Ukrainians**
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0c07wb3>

With Russian forces withdrawing from some areas of Ukraine, details are emerging of the death and destruction they have left behind. In Borodyanka, 60 km northwest of Kyiv, the main road through the town is lined with destroyed and burnt-out buildings, vehicles and tanks. Olga and Ira lived there and have sent us messages, describing how their homes were bombed. We hear from Vitaliy Shevchenko, the Russian Editor for *BBC Monitoring*, who as well as covering the war for us, has been trying to get his parents out of Ukraine to safety.

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Weekend of 4.09-10.2022***

Radio Ecoshock:

Digital Repression: How Are You Being Channeled?

<https://www.ecoshock.org/2022/03/digital-repression-how-are-you-being-channeled.html>

Everything you see is tailored for your mind—algorithms to shape a world-view, or hide one. Dr. Jennifer Earl is an expert on digital repression, by states, companies, and trolls. And, from UN University, Dr. Duminda Perera reveals the first portrait: hundreds of millions starving for water in Africa.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 3.26-27.2022***

The Intercept: State-Sanctioned Killers:

Why Aren't We Hearing More Calls for Diplomacy to End War in Ukraine

<https://theintercept.com/2022/03/23/intercepted-ukraine-russia-weapons-diplomacy/>

This week, President Joe Biden is visiting European nations—including Poland—as the war in Ukraine rages on. This follows on the heels of Biden pledging to send \$800 million worth of weapons to Ukraine, on top of an additional \$13.8 billion approved by Congress.

This week on *Intercepted*: associate editor Maia Hibbett discusses the details behind the U.S. support for Ukraine with investigative reporter Ken Klippenstein and associate reporter Sara Sirota. As Klippenstein and Sirota explain, the U.S. has been sending ISR—or intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance—assistance to Ukraine, without being fully involved in the conflict.

The aid, however, could be seen as an escalation to the conflict, despite major news organizations and think tanks pushing for an even more aggressive stance. Klippenstein and Sirota explain that the way out of the conflict is to assist in diplomacy between Ukraine and Russia—not add fuel to the fire.

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Al Franken Podcast:

Interview with Franklin Foer

<https://alfranken.com/listen/franklin-foer>

From Manafort to Zelensky, *Atlantic Monthly's* Foer has been covering Ukraine for years.

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World Week in Review
Weekend of 3.12-13.2022***

The Improvement Association:

Chapter Five: "Democrat, Republican, White, Black, Green"

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/04/27/podcasts/the-improvement-association-election-fraud.html>

The Bladen Improvement PAC's power is threatened when an unlikely candidate enters the race for county commissioner. People outside the PAC are starting to make clear that they have their own ideas about how to build Black political power in the county.

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The Improvement Association:

Chapter Four: "Let Them Pull the Red Wagon"

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/04/20/podcasts/the-improvement-association-election-fraud.html>

With the Bladen Improvement PAC's reputation suffering in light of years of cheating accusations, resentment is stirring within its ranks and a prominent member turns against the leadership. Nevertheless, Horace Munn, president of the PAC, joins with his closest allies to make a bold move by supporting a political upset at the center of the county.

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The Improvement Association:

Chapter Three: "The Ballad of the Nursing Home Ballots"

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/04/20/podcasts/the-improvement-association-election-fraud.html>

In Chapter Three, *This American Life* reporter Zoe Chace delves into one of the most serious allegations against the Bladen Improvement PAC: an accusation about stealing votes from vulnerable people that goes back 10 years. In trying to figure out if there is any truth in this particularly persistent rumor, Zoe comes to understand how and why election cheating allegations are so sticky.

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The Improvement Association:

Chapter Two: "Where Is Your Choice"

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/04/15/podcasts/the-improvement-association-chapter-two.html>

In Chapter Two, *This American Life* reporter Zoe Chace talks to people in North Carolina who believe the Bladen Improvement PAC has been cheating for years. She tries to get beyond the rumors and into specifics; in the process, she comes face to face with the intense suspicion and scrutiny leveled against the organization. In the middle of another election, Zoe follows members of the PAC to watch how they operate and tries to make sense of all these allegations against them.

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The Improvement Association:

Chapter One: “The Big Shadoo”

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/04/13/podcasts/the-improvement-association-chapter-one-the-big-shadoo.html>

A few years ago, Bladen County was at the center of a major news story—the only time in recent history a congressional election was thrown out for fraud. In a hearing that followed, a Black political advocacy group was mentioned and dragged into the scandal. The group was the Bladen County Improvement Association PAC and, after the hearing, Horace Munn, one of the group’s leaders, reached out to Zoe with an invitation to come to the county.

In Chapter One, *This American Life* reporter Zoe Chace goes to North Carolina to hear what’s behind all these cheating allegations.

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Al Franken Podcast:

Interview with Former U.S. Attorney Joyce Vance

<https://alfranken.com/listen/former-u-s-attorney-joyce-vance-discusses-trumps-myriad-civil-and-criminal-vulnerabilities>

Joyce Vance and Al discuss former President Trump's myriad civil and criminal vulnerabilities. Federal prison? Rikers? NY State prison? Georgia State prison? Penury?

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 12.18-19.2021

1. **Black Journal:**
Who Killed Malcolm X?
Broadcast February 22, 1972
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XuU7ONkJelc>

Marking the seventh anniversary of the death of Malcolm X, this program primarily surveys the assassination of the black leader (which occurred February 21, 1965); points to discrepancies surrounding the circumstances of his death as reported in eye-witness testimonies, newspapers and magazines; and poses the questions left unasked and unanswered during the investigation.

2. **All Things Considered:**
Malcolm X: Portrait of the Black Shining Prince
Broadcast February 21, 1985
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8nW1VqHgWDU>

In the 20th Century, few Americans have made such a powerful impact upon society as Malcolm X. Speaking out against the social oppression and economic exploitation of the Black American in the early 1960s, the dynamic leader championed a wave of race pride and black nationalism until his assassination in 1965. This illuminating biographical portrait documents the life of Malcolm X, tracing his career as both a black activist and an influential Crusader for the Nation of Islam. The program includes recorded excerpts from the speeches of Malcolm X along with commentary from his widow, persona/ acquaintances and noted historians to provide stirring insight into the life of an ideological hero.

3. **Washington Week:**
Inside the Exoneration of 2 Men Convicted of Killing Malcolm X
Broadcast November 19, 2021
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CM2pJb19wLk>

The panel (Tamara Payne, Rachel Dretzin, and Shayla Harris) explore a major update in the 1965 assassination of civil rights icon Malcolm X. Two men who were found guilty of the killing were exonerated after spending more than 20 years in prison.

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Why Is This Happening? with Chris Hayes:

Creating Online Content for More Than a Decade with Hank Green

<https://www.msnbc.com/msnbc-podcast/creating-online-content-more-decade-hank-green-n1285625>

Hank Green has been on the leading edge of online content creation for more than a decade. He and his brother John created VidCon, the world's largest video conference, and have steadily built a wildly popular online community. You may know Hank as the host of science Crash Course videos, for his Vlog Brothers series, or his numerous other YouTube channels. We couldn't think of a better person to help us understand where we've been, where we are, and where the future of online content is going. He joined to discuss the growing popularity of platforms like TikTok, using the internet to do good, and how monetization has evolved in an increasingly more competitive space.

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Skullduggery: Climate Crisis and the Way Forward
<https://podtail.se/podcast/skullduggery/climate-crisis-and-the-way-forward-w-ben-adler-dav/>

Climate change, the scientists tell us, is an existential threat to the future of the planet. But what do we do about it? And how much time do we actually have before we're completely engulfed by rising sea levels, melting ice caps, and ever more extreme weather events from out of control wildfires to floods, tsunamis, and other natural disasters? Fresh off COP26 in Glasgow, *Yahoo! News* Ben Adler and David Knowles join to discuss our path forward. Also, *Yahoo! News* reporter Caitlin Dickson joins to paint the picture post verdict in the Kyle Rittenhouse case.

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Al Franken Podcast:

Interview with Norm Ornstein

<https://alfranken.com/listen/norm-ornstein-and-al-look-past-build-back-better-to-saving-our-democracy>

Norm Ornstein and Al look past “Build Back Better” to saving our democracy. Can “The Freedom to Vote Act” save it?

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BBC Documentaries: How They Made Us Doubt Everything
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000l7q1>

How some of the world's most powerful interests made us doubt the connection between smoking and cancer, and then how the same tactics were used to make us doubt climate change.

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The Problem with Jon Stewart: War

<https://tv.apple.com/us/episode/war/umc.cmc.5g7h3db926qznzt23t7on0fnh?showId=umc.cmc.4fcexvzqezr25p9weks6sxpob>

Supporting the troops is one thing Americans seem to agree on—but why are so many veterans struggling to receive the care they need?

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Five Thirty Eight Politics: Why the U.S. Was Unprepared for COVID, According to the Former FDA Chief

<https://fivethirtyeight.com/videos/why-the-u-s-was-unprepared-for-covid-according-to-the-former-fda-chief/>

Former FDA Commissioner Dr. Scott Gottlieb discusses how unprepared the U.S. was for COVID-19, and how he thinks the nation can prepare for future pandemics.

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Al Franken Podcast:

Interview with Michael Wolff

<https://alfranken.com/listen/author-michael-wolff-discusses-trumps-disastrous-last-year-as-potus>

Al discusses President's Trump disastrous last year as POTUS with author Michael Wolff. The chilling yet hilarious saga of a deeply insane President.

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1. **President Joseph Biden: Speech on Vaccine Mandates and the Delta Variant**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mkfIAdeh5Qo>

President Biden on Thursday outlined a six-part plan to combat the spread of the Delta variant in the United States.

2. **The Higherside Chats :**
Dr. Judy Wood - The Evidence for Directed Free-Energy Tech Used on 9/11
<https://www.thehighersidechats.com/dr-judy-wood-interview/>

Today we ask the big question: Where did the Twin Towers *go*? We've all seen the footage a thousand times, but maybe through the power of suggestion, we've missed something major.

That is the crux of Dr. Judy Wood's work into 9/11. As she walks us through all the *actual damage* that was done to the WTC complex on that day, it becomes apparent that the typical alternative responses of bombs, nano-thermite, mini-nukes, professional demolitions, etc. are all inconsistent with the wide range of strange effects recorded and reported during the event.

Was this a "hidden in plain sight" example of the secret physics we've talked about all too often? Could the same technology be related to what Tesla talked about? Could it be the free energy answer if only we could drag it from the clutches of the nefarious few?

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Al Franken Podcast:

Interview with Ben Rhodes

<https://alfranken.com/listen/ben-rhodes-obamas-deputy-national-security-advisor-on-afghanistan-our-foreign-policy-reset>

Al talks with Ben Rhodes, Deputy National Security Advisor in the Obama Administration, on Afghanistan & our foreign policy reset.

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Al Franken Podcast:

Where We Are *Now* on COVID-19

<https://alfranken.com/listen/laurie-garrett-and-andy-slavitt-where-we-are-now-on-covid-19>

Pulitzer winner Laurie Garrett and Biden Administration COVID advisor Andy Slavitt take a deep dive into the current state of the pandemic.

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1. **The Daily: The Interpreters the U.S. Left Behind in Afghanistan**
<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/08/19/podcasts/the-daily/afghanistan-interpreters-special-immigrant-visas-taliban.html>

We speak to several Afghans who aided the Americans and to their former U.S. colleagues trying to get them out.

2. **Al Franken Podcast: Interview with Author Adam Serwer**
<https://alfranken.com/listen/atlantic-monthlys-adam-serwer-on-his-book-about-the-trump-administration-the-cruelty-is-the-point>

Al interviews *Atlantic Monthly's* Adam Serwer on his book about the Trump Administration, *The Cruelty is the Point*.

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Serial: Justice Center Complex

Episode 9: Some Time When Everything Has Changed

<https://serialpodcast.org/season-three/9/some-time-when-everything-has-changed>

The state of Ohio decides where Joshua belongs.

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Serial: Justice Center Complex
Episode 8: A Madman's Vacation
<https://serialpodcast.org/season-three/8/a-madmans-vacation>

A teenager decides to cooperate.

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Serial: Justice Center Complex
Episode 7: The Snowball Effect
<https://serialpodcast.org/season-three/7/the-snowball-effect>

If you listen closely to the trash-talking, you start to get the message.

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Serial: Justice Center Complex

Episode 6: You in the Red Shirt

<https://serialpodcast.org/season-three/6/you-in-the-red-shirt>

Life after you put a cop in jail.

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Serial: Justice Center Complex

Episode 5: Please Baby Pleas

[https://serialpodcast.org/season-three/5/pleas-baby-pleas 2/2](https://serialpodcast.org/season-three/5/pleas-baby-pleas-2/2)

Don't tell the judges, but the prosecutors have the most power in the building.

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Serial: Justice Center Complex

Episode 4: A Bird in Jail Is Worth Two on the Street

<https://serialpodcast.org/season-three/4/a-bird-in-jail-is-worth-two-on-the-street>

What happens when the right evidence points to the wrong man?

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Serial: Justice Center Complex

Episode 3: Misdemeanor, Meet Mr. Lawsuit

<https://serialpodcast.org/season-three/3/misdemeanor-meet-mr-lawsuit>

The smell of raw marijuana + acting nervous + hands in pockets = ?

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Serial: Justice Center Complex

Episode 2: You've Got Some Gauls

<https://serialpodcast.org/season-three/2/youve-got-some-gauls>

When a judge believes he knows you better than you know yourself.

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Serial: Justice Center Complex

Episode 1: A Bar Fight Walks into the Justice Center

<https://serialpodcast.org/season-three/1/a-bar-fight-walks-into-the-justice-center>

A young woman at a bar is slapped on the butt. So why's she the one in jail?

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 4.03-04.2021

1. **President Joe Biden Unveils New Details of \$2.2T Infrastructure Plan**
<https://www.msnbc.com/morning-joe/watch/biden-unveils-new-details-of-2-2t-infrastructure-plan-109419589945>

In Pittsburgh this past week, President Biden laid out the first part of a massive two-part, multitrillion-dollar infrastructure plan.

2. **Short Wave Report**
http://www.outfarpress.com/sw04_02_21notes.html

This week's show features stories from Radio Deutsche-Welle, Sputnik Radio, Radio Havana Cuba, & NHK Radio Japan

- **From Germany** - We will begin with a litany of brief global Covid and vaccine updates. In Brazil all the heads of the military branches have quit in opposition to president Bolsonaro, an international conference on aid for Syrians fell short of its goal, and 7 leaders of the pro-democracy movement in Hong Kong were found guilty and await sentencing.
- **From Russia** - On his program called *Going Underground*, Afshin Rattansi interviewed Aviva Chomsky, professor and daughter of Noam Chomsky. She discusses the US-Mexico border crisis, how US immigration and foreign policy are behind thousands leaving their homes in Latin America and heading for the United States, why \$4 billion for El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras in disaster aid won't end the migration crisis, and US interventions and regime change operations that have impoverished millions in Latin America.
- **From Cuba** - A caravan of migrants from Honduras was broken up by police blockades at the Guatemalan border. A viewpoint about US Secretary of State Blinken calling for the release of Bolivian coup leader Jeanine Anyez and two of her ministers. The Pope sent a personal message to Julian Assange who remains in a maximum security prison in Britain. The Venezuelan government is suing the US before the WTO for sanctions that have crippled the country. A UN report accuses France of killing 19 civilians by bombing a wedding party in Mali.
- **From Japan** - Thursday marked two months since the military staged a coup in Myanmar—protestors continue to take to the streets, with 536 civilians murdered by the soldiers, who have been bombing rural opposition groups.

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A World That Just Might Work with Terrence McNally:
Interview with Noreeena Hertz
<https://bit.ly/2Pg7Vga>

Hertz is the author of *The Lonely Century: How to Restore Human Connection in a World That's Pulling Itself Apart*. Hertz broadly defines loneliness as a lack of connection, which opens us up to consider all the ways and all the spheres of our lives where we are lacking or losing connection. And how has our ongoing experience of the pandemic making that both better and worse?

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***News Hour:
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Vice TV: Qanon: Shadows and Lies
https://www.vicetv.com/en_us/show/qanon-the-search-for-q

To understand what Q is and why it has been so enormously popular, hosts Bayan Joonam and Marley Clements get to know the most influential QAnon evangelists.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 3.13-14.2021***

1. **President Joe Biden Addresses the Nation on the Anniversary of the Coronavirus Shutdown**
<https://www.cnn.com/2021/03/11/politics/transcript-biden-covid-prime-time-address/index.html>

President Joe Biden addressed the nation in prime time on Thursday, where he directed states to open coronavirus vaccine eligibility to all adults no later than May 1, and said small gatherings may be possible again by the Fourth of July.

2. **Rachel Maddow Show: Interview with Dr. Anthony Fauci**
<https://www.nbc.com/the-rachel-maddow-show/video/rachel-maddow-31121/4316508>

Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, discusses the current state of the pandemic in the US & the world.

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Al Franken Podcast: Interview with Dr. Anthony Fauci

<https://alfranken.com/listen/dr-anthony-fauci-answers-the-questions-youve-been-wanting-to-ask>

Al Franken interviews Dr. Anthony Fauci to address these questions: *When will we be back to normal? Will we be able to find a vaccine for a contagious variant? Now that I've been vaccinated, can I see my grandchildren?*

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CNN Town Hall with President Joe Biden

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/speeches-remarks/2021/02/17/remarks-by-president-biden-in-a-cnn-town-hall-with-anderson-cooper/>

President Biden fielded questions from participants on topics such COVID-19 vaccines, racial justice, & life in the White House. Broadcast live on February 16, 2021 from the Pabst Theater in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 02.13-14.2021***

1. **Skullduggery: Days One through Three of Trump's Second Impeachment**
<https://www.podbean.com/podcast-detail/xhyqi-63349/Skullduggery-Podcast>

Day one: Legal analysts Norm Eisen and Robert Ray join Mike Isikoff and Dan Klaidman to unpack Day 1 of Trump's second impeachment trial in the Senate. Eisen was formerly counsel to the Democrats during Trump's first impeachment trial, while Ray was formerly on Trump's legal defense team.

Day two: Mike Isikoff and Dan Klaidman are joined by legal analysts Matthew Miller and Sol Wisenberg to discuss the presentation by House managers on Day 2 of Trump's second impeachment trial. They examine the impressive case made by the evidence, and discuss the possibilities that it will move a critical mass of Republican Senators toward a potential conviction.

Day three: Mike Isikoff and Dan Klaidman are joined by Yahoo News reporter Jon Ward and legal analyst and law professor Kim Wehle to discuss the culmination of the presentation by House managers on Day 3 of Trump's second impeachment trial. They examine the case from legal and political perspectives, looking ahead to the Trump defense, the endgame of the trial, and to the future of the Republican Party.

2. **Five Thirty Eight Politics: The Meaning of Democrats' Impeachment Argument**
<https://fivethirtyeight.com/features/politics-podcasts-the-meaning-of-democrats-impeachment-argument/>

On Thursday, House impeachment managers finished laying out their argument for why former President Donald Trump should be convicted by the Senate for inciting an insurrection at the U.S. Capitol. While it appears unlikely that 17 Republicans will join Democrats in voting to convict Trump, the evidence presented could help shape the views of the public regarding what happened at the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. In this installment of the FiveThirtyEight Politics podcast, Cardozo School of Law professor and ABC News contributor Kate Shaw discusses that evidence and its legal ramifications.

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Radio Ecoshock: Climate Power for All
<https://www.ecoshock.org/2021/01/climate-power-for-all.html>

The Biden/Harris team just appointed Professor Shalanda Baker as Deputy Director for Energy Justice at the Department of Energy. We discuss Baker's new book *Revolutionary Power: An Activist's Guide to the Energy Transition*. Dr. Katharyn Duffy reveals a tipping point for plants—where they become a source of CO₂. It is important science about imminent danger.

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***News Hour:
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Weekend of 01.30-31.2021***

1. US President Joe Biden's 2021 Inaugural Address
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inauguration_of_Joe_Biden

The inauguration of Joe Biden as the 46th president of the United States took place on January 20, 2021, marking the commencement of the four-year term of Joe Biden as president and Kamala Harris as vice president. The inaugural ceremony took place on the West Front of the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C. and was the 59th presidential inauguration. Biden took the presidential oath of office, before which Harris took the vice presidential oath of office.

2. Rachel Maddow Show: Interview with US Senator Chuck Schumer
https://www.democrats.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/icymi-transcript_in-interview-with-msnbcs-rachel-maddow-majority-leader-schumer-outlines-big-bold-agenda-to-deliver-help-to-the-american-people

US Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) talks about his new role and outlines the Senate Democratic majority's big, bold agenda to deliver help to the American people.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 12.12-22.2020***

1. **The Intercept Deconstructed: Inside Biden's Meeting With Civil Rights Leaders**
<https://theintercept.com/2020/12/10/biden-audio-meeting-civil-rights-leaders/>

President-elect Joe Biden expressed skepticism about his powers to implement his agenda by executive action Tuesday in a private virtual meeting with civil rights leaders, according to a recording reported by *The Intercept*.

2. **The Intercept: State-Sanctioned Killers:
As Trump Expedites Executions at Home, Biden Builds Team for Wars Abroad**
<https://theintercept.com/2020/12/09/intercepted-trump-executions-biden-national-security/>

This week, *Intercept* reporter Liliana Segura discusses federal executions under Trump, and the *American Conservative's* Kelley Vlahos analyzes Biden's national security picks.

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***News Hour:
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Weekend of 12.05-06.2020***

Pod Save America: Pardon Me?
<https://crooked.com/podcast/pardon-me/>

COVID relief has new life after a bipartisan group of Senators announces a new plan that wins the support of Joe Biden and Democratic leaders, and Donald Trump prepares to leave the White House by potentially handing out pardons and announcing his 2024 presidential campaign. Then Obama data guru Dan Wagner talks to Dan Pfeiffer about why the polls were so wrong in 2020.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 11.28-29.2020***

**Al Franken Podcast: Interviews with Laurie Garrett &
Former Medicare & Medicaid Head Andy Slavitt**
<https://alfranken.com/listen/pulitzer-winning-infectious-disease-journalist-laurie-garrett-fmr-medicare-medicare-head-andy-slavitt-on-the-covid-spike-the-vaccines-trumps-negligent-homicide>

Al Franken interviews Pulitzer-winning infectious disease journalist Laurie Garrett and former Medicare & Medicaid head Andy Slavitt on the COVID-19 spike, the vaccines, & Trump's negligent homicide.

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Weekend of 11.21-22.2020***

1. President-elect Joe Biden & Vice President-elect Kamala Harris Address Plans for Economy as COVID-19 Pandemic Rages
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I0IZIHJQw90>

President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris outline their plans to revive the nation's economy.

2. CNN's Politically Sound
<https://www.cnn.com/audio/podcasts/politically-sound?episodeguid=8348c8b3-53c1-4220-88fb-ac7900562e03>

We knew America was divided . . . but this election has shown us just how deep that division runs. In this episode, David Chalian and Dana Bash discuss the intensifying political divide in America, what it means for President-elect Biden, and whether the nation can be stitched back together at all. Plus, Brian Stelter explains how election disinformation is altering the right-wing media landscape and what that means for the country going forward.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 11.14-15.2020***

1. **Joe Biden & Kamala Harris Presidential Election Victory Speeches**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ojzHiBxHOCE&t=731s>

Former Vice President Joe Biden & Senator Kamala Harris give their speeches after winning the 2020 US Presidential election.

2. **Biden-Harris Legal Team Give Transition Update**
<https://www.pscp.tv/KamalaHarris/1jMJgpgYqMlxL?t=14s>

Post-election legal briefing from Biden-Harris legal team on 10.November.2020.

3. **The Late Show with Stephen Colbert**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7mJwuKhfvqY>

Trump has yet to show real evidence of fraud, but getting him out of office may be a bumpy ride.

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***News Hour:
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Weekend of 10.17-18.2020***

1. **Rachel Maddow Show: Interview with Senator Kamala Harris**
<https://art19.com/shows/msnbc-rachel-maddow/episodes/b06c2d49-a8d5-4e8b-ac8e-b60405c66fee>

Maddow interviews Senator Harris, the Democratic V.P. nominee, about the state of the 2020 presidential race.

2. **Town Hall with former Vice President Joe Biden**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ZZzfrapNvo>

Biden takes voters' questions about various current topics of interest. Town hall event in Philadelphia, hosted by ABC News' George Stephanopoulos.

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2020 US Vice-Presidential Debate

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2020_United_States_presidential_debates#Vice_presidential_debate

In their only debate of 2020, the vice-presidential candidates Kamala Harris and Mike Pence launched into blistering attacks on their opponents' running mates, stretched time limits into oblivion, and engaged in significant, thoughtful policy discussions.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 9.26-27.2020***

1. **60 Minutes: Pennsylvania's Battle Over Mail-In Voting**
<https://www.cbsnews.com/video/mail-in-voting-rules-pennsylvania-2020-election-60-minutes-2020-09-20/>

A record number of voters are expected to cast their ballots by mail this election year. Bill Whitaker goes to the swing state of Pennsylvania to see how election officials are coping with the legal and political battle over mail-in voting, a fight that could impact who wins the state.

2. **CNN Election 101:**
<https://www.cnn.com/audio/podcasts/election-101>

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Weekend of 9.19-20.2020***

1. Joe Biden's Remarks in Duluth, Minnesota (9/18/2020)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MbplCCSJJaFM>

2020 Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden delivered remarks during a campaign trip to Duluth, MN. Mr. Biden talked about his desire to boost the strength of unions and job training programs, as well as his plan to build back parts of the economy hurt by the response to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. The visit to Duluth came on the first day of mail-in balloting for Minnesotans voting in the 2020 election.

2. The Last Word with Lawrence O'Donnell:
Interview with Bob Woodward
<https://art19.com/shows/the-last-word/episodes/5de07022-3b56-4ef1-ad0e-fdf0745fbf2a>

Legendary reporter Bob Woodward discusses his new book, *Rage*, and the “overwhelming evidence” that Donald Trump is unfit to be president.

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Weekend of 9.12-13.2020***

1. Excerpts from Donald Trump's Calls with Bob Woodward
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=70V3nI9fAG8&t=2s>

In interviews for *Washington Post* associate editor Bob Woodward's new book, President Trump called coronavirus "deadly," as he publicly downplayed its threat.

2. Daily Politics with Brian Lehrer:
Trump Voters and The Woodward Tapes: Is This Time Actually Different?
<https://www.wnycstudios.org/podcasts/bl-daily-politics-podcast/episodes/trump-voters-and-woodward-tapes-time-actually-different>

Bob Woodward's taped interviews with President Trump show that, in public and in private, he was painting two very different pictures of the COVID-19 crisis at a crucial point. Does it matter to his supporters? Jonathan Lemire, Associated Press White House reporter and political analyst for MSNBC/NBC News, talks about what this might mean for the president and his re-election chances.

3. The Bulwark: On the Woodward Tapes
<https://podcast.thebulwark.com/tim-miller-and-tom-ridge-on-the-woodward-tapes-and-the-election>

Interview with Tim Miller on the newly released tapes of Bob Woodward's interviews with Donald Trump.

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Joe Biden Announces Kamala Harris as His Democratic Party Running Mate for 2020 US
Presidency
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=324akR35czE>

Former Vice President Joe Biden, the presumptive 2020 Democratic presidential nominee, formally introduces Senator Kamala Harris (D-California) as his vice presidential running mate.

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Why Is This Happening? with Chris Hayes: The Party of Trump with Stuart Stevens
<https://art19.com/shows/why-is-this-happening-with-chris-hayes/episodes/2c7b3d4b-619e-428d-8a09-8dc3214b629b>

Did Donald Trump hijack the Republican Party, or is he the party's logical conclusion? Having spent decades as a political operative putting Republicans in office, Stuart Stevens argues it's the latter. His new book *It Was All a Lie* sifts through the party's decades-long march that led to the election of President Trump and reckons with what remains of the Republican political project.

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Weekend of 8.01-02.2020***

President Barack Obama Eulogizes Congressman John Lewis

<https://www.businessinsider.com/president-obama-eulogy-john-lewis-video-transcript-2020-7>

Former President Barack Obama delivered a powerful eulogy for the late civil rights icon and Congressman John Lewis at Atlanta's Ebenezer Baptist Church on July 30th. Lewis, one of the last living heroes of the civil rights movement, died on June 17 from advanced pancreatic cancer at the age of 80. He represented Georgia's fifth congressional district, which includes the city of Atlanta, from 1987 until his death.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 7.25-26.2020***

Five Thirty Eight Politics: There Aren't Secret Trump Voters
<https://fivethirtyeight.com/features/politics-podcast-there-arent-secret-trump-voters/>

A recent Monmouth poll showed that a majority of Pennsylvanians—57 percent—believe there are “secret” voters in their communities who support Trump but won’t tell anyone about it. In this installment of *FiveThirtyEight Politics*, the crew explains why that is unlikely. They also consider the future of Black politics as politicians who were leaders of the civil rights movement, like Rep. John Lewis, die or leave office. Plus, they check in on the state of the race for the Senate.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 6.20-21.2020

Coronavirus News & Updates:

1. **Coronavirus: Fact Versus Fiction with Dr. Sanjay Gupta**
Asymptomatic Infection: Clearing up Confusion
<https://www.cnn.com/audio/podcasts/corona-virus>

Last week, an official at the World Health Organization said asymptomatic transmission of the coronavirus appears to be rare. They've since clarified their remarks. CNN's Chief Medical Correspondent Dr. Sanjay Gupta sets the record straight on who can transmit the virus.

2. **Coronavirus: Fact Versus Fiction with Dr. Sanjay Gupta**
It's a Little Bit Like Living on Mars
<https://www.cnn.com/audio/podcasts/corona-virus>

It sometimes seems like the country's attention is shifting away from Covid-19's devastating death toll, which is projected to reach 200,000 by October, as several states see record numbers of cases on a daily basis. CNN Chief Medical Correspondent Dr. Sanjay Gupta talks to his long-time friend and colleague Dr. Nick Boulis about it was it was like volunteer to work shifts inside Emory University's Covid-19 intensive care unit. What he saw first-hand drives home the deadly power of the virus.

3. **Coronavirus: Fact Versus Fiction with Dr. Sanjay Gupta**
Super Spreaders
<https://www.cnn.com/audio/podcasts/corona-virus>

Some people are responsible for spreading the virus more than others. These people have been called "super spreaders," but are they really different from the rest of us? CNN's Chief Medical Correspondent Dr. Sanjay Gupta talks to Professor Elizabeth McGraw, the director of the Center for Infectious Disease Dynamics at Penn State University, about who or what a super spreader is.

4. **Short Wave Report**
http://www.outfarpress.com/sw06_19_20notes.html

This week's show features stories from Radio Deutsche-Welle, Spanish National Radio, Radio Havana Cuba, & Sputnik Radio.

- **From Germany** - The EU says that the negotiations to complete Brexit, the UK withdrawal from the EU, are not even halfway done. This week saw the deadliest border clash in 40 years between China and India, following Indian troops crossing the border and attacking. US President Trump's surprise announcement of troop reductions in Germany was followed by assurances that the US will support NATO nations.
- **From Spain** - Alison Hughes reports on the video conference between the EU and US

Secretary of State Pompeo concerning trans-Atlantic relations, the US withdrawing from the WHO, and the US support versus the EU opposition to Israeli annexation of Palestinian territory. Nationwide protests against the government in Lebanon have resumed following the lifting of Covid restrictions. An update on the situations in Syria, where poverty has gotten much worse—the Director of the UN World Food Program talks about food shortages becoming a catastrophe in many countries. Despite the chaos from the Covid crisis, Israel has launched dozens of bombing raids into Syria, claiming it is for self-protection.

- **From Cuba** - There is a new petition drive to nominate the Cuban doctors and medical brigade working in dozens of Covid hotspots around the world for the Nobel Peace Prize. Covid cases and deaths are soaring in Latin America, with Brazil now the second worst hit country. Guatemala's hospitals are on the brink of collapse. The European Court of Human Rights ruled that France violated the rights of pro-Palestinian activists campaigning for a global boycott of Israeli goods. John Bolton's book accuses President Trump of not being strong enough on foreign policy for not attacking Iran and Venezuela.
- **From Russia** - On his program called *Going Underground*, Afshin Rattansi spoke with actress/author Rose McGowan. She discusses what she calls the cult-like thinking and leadership that has taken over America, its control of the mass media, the uprising in America, genocide, and the current cultural reset.

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Al Franken Podcast: Interview with Donna Edwards on Race, Cops, and Photo Ops
<https://alfranken.com/listen/donna-edwards-and-al-discuss-race-cops-and-photo-ops>

Former Congresswoman Edwards talks about being the mother of a young black man and whether George Floyd's murder has finally brought us to an inflection point.

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In Memoriam - George Floyd:

1. **Joe Biden Addresses the Nation on the Civil Unrest in the US**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b2aWDG87nJo>

Vice President Joe Biden delivers remarks in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on the civil unrest facing communities across America.

2. **George Floyd Memorial Service: Rev. Al Sharpton Delivers Eulogy**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PICUSo4irXI&t=2s>

The memorial service for George Floyd was held at the North Central University's sanctuary June 4, 2020. Rev. Al Sharpton delivered the eulogy.

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***News Hour:
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Coronavirus News & Updates:

COVID Infects World Nuclear Plants

<https://www.ecoshock.org/2020/05/covid-infects-world-nuclear-plants.html>

Like in meat packing plants, the coronavirus COVID-19 is infecting workers in nuclear power plants around the world. The danger is too high to imagine. Alex Smith covers this new risk in a country review, including the US and Russia, two countries with among the most COVID-19 cases in the world.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 5.23-24.2020***

Coronavirus News & Updates:

1. **Epidemic with Dr. Celine Gounder and Ron Klain**
<https://epidemic-with-dr-celine-gounder-and-ronald-klain.simplecast.com/episodes/e1s21-are-antibodies-the-holy-grail-kaitlyn-sadtler-and-dr-matt-memmoli-JC7KhjN4>

Dr. Celine Gounder and Ron Klain discuss the science of the immune response and the role antibodies can play in how the immune system responds to an infection. They talk with Kaitlyn Sadtler, PhD, an investigator at the National Institutes of Health, and Dr. Matt Memmoli, director of the Lab of Infectious Diseases Clinical Studies Unit at the National Institutes of Health, about how the body builds immunity to future infections, as well as how scientists determine how long such immunity will last. Does someone who has experienced a COVID-19 infection acquire lasting immunity to the virus?

2. **Al Franken Podcast: Epidemiologist Larry Brilliant on Where We Go From Here**
<https://alfranken.com/listen/epidemiologist-larry-brilliant-on-where-we-go-from-here>

From 1973-76, Dr. Larry Brilliant was part of the World Health Organization team that eradicated smallpox, and is Chairman of the Board of Ending Pandemics. He discusses how we go forward on Covid-19 after blowing it in the first six months.

3. **America Dissected: Ebola Should Have Prepared Us**
<https://crooked.com/podcast/ebola-should-have-prepared-us/>

Host Abdul El-Sayed breaks down the similarities—and differences—between COVID19 and Ebola. He interviews Dr. Craig Spencer, an emergency doctor in New York on the front lines of the coronavirus response who also battled Ebola in West Africa, and Ron Klain, President Obama's Ebola Czar.

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***News Hour:
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Coronavirus News & Updates:

Democracy Now!

<https://www.democracynow.org/shows/2020/4/24>

- New \$484B Relief Bill Lacks Funds for Food Aid, Rent Relief, US Postal Service, Election Protection
- “Nobody Wants to Do This”: Georgia Reopens Nonessential Businesses Despite Public Health Warnings
- “We Don’t Have the Capacity to Treat”: Palestinian-Canadian Doctor Says Israel Must Lift Gaza Siege

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 4.18-19.2020

Coronavirus News & Updates:

1. **Rachel Maddow Show: Interview with Senator Elizabeth Warren**
<https://art19.com/shows/msnbc-rachel-maddow/episodes/b9008a98-a701-40f9-8aec-b44eeef4c647>

Maddow discusses with Sen. Warren her endorsement of former VP Joe Biden for President. Sen. Warren also discusses better approaches to the current global pandemic than that of the Trump administration.

2. **Coronavirus: Voices from the Frontlines**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gm6Qge4s1fc&list=PL3ZQ5CpNulQmWiFfvZlPAUhW6hz_V8FBS

Project from Syracuse.com to document the experiences of nurses, firefighter, cops, grocers, & therapists dealing with the global pandemic.

3. **Into America: Into an Outbreak Behind Bars**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=txTeosEAqY&t=1s>

Prisons are the hotbeds of infection. People live in close quarters, where they often struggle to have access to soap and hot water. As COVID-19 sweeps the country, these men and women are doing everything they can to avoid getting sick. In this episode of *Into America*, host Trymaine Lee talks to a Colorado woman who is struggling to stay in touch with her incarcerated husband as the outbreak intensifies. And *Dateline NBC* producer Dan Slepian takes us inside Sing Sing Correctional Facility to meet JJ Velazquez, who describes how social dynamics inside prison are changing as fears of an outbreak grow.

4. **The Drive with Peter Attia: Interview with Dr. Amesh Adalja**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v9uY9UPctno>

In this episode, infectious disease and pandemic preparedness expert, Amesh Adalja, M.D., puts the current pandemic into context against previous coronaviruses as well as past influenza pandemics. Amesh also provides his interpretation of the evolving metrics that have contributed to big variations in modeling predictions, whether this will be a seasonally recurring virus, and perhaps most importantly—how we can be better prepared for the inevitable future novel virus. Finally, Amesh explains where he sees positive trends which give him reasons for optimism.

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Coronavirus News & Updates:

Radio Ecoshock: Coronavirus: What Can You Do and How Can It End?

<https://www.ecoshock.org/2020/04/coronavirus-what-can-you-do-and-how-can-it-end.html>

Popular UK nurse teacher Dr. John Campbell's tips. Scientist Paul Beckwith says Canada blundered into disaster, and clearing air could release 25 years worth of warming—this spring or summer.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 3.28-29.2020

Coronavirus News & Updates:

1. **America Dissected: Congress and COVID**

<https://crooked.com/podcast/life-support-congress-and-covid-with-congresswoman-pramila-jayapal/>

This week the Senate passed a historic, \$2 trillion stimulus bill aimed at easing the impact of the coronavirus pandemic. The legislation, which is expected to pass the House of Representatives on Friday 3/29, will grant financial assistance to individuals and businesses—especially industries affected by the crisis, airlines and manufacturers, among others. But will it be enough? We'll talk with Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal, who represents Washington State's 7th district, one of the hardest hit communities by COVID19. We'll hear her perspective on what we can learn from Washington State's experience.

2. **Coronavirus: Everything You Need to Know**

shorturl.at/iCQWX

Dr. Sean McMenomey and his guest explain why social distancing works and why proper hand-washing is an important part of the mix.

3. **Coronavirus: Fact Versus Fiction with Dr. Sanjay Gupta**

<https://www.cnn.com/audio/podcasts/corona-virus>

The coronavirus pandemic has fueled a surge in racism against Asian-Americans around the country. CNN's Chief Medical Correspondent Sanjay Gupta hears from some Americans who've personally experienced racism and talks about why there's no place for hate in our country.

4. **Viral: Coronaviru**

<https://www.listennotes.com/podcasts/viral-coronavirus-three-uncanny-four-sjwLebhDl8/-podcast>

The pandemic is testing mental and emotional health. But as our team found, it's not easy to get help.

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Coronavirus News & Updates:

1. **Coronavirus: Fact Versus Fiction with Dr. Sanjay Gupta**
<https://www.cnn.com/audio/podcasts/corona-virus>

Join CNN Chief Medical Correspondent Dr. Sanjay Gupta for the latest news about the coronavirus. He'll make sense of the headlines, speak with the experts, and give you all the information you need to stay safe and healthy. Some of the topics covered include: myth-busting, lessons from China, view from the CDC, & virus hunters.

2. **Coronavirus: Science in the Pandemic**
<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-020-00800-3>

We hear how have scientists has stepped up in the wake of the coronavirus outbreak, and the potential social and political implications of the pandemic.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 3.14-15.2020

1. **Rachel Maddow Show: Coronavirus research & updates**
<https://art19.com/shows/msnbc-rachel-maddow/episodes/3ff0bd30-eba2-484b-a6d1-cbb7eb64be4e>

Infection rate charts point to expected explosion in US coronavirus cases. Dr. David Ho, director and CEO of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center, about his work being done to find a treatment for novel coronavirus infection, where researchers are hopeful to find an answer, and why it's still likely to take at least a year.

2. **Short Wave Report**
http://www.outfarpress.com/sw03_13_20notes.html

This week's show features stories from NHK Japan, Sputnik Radio, Spanish National Radio, & Radio Havana Cuba.

- **From Japan** - March 11th was the 9th anniversary of the beginning of the tragic Fukushima earthquake and nuclear disaster. Almost 50,000 people have not been able to return home because of the remaining radiation, while enormous amounts of contaminated water continue to accumulate at the site. The coronavirus pandemic is spreading rapidly, and in the US groups representing Asian Americans have urged Congress to take action to stop the spread of discrimination.
- **From Russia** - On his program called *Going Underground*, Afshin Rattansi presented a press review with former UK Home Office Minister Norman Baker. First they discuss an article on US government funding Big Pharma research for the corona virus and who will get the profits. Haaretz had an article on Israeli soldiers shooting 42 Palestinians knees in one day. There are British SAS operatives working in Syria without Parliamentary knowledge.
- **From Spain** - Alison Hughes updates on the current ceasefire in Idlib, Syria, brokered by Turkey and Russia. Idlib is where the Syrian army relocated 100,000 jihadist fighters. Alison then speaks to the trouble with news, with specific references to the alleged chlorine gas attacks in Douma, Syria. The OPCW (the Organization for the Prevention of Chemical Weapons) laid blame for the alleged attacks on the Syrian government and massive US led bombing in the country followed. Two OPCW whistleblowers leaked documents that suggest the blame was false, as reported by Robert Fisk.
- **From Cuba** - The Venezuelan Foreign Minister denounced new threats coordinated by the US, Brazil, and Colombia. The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights expressed deep concern for US sanctions imposed on Venezuela. Landless women in

Brazil marched across the country against racism, machismo, and violence against women. In Israel opposition groups are uniting to stop Netanyahu from becoming Prime Minister again.

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***News Hour:
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Weekend of 3.7-8.2020***

1. Rachel Maddow Show: Interview with Senator Bernie Sanders (D - Vermont)
<https://art19.com/shows/msnbc-rachel-maddow/episodes/45841531-8755-4b88-b741-310950de0e30>
2. Rachel Maddow Show: Interview with Senator Elizabeth Warren (D - Massachusetts)
<https://art19.com/shows/msnbc-rachel-maddow/episodes/50cfa95-6c4e-43a6-b191-3c8b5d85920a>

Senator Sanders' first interview since the Democratic primaries on Super Tuesday (3/4/2020).

Senator Warren's first interview since ending her candidacy for president (on 3/5/2020).

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Ninth Democratic Presidential Debate

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2020_Democratic_Party_presidential_debates_-_Ninth_debate_\(February_19,_2020\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2020_Democratic_Party_presidential_debates_-_Ninth_debate_(February_19,_2020))

The Democratic Party's ninth presidential debate was held on Wednesday, February 19, 2020, at Paris Las Vegas in Paradise, Nevada. It was hosted by NBC News and MSNBC, in partnership with The Nevada Independent.

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Rachel Maddow Show: Trump Amplifies Risk of Standing Up for the Rule of Law
<https://www.msnbc.com/rachel-maddow/watch/trump-amplifies-risk-of-standing-up-for-the-rule-of-law-78726725765>

Timothy Snyder, Yale history professor and author of *On Tyranny*, talks with Rachel about the personal risks that come with standing up for the rule of law when it is threatened by an authoritarian like Donald Trump.

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Weekend of 2.08-09.2020***

1. **Impeachment of Donald J. Trump – Trial Closing Arguments of Rep. Adam Schiff – 03.Feb.2020**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eUm6OD_93g8

Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., delivered his closing remarks in the Senate impeachment trial, claiming how important removing President Trump from office would be.

2. **Impeachment of Donald J. Trump – Sen. Mitt Romney Speech Prior to His Vote – 05.Feb.2020**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s-rnsJo0_yI

Speaking on the Senate floor on Feb. 5, Sen. Mitt Romney, R-Utah, announced he would break from his party and vote later that day to convict President Donald Trump of the articles of impeachment.

3. **Article II: Inside Impeachment with Steve Kornacki**
<https://www.nbcnews.com/podcast/inside-impeachment/not-guilty-n1131231>

Senators voted to acquit President Trump, finding him not guilty on two articles of impeachment. Senator Mitt Romney, a Republican from Utah, surprised the public by voting to convict President Trump on the first article: abuse of power. He is the first Senator in history to vote against their party in favor of removing the president from office. Otherwise, the votes fell along party lines.

4. **Late Night with Seth Meyers**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gjEFmBl6uso>

Seth takes a closer look at the president reeling off a deranged tirade at the White House, where he celebrated his sham impeachment acquittal with his Republican co-conspirators.

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***News Hour:
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Weekend of 1.24-25.2020***

1. Rachel Maddow Show: Interview with Lev Parnas
 - Part 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DVnZVuhOyys>
 - Part 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xj-4V5ui8H4>

Lev Parnas, federally indicted associate of Donald Trump attorney Rudy Giuliani, talks with Rachel Maddow in an exclusive interview about his role in the Ukraine scheme that would lead to Trump's impeachment.

2. Impeachment of Donald J. Trump – Closing Day Arguments of Rep. Adam Schiff – 22. Jan. 2020
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0zWGAUx9aKc&t=1652s>

Rep. Adam Schiff, the lead House impeachment manager in President Donald Trump's Senate impeachment trial, walks through the whistleblower complaint over the president's actions to pressure Ukraine to help him in his presidential re-election bid.

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***News Hour:
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Democracy Now!

<https://www.democracynow.org/shows/2019/12/19>

- “We Have to Hold This President Accountable”: In Historic Vote, House Impeaches President Trump
- After House Impeachment Vote, Trump’s Case Headed for Possible “Kangaroo Court” in Senate
- FBI Surveillance of Trump Aide Reflects Flaws in Secretive FISA System That Mostly Targets Muslims

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 12.14-15.2019***

American RadioWorks: Campaign '68 (R)
<http://americanradioworks.publicradio.org/features/campaign68/>

The 1968 presidential election was a watershed in American politics. After dominating the political landscape for more than a generation, the Democratic Party crumbled. Richard M. Nixon was elected president and a new era of Republican conservatism was born. In the wake of another historic election, we look back 40 years to the dramatic story of Campaign '68

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***News Hour:
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Weekend of 11.23-24.2019***

Article II: Inside Impeachment with Steve Kornacki

<https://art19.com/shows/article-two>

The House Intelligence Committee held the first open hearings in the impeachment inquiry as Assistant Secretary of State George Kent and the top diplomat in Ukraine Bill Taylor appeared before Congress for more than five hours of questioning. Geoff Bennett, White House Correspondent for NBC News, recaps what the public learned from the televised hearings, and how Democrats and Republicans argued their message to voters on impeachment.

Former Ambassador to Ukraine Marie Yovanovitch testified in the second round of public hearings. Yovanovitch spoke to her career in foreign service, which ended abruptly when President Trump recalled her from her post in May. During the hearing, the President criticized Yovanovitch's service, prompting House Intelligence Committee Chair to suggest there was possible witness intimidation at play. Guest Josh Lederman, national political reporter for NBC News, recounts Friday's testimony and describes the case each party is making to voters at this stage in the inquiry.

On the third day of public hearings, two witnesses sat side-by-side in one of the most intense House sessions to date. Jennifer Williams, special advisor to Vice President Mike Pence, and Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman, the top Ukraine expert on the National Security Council, were both on the now famous July 25th phone call. NBC News Correspondent Leigh Ann Caldwell reports on Williams' and Vindman's responses to what they heard.

Gordon Sondland, U.S. Ambassador to the European Union and donor to President Trump, confirmed the existence of a quid pro quo during his testimony. Sondland is the only witness so far who spoke directly to the President about the issues at the center of the probe. Over many hours of testimony, Sondland revealed the extent to which Trump's inner circle was involved and outlined the President's direct involvement in the pressure campaign. Kelly O'Donnell, White House Correspondent for NBC News, discusses how Democrats and Republicans each tried to use Sondland's testimony to fuel their arguments around impeachment.

In what is expected to be the final day of open testimony, Fiona Hill, the former top Russia expert for the White House, and David Holmes, senior diplomat at the US Embassy in Ukraine, discussed their concerns about the involvement of Rudy Giuliani, Gordon Sondland and the President himself in US foreign policy toward Ukraine. Dr. Hill also made a point to criticize the false narrative embraced by Republicans that Ukraine, not Russia, interfered in the 2016 election. Garrett Haake, MSNBC Washington Correspondent, talks about what else we learned from Hill and Holmes, and what's next in the inquiry.

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Al Franken Podcast: Where There's Fire, There's Fire

<https://alfranken.com/listen/where-theres-fire-theres-fire-jeffrey-toobin-and-dahlia-lithwick-discuss-the-legal-issues-ahead-in-the-impeachment-of-donald-j-trump>

Jeffrey Toobin and Dahlia Lithwick discuss the legal issues ahead in the impeachment of Donald J. Trump.

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Weekend of 9.28-29.2019***

Rachel Maddow Show: Counterintelligence Risk of Trump's Ukraine Scandal
<https://www.msnbc.com/rachel-maddow/watch/ig-points-out-counterintelligence-risk-of-trump-s-ukraine-scandal-70041669896>

Rachel Maddow reports on the day's revelations in the whistleblower complaint about Donald Trump's dealings with Ukraine, and points out the intelligence community inspector general's concern that Trump's alleged behavior could expose him and/or his associates to "serious national security and counterintelligence risks."

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Weekend of 9.14-15.2019***

Third Democratic Presidential Debate

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2020_Democratic_Party_presidential_debates_and_forums#Third debate \(September 12, 2019\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2020_Democratic_Party_presidential_debates_and_forums#Third_debate)

The third debate took place at the Health and Physical Education Arena on the campus of Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas. For participation in the third debate, candidates were required to meet both polling and fundraising criteria by August 28 (in comparison to the first and second debates, where only one criterion was necessary). Qualifying polls had to be released between June 28 and August 28.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 8.24-25.2019***

Five Thirty Eight Politics: What's Driving Elizabeth Warren's Comeback?
<https://fivethirtyeight.com/features/politics-podcast-whats-driving-elizabeth-warrens-comeback/>

Senator Elizabeth Warren overtook Sen. Bernie Sanders to claim second place in the Real Clear Politics average of national primary polls, a position she's had for a little over a week now. It's the first time she's claimed that spot, apart from a one-day blip back in July. It was just a handful of months ago that Warren was polling fifth or sixth nationally, with numbers in the mi-single digits. And following the backlash to the release of her DNA test, she seemed like a long shot. This episode's discussion concerns Warren's comeback and whether she has staying power. Also conversation about mass shootings and white nationalist terrorism in the two weeks since the shootings in El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio.

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***News Hour:
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Weekend of 7.27-28.2019***

Rachel Maddow Show: Some Surprises Among Damning Mueller Testimony, Bad Day for Trump
<https://www.msnbc.com/rachel-maddow/watch/some-surprises-among-damning-mueller-testimony-bad-day-for-trump-64496709957>

Rachel Maddow shares highlights from Special Counsel Robert Mueller's hours of testimony before two House committees about his report on the Trump-Russia investigation, pointing out some unexpectedly aggressive answers about criminal behavior and ongoing investigations.

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Weekend of 6.29-30.2019***

First Democratic Presidential Debate

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2020_Democratic_Party_presidential_debates_and_forums -
[First debates \(June 26%E2%80%9327, 2019\)](#)

20 candidates who qualified for this event debate in groups of ten over the course of two nights (June 26-27, 2019). Topics covered include climate change, gun control, abortion, immigration, & many others.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 6.22-23.2019***

Elizabeth Warren's Plan to Pass Her Plans

<https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2019/6/12/18652215/elizabeth-warren-interview-2020-democratic-primary-policies>

Oligarchic capitalism? Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) has a plan for that. Opioid deaths? She's got a plan for that, too. Same is true for high housing costs, offshoring, child care, breaking up big tech, curbing congressional corruption, indicting presidents, strengthening reproductive rights, forgiving student loans, providing debt relief to Puerto Rico, and fixing the love lives of some of her Twitter followers. Seriously.

But how's Warren going to pass any of these plans? Which policy would she prioritize? What presidential powers would she leverage? What argument would she make to her fellow Senate Democrats to convince them to abolish the filibuster? What will she do if Mitch McConnell still leads the Senate? What about climate change?

Klein catches up with her on a campaign swing through California to ask about that meta-plan. The plan behind her plans.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 6.15-16.2019***

Five Thirty Eight Politics: Is Elizabeth Warren Surging?
<https://fivethirtyeight.com/features/politics-podcast-is-elizabeth-warren-surgin/ 1/1>

Recent reports on Sen. Elizabeth Warren's presidential campaign have suggested that she is gaining traction in the Democratic primary based on the force of her policy proposals. Our team examines whether that is actually reflected in the data. The team also discusses why former Vice President Joe Biden reversed his support for the Hyde Amendment, which bans federal funding of abortions in most cases, and what it says about the Democratic Party.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 6.08-09.2019***

MSNBC Democratic Primary Town Hall: Senator Elizabeth Warren
<https://www.msnbc.com/all-in/watch/full-msnbc-town-hall-with-elizabeth-warren-61396037586>

Senator Warren answers questions at Bergstaff Place in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Event moderated by Chris Hayes.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 5.18-19.2019***

CNN Democratic Primary Town Hall: Senator Elizabeth Warren
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c90-9QbpEWc>

Senator Warren answers questions at Saint Anselm College in Goffstown, New Hampshire. Event moderated by Anderson Cooper.

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***News Hour:
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Weekend of 5.11-12.2019***

Radio Ecoshock: Harsh News from the Weatherman
<https://www.ecoshock.org/2019/05/harsh-news-from-the-weatherman.html>

Are you tired of nightly news reporting horrible weather disasters and never mentioning climate? You need a real meteorologist like Nick Humphrey. Nick lives in the American heartland, Nebraska, just wrecked by floods. We go from harsh new weather around the world to climate change and back.

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***News Hour:
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Why Is This Happening? with Chris Hayes:

<https://www.nbcnews.com/think/opinion/how-break-federal-government-michael-lewis-podcast-transcript-ncna1000586>

What is the most devastating impact President Donald Trump has had on the highest office? His lies and rhetoric and bigotry have all had a poisonous effect on our national discourse. But when it comes to his destruction of norms, those are only the ones most visible to the public. What about the destruction of norms going on behind the scenes, disrupting the most critical work necessary for running the federal government?

Michael Lewis, the prolific author of *The Big Short*, *Moneyball*, and other books, turned his attention to the engine rooms of government in the aftermath of President Trump's election. His latest book, *The Fifth Risk*, chronicles not only the crippling of federal agencies under the Trump administration, but also the dedicated and tireless work of civil servants who show up every day, no matter what.

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***News Hour:
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Weekend of 3.30-31.2019***

Intercepted with Jeremy Scahill:

The Day After Mueller

<https://theintercept.com/2019/03/27/the-day-after-mueller/>

If William Barr is not a complete idiot and liar, the Mueller report is a devastating rejection of the Democrats' major conspiracy theory on Donald Trump and Russia. Naomi Klein analyzes the epic media failure on Trump-Russia and discusses the agenda for change and resistance that should have been. Rolling Stone's Matt Taibbi details how the media failed to do its job on Trump-Russia. Ali Abunimah, of the *Electronic Intifada*, lays out the scandal in plain sight: Israeli collusion with Trump and the broader U.S. political power structure. The Intercept's Jon Schwarz tells the bizarre tale of China's illegal influence over the presidential campaign of Jeb Bush. And Alison Klayman talks about her film *The Brink*, a look at the past year of Steve Bannon's project to bring his white nationalist agenda global.

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***News Hour:
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1. **The Listening Post:**
Secret Talks and Backroom Deals: Netanyahu's Media Manipulations
<http://progressvideo.tv/videos/secret-talks-and-backroom-deals-netanyahu-39-s-media-manipulations-the-listening-post-full>
Benjamin Netanyahu's murky dealings with media outlets are at the heart of the case to indict him. Plus, colonial era media laws in use across sub-Saharan Africa.

2. **Economist Radio:**
Lights out: Venezuela's Blackout
<https://player.fm/series/economist-radio-1539090/lights-out-venezuelas-blackout>
Power cuts in Caracas have endangered lives and deepened the misery of Venezuelans. It's another sign of the corruption that pervades the Maduro regime. Also, how do you make a 10,000 ton ship disappear? And the Hebrew bible—otherwise known as the Old Testament—gets a fresh new translation.

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Intercepted with Jeremy Scahill:

American Misdirection: Militarism and Capitalism Reign As Spotlight Stays on Russia Conspiracy

<https://theintercept.com/2019/03/06/american-misdirection-militarism-and-capitalism-reign-as-spotlight-stays-on-russia-conspiracy/>

As Washington waits for the Mueller report, the goal posts are shifting fast. Many Democrats are starting to grapple with the possibility that the special counsel's Russia investigation may not back up their overarching allegation that Trump conspired with Russia to influence the 2016 elections. Journalist and Russiagate critic Aaron Maté presents his dissenting analysis, what he believes is behind the investigation, and how the scandal has distracted from other urgent issues.

We also hear a new speech from professor Shoshana Zuboff, author of *The Age of Surveillance Capitalism: The Fight for a Human Future at the New Frontier of Power*.

As the Trump administration intensifies its air war in Somalia, journalist Harun Maruf, co-author of *Inside Al-Shabaab: The Secret History of Al-Qaeda's Most Powerful Ally*, discusses the war in Somalia and the seldom-mentioned history of how, in 2006, the George W. Bush administration helped overthrow the only force that had brought peace to Somalia since the early 1990s. Those actions helped give rise to al-Shabab.

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Rachel Maddow Show: New Legal Questions Emerge from Michael Cohen's Testimony
<https://tunein.com/podcasts/Progressive-Talk/The-Rachel-Maddow-Show-p54878/?topicId=129593513>

New legal questions have emerged from Michael Cohen's marathon testimony before Congress. Plus, the case in Congress grows for Donald Trump's tax returns to be disclosed.

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Senator Elizabeth Warren Announc Run for President

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?c4779248/senator-elizabeth-warren-announces-run-president>

On February 9, 2019, at a rally in Lawrence, Massachusetts, Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) formally announces her candidacy for president of the United States.

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Bag Man with Rachel Maddow

Episode 5: Double-Header

<https://www.nbcnews.com/msnbc/maddow-bag-man-podcast/transcript-episode-5-double-header-n938161>

With his own Justice Department on the verge of indicting him, Vice President Spiro Agnew attempts a last-ditch effort to survive. A Constitutional crisis-inducing argument that even if prosecutors have evidence of his crimes, he can't be indicted anyway...the power of the White House protects him. With President Nixon himself about to go down in Watergate, it's now on one man's shoulders—the Attorney General—to come up with a way to remove a criminal Vice President...before he ascends to the Presidency.

Episode 6: A Disappearing Act

<https://www.nbcnews.com/msnbc/maddow-bag-man-podcast/transcript-episode-6-disappearing-act-n940311>

A secret murder plot directed by the President? A fear of political assassination by the CIA. Facing the prospect of becoming the first Vice President in American history to resign in disgrace... Spiro T. Agnew tries to set the stage for his own exit from office. With wild claims of death threats that forced him out. Surprise revelations of what Agnew was doing with all of his money. And a suspense-filled final day that leaves the sitting Vice President... a convicted felon.

Episode 7: "You Can't Fire Me—I Quit"

<https://www.nbcnews.com/msnbc/maddow-bag-man-podcast/transcript-episode-7-you-can-t-fire-me-i-quit-n943241>

Disgraced Vice President Spiro T. Agnew officially becomes a private citizen and addresses the nation one last time...as a convicted criminal. Agnew continues his attacks on the press and the prosecutors right to the end. But his sudden resignation leaves questions—unanswered—that echo 45 years later. Can a President or Vice President actually be criminally indicted while in office? And if not, what sort of pressure can be brought to bear... to force them out?

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Weekend of 2.02-03.2019***

Bag Man with Rachel Maddow

Episode 3: Hang In There, Baby

<https://www.nbcnews.com/msnbc/maddow-bag-man-podcast/transcript-episode-3-hang-there-baby-n931581>

With the criminal investigation of him now public, Vice President Spiro Agnew launches a bold counter-attack to survive. An unprecedented assault... on his own Justice Department that's investigating him. And the reporters now covering his case. And Agnew gets back-up in that effort from his legion of hardcore supporters across the country and in Congress.

Episode 4: Turn It Off

<https://www.nbcnews.com/msnbc/maddow-bag-man-podcast/transcript-episode-4-turn-it-n935286>

After learning that his own Justice Department is investigating his crimes, Vice President Spiro Agnew embarks on a secret, behind-the-scenes effort... to obstruct justice. To use his power inside the White House to interfere with the investigation and shut it down. It's a scheme that involves President Nixon himself, members of Nixon's inner circle, and it has never been known to the prosecutors investigating the case... even now, 45 years later.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 1.26-27.2019***

Bag Man with Rachel Maddow

Episode 1: An Unsettling Secret

<https://www.nbcnews.com/msnbc/maddow-bag-man-podcast/episode-1-unsettling-secret-n925931>

He was brash. Politically incorrect. An “outsider” political candidate who rose to the White House, out of nowhere, with a reputation as a “counter-puncher.” But Vice President Spiro Agnew was also something else—an active criminal whose secrets were about to be exposed. What happens when a “counter-puncher” in the White House suddenly sees his political future directly threatened by investigators inside his own Justice Department?

Episode 2:

<https://www.nbcnews.com/msnbc/maddow-bag-man-podcast/episode-2-crawling-n925946>

With the Watergate scandal gripping the nation, and President Richard Nixon on the verge of going down, a small team of federal prosecutors in Baltimore discover a bombshell that will rock a nation already on the edge. The Vice President of the United States—right at the height of Watergate—has been conducting a secret bribery and extortion operation—from inside the White House itself. And only they know it.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 12.22-23.2018***

1. **The Stream: Young and Black in the US (R)**
<http://stream.aljazeera.com/story/201512092349-0025107>

US inner cities are rife with violence, racism and poverty. That toxic stress is hard enough for some African Americans growing up there. But when there's also a national conversation about how much Black Lives Matter, developing a healthy sense of self can be an even greater challenge. The Stream's Femi Oke and Malika Bilal ask students from Baltimore and Chicago how they're realising their potential.

2. **Radio BBC Documentaries: Sex and the Synod: Decision Time (R)**
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p037mwz7>

Pope Francis has brought together nearly 300 bishops from all over the world for a special Synod on the Family. He has asked them to speak frankly and with courage about his Church's most divisive teachings—those that affect the sex lives of more than billion people. The stakes are high. Just calling the synod has raised hopes among liberal Catholics, who would like Rome to relax its teachings on homosexuality, birth control, and divorce and remarriage. But will the reformers succeed given that the Church's new powerhouse is Africa, where many believers want their bishops to uphold tradition and doctrine?

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 12.15-16.2018***

Pod Save America: Hot Tub Crime Machine
<https://crooked.com/podcast/hot-tub-crime-machine/>

The Department of Justice effectively accuses the President of directing an illegal scheme to manipulate the 2016 election, Mueller uncovers more connections between the Russian government and Trump's campaign, and the President struggles to keep his Administration staffed. Then Congresswoman-elect Ilhan Omar talks to Tommy about Democratic plans for the new Congress, and her support for the BDS movement.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 12.08-09.2018***

The Good Fight with Ben Wikler (R)

<http://thegoodfight.fm/episodes/1-launch-franken-obamacare-wins>

Inaugural episode featuring the inaugural Win Report, with MoveOn.org's Garlin Gilchrist III; advice from Al Franken; and a mind-blowing perspective on Obamacare from legendary activist Heather Booth.

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***News Hour:
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Weekend of 11.24-25.2018***

Unauthorized Disclosure: Interview with Joanildo Burity – A Report from Brazil on Bolsonaro's Victory
<https://shadowproof.com/2018/11/04/report-joanildo-burity-bolsonaro-victory-brazil/>

Joanildo Burity is a lead researcher at the Social Research Institute at Fundação Joaquim Nabuco. He is near the east coast of Brazil. His work involves research projects and post-graduate teaching in the areas of Brazilian and Latin American politics and religion and politics. Burity provides his initial analysis of why the far-right candidate, Jair Bolsonaro, won the election. He provides a brief rundown of what led up to the election, which includes mention of the police forces that were deployed to universities to investigate election materials that teacher unions were sharing.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 11.17-18.2018***

Occupy Wall Street Special (R)

Selected audio from and about the Occupy Wall Street (and elsewhere) movement.

- Interview with Alexa O'Brien of US Day of Rage and Occupy Wall Street
<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2011/10/19/18694162.php>
- Mike Cann interviews at Occupy Boston
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4A5jpjp_FpE&feature=related
- Police Raid of Occupy San Francisco
<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2011/10/17/18694040.php>
- *Democracy Now!* - NPR Fires Radio Host
<http://www.democracynow.org/2011/10/21/headlines-10>
- *New Yorker* Political Scene – Income Inequality and Occupy Wall Street
<http://www.newyorker.com/online/blogs/newsdesk/2011/10/political-scene-occupy-wall-street-the-primal-scream.html>
- Uncle Eddie & Robin at Occupy Wall Street - Let 'Em Eat Cake
<http://uncleeddieandrobin.com/>

Here are additional links for research and reference:

- Occupy Wall Street:
<http://occupywallst.org/>
- Occupy Together:
<http://www.occupytogether.org/occupy-wall-st/>
- A Framing Memo for Occupy Wall Street:
<http://www.readersupportednews.org/opinion2/275-42/7970-a-framing-memo-for-occupy-wall-street>

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***News Hour:
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Weekend of 10.13-14.2018***

Intercepted with Jeremy Scahill:

From Nation State to Empire State: A Radical History of How We Got to Trump

<https://theintercept.com/2018/10/05/from-nation-state-to-empire-state-a-radical-history-of-how-we-got-to-trump/>

Most analyses of Donald Trump's election to the U.S. presidency in 2016 focuses on immediate causes and, of course, its effects. In a recent speech, NYU history professor Nikhil Pal Singh took a longer historical view, sketching three arcs of U.S. history that have yielded the durable commitments to racism, militarism, and unequal class power that have sharpened over the past two decades. Considering the historical development of the United States as an empire-state, rather than as a nation-state, he argues, is essential to understanding what it has meant, and what it might mean going forward, to bend the future toward greater equality and justice—both in the United States and in its relationship to the wider world. He argues that the election of Trump and the failure of Hillary Clinton may be the clearest signals yet, of the decline of U.S. empire. Rather than a cause for pessimism, he says, this moment is an opportunity to enliven a new politics and begin a new story—but only if we are honest about our past.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 10.06-07.2018***

Occupy Wall Street Special (R)

Selected audio from and about the Occupy Wall Street (and elsewhere) demonstrations.

- Occupy Wall Street - Brooklyn Bridge Takeover and Arrests:
<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2011/10/02/18691934.php>
- Countdown with Keith Olbermann - Interview with Michael Moore:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ln1QILrnFzQ>
- Occupy San Francisco - General Assembly October 6:
<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2011/10/06/18692478.php>
- Rachel Maddow Show:
<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/26315908/vp/44795303#44795303>
- Daily Show with Jon Stewart:
<http://www.thedailyshow.com/watch/wed-october-5-2011/parks-and-demonstration>
- Dr. Cornell West speaks at Occupy Wall Street demonstrations:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H31XN8zgXII>

Here are additional links for research and reference:

- Occupy Wall Street:
<http://occupywallst.org/>
- Occupy Together:
<http://www.occupytogether.org/occupy-wall-st/>
- The American Revolution is underway, #occupywallstreet takes it to the belly of the beast:
<http://www.indymedia.ie/article/100645>

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 9.29-30.2018***

Democracy Now!

<https://www.democracynow.org/shows/2018/9/28>

- Despite Gut-Wrenching Testimony from Dr. Blasey Ford, GOP Moves Forward with Vote on Kavanaugh
- Brett Kavanaugh Barely Controls His Rage in Combative Testimony Denying Sexual Assault Allegations
- Dr. Christine Blasey Ford: I Am 100% Certain Brett Kavanaugh Attempted to Rape Me in 1982

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 9.08-09.2018***

Radio Ecoshock: Speaking of Climate Collapse (R)
<http://www.ecoshock.org/2016/09/speaking-of-climate-collapse.html>

From Antarctica to Europe, it's hot, hot, hot. According to NASA, this past July and August are tied for the hottest months since humans could keep such records on planet Earth. The Arctic sea ice is the second lowest ever recorded. Russian fires are intense and Northern Europeans just enjoyed a second summer in the middle of September.

What will humans do in a climate-damaged future? In this program we look at the most awful, with science fiction writer Anthony J. Gerst, with a dash of hope, with carbon herder Ariel Greenwood. In between you'll hear two new climate rap songs from master entertainer Baba Brinkman.

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<http://radio.spiritplants.org>

***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 8.25-26.2018***

9/11 Special: Deep Ideology and Conspiracy (R)
<http://www.indymedia.org.uk/en/2010/09/458132.html>

Talk given by Michael Parenti in May 2010 at the Understanding Deep Politics Conference held in Santa Cruz, California

Parenti describes the right-wing agenda of dismantling social democracy while calling anybody who describes this as a purposeful strategy a conspiracy theorist. He shows that this strategy began right after World War II but culminates now as powerful segment of right wing media and the GOP have moved so far to the right that they have overshot their popular base. Meanwhile Democrats, including Obama, unable or unwilling to formulate the social democratic alternative, still talk of bipartisan approaches. Parenti also considers George Bush and Dick Cheney and company to be complicit in the events of September 11, 2001.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 8.18-19.2018***

Five Thirty Eight Politics:

Should the Press Respond to Trump's Attacks?

<https://fivethirtyeight.com/features/politics-podcast-should-the-press-respond-to-trumps-attacks/>

President Trump's attacks on the press have reached a new level in recent weeks. On Sunday, he called the press, "very dangerous & sick" and wrote that the media can "cause War." The FiveThirtyEight Politics team talks about what the goal of the president's rhetoric is and how the press should respond.

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<http://www.spiritplantradio.com>

News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 8.04-05.2018

1. The Shortwave Report (R)

http://www.outfarpress.com/sw08_10_12notes.html

This week's show features stories from Radio Deutsche-Welle, the Voice of Russia, Radio Havana Cuba, and NHK Radio Japan.

- From Germany - For the past month, there have been protests in Mexico over the outcome of the Presidential election—here is an interview with a protestor who is a university professor. Two pieces about the punk band Pussy Riot who are facing three years in prison for a flash mob protest in Russia. The Egyptian President called for resignations after a deadly ambush where 16 soldiers were killed.
- From Russia - An update on the fate of Julian Assange, who is seeking refuge in Ecuador, to avoid possible extradition to the US where many think he will be charged with violation of the espionage act.
- From Cuba - The former Syrian Prime Minister who dramatically resigned this week was reportedly working for the opposition forces all along. With a green light from the White House, US citizens are being allowed to donate money to purchase weapons for the Syrian opposition. The US mercenary firm formerly known as Blackwater agreed to pay fines for illegally smuggling weapons worldwide.
- From Japan - An Insight on the anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima—50,000 people attended a ceremony calling for world peace and the abolition of all nuclear weapons- many also called for the end of nuclear power in Japan. One of the attendees at Hiroshima was the grandson of Harry Truman who had authorized the atomic bombs- the grandson campaigns for the end of all nuclear weapons. A Japanese survey team met with US NGOs in Oregon to develop strategies to deal with the Fukushima debris reaching the entire US west coast. Fukushima prefecture will soon begin checking for radiation in the rice exported from the region. Interpol has put out a Red Notice for the arrest of Paul Watson, head of the marine wildlife conservation group Sea Shepherd.

2. The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement (R)

<http://theaggregatedoccupier.wordpress.com/>

News:

- Newly Founded Community Center in Portland Targeted by Police
<http://occupywallst.org/article/newly-founded-community-center-portland-targeted-p/>
- Occupy LA Chalk Protest Coming Back To Downtown LA: One Arrest Already
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/08/09/occupy-la-chalk_n_1760848.html

Feature:

"Violence and Human Nature," Part 2, by Howard Zinn

<http://theaggregatedoccupier.wordpress.com/2012/08/10/aggregated-occupier-22-violence-and-human-nature-part-2-by-howard-zinn-portland-community-center-raided-chalkupy-la/>

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<http://occupywallst.org/>
- **Occupy Together:**
<http://www.occupytogether.org/occupy-wall-st/>
- **Global Revolution:**
<http://www.livestream.com/globalrevolution>
- **Occupy Boston Radio:**
<http://occupybostonradio.wordpress.com/>

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 7.28-29.2018***

Former President Barack Obama Delivers
2018 Nelson Mandela Lecture - Johannesburg, South Africa
<https://www.newyorker.com/news/news-desk/the-nelson-mandela-lecture-barack-obama-johannesburg>

Former President Obama delivered the 2018 Nelson Mandela Annual Lecture, on the hundredth anniversary of Mandela's birth. The lecture came not long after Donald Trump's press conference with Vladimir Putin in Helsinki. The talk was Obama's most extensive reflection so far on the current political climate, though it did not once mention Trump by name.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 7.14-15.2018***

Unauthorized Disclosure: The Threat of Unspecified Terrorism Attacks by People Who Shall Not Be Named is Very Real (R)

<http://firedoglake.com/2015/07/12/podcast-the-threat-of-unspecified-terrorism-attacks-by-people-who-shall-not-be-named-is-very-real/>

This episode features Adam Johnson (@adamjohnsonNYC), associate editor at AlterNet.org and contributing writer to Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting (FAIR). Johnson has been aggressively questioning and exposing all aspects of the bogus terror warnings hyped by the government and media recently. He details what drives media outlets like CNN to hype terror warnings that cannot be backed up by specific threats, and talks about the FBI being at least zero for forty when it comes to issuing terror warnings that resulted in attacks.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 6.23-24.2018***

1. **Can He Do That?: The Tale of the “Trump Triers”**
https://www.washingtonpost.com/podcasts/can-he-do-that/the-tale-of-the-trump-triers/?utm_term=.fa8ae676e0ba

Will tried-and-true Democrats in the Midwest who voted for Trump in 2016 continue supporting the president? And what do their evolving views say about the rest of the country?

2. **Can He Do That?: The DOJ Report on James Comey**
https://www.washingtonpost.com/podcasts/can-he-do-that/the-doj-report-on-comey-what-you-should-know/?utm_term=.5719dbb343de

Post reporter Devlin Barrett joins us for a special episode to talk about the Justice Department inspector general's report on the FBI investigation into Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server.

3. **Can He Do That?: A Week of Mixed Messaging On Border Separations**
https://www.washingtonpost.com/podcasts/can-he-do-that/a-week-of-mixed-messaging-on-border-separations/?utm_term=.1a25734ad46b

Post reporter Mary Jordan helps us look back at a week of conflicting statements and rapid reversals amid an outcry over immigration policy and border separations.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 6.16-17.2018***

1. Scene on Radio: Hearing Hiroshima (R)
<http://podcast.cdsporch.org/episode-20-hearing-hiroshima/>

The word “Hiroshima” may bring to mind a black-and-white image of a mushroom cloud. It’s easy to forget that it’s an actual city with a million people and a popular baseball team. How did the cataclysm of 1945 reverberate in the place where it happened?

2. Radio BBC Documentaries: The Body on the Moor (R)
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03wy14r>

A body is found on the moor, with no clue as to who the man was. And he died from poisoning. Who is he? Why was he there? Jon Manel follows the police inquiry for BBC Radio 4.

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<http://radio.spiritplants.org>

***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 06.09-10.2018***

Radio Ecoshock: Micro-Secrets and Macro Secrets (R)
<http://www.ecoshock.info/2014/05/micro-secrets-and-macro-secrets.html>

Microbiologist Dr. Yuri Gorbi warns fracking brings up buried life forms. Film-maker Kip Anderson's "Cowspiracy" asks why big green groups are afraid to tackle the biggest single cause of global warming: the meat industry.

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Weekend of 06.02-03.2018

Radio BBC Documentaries: The Day Hope Died: Remembering Robert Kennedy

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/w3csxgbd>

Why did Bobby Kennedy leave such a lasting impression on US politics and society? Revered equally across the political spectrum today, his rise to prominence was controversial. He became Attorney General at just 35 and gained a reputation as a tough operator during his brother JFK's time in the White House.

But when he was gunned down in 1968, America was riven by racial and class division as well as doubts over the country's involvement in the Vietnam War. Senator Robert Kennedy came to embody the hopes and dreams of a generation seeking a fairer and more peaceful country.

Fifty years after becoming the target of an assassin in the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, Stephen Sackur speaks to some of the people whose lives were changed forever that day.

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<http://radio.spiritplants.org>

News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 05.12-13.2018

4. **Radio BBC Documentaries: Bermuda's Change of Heart**
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p064ln9k>

In a radical turn of events, Bermuda has become the first country in the world to repeal same-sex marriage. In May 2017, Bermudian lawyer Mark Pettingill and his client Winston Godwin won a case in the Bermuda Supreme Court for marriage equality for all people in the LGBTQ+ community. However, less than a year later, a new government introduced the Domestic Partnership Act, taking away the rights of gay couples to marry, and giving them instead the option of civil partnerships.

5. **Radio BBC Documentaries: Islands on the Front Line**
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p064lg1y>

Regina Lepping travels around her homeland—the Solomon Islands—to discover how this remote Commonwealth country in the Pacific is on the front line of climate change. Sea levels here are rising three times faster than the global average. Some islands have already been lost and people have had to relocate their homes.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 05.05-06.2018

Bill McKibben, "Last Stand for Climate" (R)

<http://www.vancouverobserver.com/blogs/earthmatters/2011/04/10/mckibben-tells-vancouverites-help-close-tar-sands>

As part of a free public lecture series, [The Vancouver Institute](#) hosted Bill McKibben last weekend. McKibben has been called "the nation's leading environmentalist" by the *Boston Globe* and "the world's best green journalist" by *Time Magazine*. Over four hundred people of all ages packed into the auditorium at UBC to hear him.

McKibben's most recent book, *Eaarth*, describes the planet on which we live. Earth is a thing of the past. Eaarth has conditions unlike any that have occurred during the presence of primates on the planet. "If an alien were to view human activity from afar and take a guess at what we were trying to do with the planet," McKibben told his audience, "creating the perfect conditions for a worldwide mosquito ranch would be a viable hypothesis."

Speech recorded by Alex Smith of Radio Ecoshock:

<http://www.ecoshock.info/2011/04/bill-mckibben-last-stand-for-climate.html>

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<http://radio.spiritplants.org>

News Hour:

World Week in Review

Weekend of 04.14-15.2018

Radio Ecoshock: The Crunch—The Terror Will Cost You Extra

<https://www.ecoshock.org/2018/04/the-terror-will-cost-you-extra.html>

Nuclear accidents at Fukushima and Chernobyl taught us: a blown reactor anywhere affects my listeners around the world. The nuclear and coal industries have gone bankrupt. Donald Trump just sat down for dinner with a lobbyist to make you pay to keep dangerous old reactors (and coal!) going. We cover the scam with nuke campaigner Kevin Kamps from Beyond Nuclear. Then strange new science: plants in a high carbon atmosphere determine who gets the crops, and who gets the drought. We hear from Dr. Pierre Gentile of Columbia University.

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<http://radio.spiritplants.org>

***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 04.07-08.2018***

Radio Ecoshock: The Crunch—Are You Ready? (R)
<http://www.ecoshock.info/2015/04/the-crunch-are-you-ready.html>

From US Dept of Energy lab, Dr. Steven J. Smith says we will get hotter faster. Paul Goddard on why sea level went up over two inches in New England in one year. Carolyn Baker: preparing our minds and hearts for the coming troubles.

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<http://radio.spiritplants.org>

News Hour:

World Week in Review

Weekend of 03.31-4.01.2018

1. **Seriously . . . The Art of Now**
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p060x87t>

Composer Errollyn Wallen meets some of the artists working in places of conflict, violence, and oppression around the world. She hears their personal testimonies and explores why art and music, poetry and drama What use is art in a war zone, and what can these individuals and their work tell artists in more peaceful places about making art that helps us question and communicate?

2. **Seriously . . . Double Talk**
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p062df1b>

Built around a series of conversations, this program explores the two-voice dialogue across different spheres its foundations in the ancient world and in law, in religious thought and modern psychoanalysis, in philosophy and fiction, in drama and comedy and even in music. Dialogue as competition and exchange, as the art of listening as well as speaking, a form of equity or even disguise.

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<http://radio.spiritplants.org>

News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 03.10-17.2018

Noam Chomsky on the Drug War (R)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Noam_Chomsky

MIT professor and political commentator Noam Chomsky discusses the hidden motivations for the United States' decades-long so-called "War on Drugs." Professor Chomsky argues that, domestically, the U.S. government has sought to create a new slavery of the African-American population and, abroad, has used its Drug War campaign to control the policies and political agendas of other nations.

Background music is "Spirit Dome" by Steve Roach and Vidna Obmana.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 3.03-04.2018***

BBC Documentaries:

Missing Histories: China and Japan (R)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01ryk54>

They are Asia's economic giants – yet the historical record of Japan and China continues to cause tensions. Japanese journalist Mariko Oi and Chinese journalist Haining Liu travel around China, including the city of Nanjing, where Japanese forces committed rapes and mass killings during the war. How are events like these remembered in modern China? And, why can young Chinese consume Japanese pop culture while demonstrating against Japan's historical record? The pair discover that, despite the deep cultural links between their nations, history remains a barrier.

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<http://www.spiritplantradio.com>

News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 2.24-25.2018

3. Short Wave Report (R)

http://www.outfarpress.com/sw02_24_12notes.html

This week's show features stories from NHK World Radio Japan, China Radio International, Radio Havana Cuba, Spanish National Radio, and Radio Deutsche-Welle.

- From Japan - The last nuclear reactor in western Japan has been shut down for inspection. The two remaining nuclear reactors will be shut down by late April. More than 40% of the citizens in the regions near the Fukushima plant were exposed to radiation beyond the annual safety limit. Media was allowed to be near the Fukushima reactors for the first time this week. Cement is being laid atop the seabed offshore of the Fukushima power plant to stop the radioactive materials from spreading at sea. The US says it may begin arming anti-government demonstrators in Syria.
- From China - China is urging the Syrian government and rebels to cease all violence against civilians, and disagrees with the idea of other countries arming opposition forces. China says that the veto of the UN resolution against Syria was not a result of partiality, but of considering what is best for the Syrian people. The mayor of Nagoya Japan denies that the Rape of Nanking occurred in 1937, angering the Chinese people. The Chinese firm Great Wall Motors is to begin having their autos assembled in Bulgaria. China wants Israel to accept the reconciliation between the Palestinian factions of Fatah and Hamas.
- From Cuba - An Israeli human rights organization is criticizing Israel's increased imprisonment without charge or trial of Palestinians. There are claims of a media campaign targeting Venezuela and especially President Hugo Chavez and his health.
- From Spain - Last Sunday in Spain up to one-half million people protested against reforms to the labor market and cuts to social programs. This week saw student in Valencia, who were protesting education cuts, being beaten by riot squads.
- From Germany - An analysis of the latest Greek bailout- can Greece ever repay its growing debts, and can it stay in the Eurozone?

4. The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement (R)

Updates:

- Occupy Birmingham Update:

- <http://occupybirmingham.org/occupy-our-homes/>
- Occupy Oakland Update
<http://occupyoakland.org/2012/02/occupy-education-california-march-from-uc-berkeley-all-peralta-colleges-to-oscar-grant-plaza-march-1-2012/>
- Occupy Wall Street Update:
<http://occupywallst.org/article/f27-occupy-our-food-supply-global-day-action/>
- Occupy Nigeria Update:
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/02/15/what-occupy-nigeria-looks-like_n_1279348.html?ref=occupy-wall-street

News:

- Santorum Exploring Secret Service Protection:
http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/localnews/2017508407_apussantorumsecret-service.html
- In a 325-Page SEC Letter, Occupy's Finance Gurus Take on Wall Street Lobbyists:
<http://motherjones.com/mojo/2012/02/occupy-sec-letter-volcker-rule>
- Philadelphia Convention Plans Lead To Rift In Occupy Movement:
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/02/23/philadelphia-convention-occupy-rift-michael-pollok_n_1297859.html?ref=occupy-wall-street

Here are additional Occupy links for research and reference:

- Occupy Wall Street:
<http://occupywallst.org/>
- Occupy Together:
<http://www.occupytogether.org/occupy-wall-st/>
- Global Revolution:
<http://www.livestream.com/globalrevolution>

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6. **Radio BBC Documentaries: Ukraine: The Untold Story of the Maidan Killings (R)**
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02jskv3>

One year on from the massacre in Kiev's Maidan Square, when more than fifty protestors were killed. It was the events on Maidan that led to Ukraine's pro-Russian president fleeing the country, sparking a confrontation over Crimea and now in the east of the country. So what did happen on Maidan Square, an event that has pushed the world to the brink of a new cold war? Gabriel Gatehouse investigates.

7. **Radio BBC Documentaries: Egypt: Searching for Justice (R)**
<https://player.fm/series/documentaries/docarchive-egypt-searching-for-justice>

Claire Read has spent the last six months following a court case in Egypt and trying to get to grips with how the country's justice system operates under the government of President Sisi.

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President Barack Obama: 2010 State of the Union Address (R)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2010_State_of_the_Union_Address

The following items were mentioned by the President as potential policy changes, legislative initiatives, or goals coming out of the address:

- Fees on the country's largest banks (to follow up on the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP))
- Giving \$30 billion from recovered TARP money to community banks to extend credit to small businesses
- Job creation
- Encourage American innovation (focus on clean energy)
- More exports of goods (goal: double exports in 5 years)
- Invest in the skills and education of our people
- Middle Class
- Tackling childhood obesity (headed by the First Lady, Michelle Obama)
- Health care reform
- Deficit reduction
- Limits on contributions that lobbyists give to candidates
- Reform for earmarks, publish them in a single location on the web
- Crack down on violations of equal pay laws
- Immigration reform
- Repealing *Don't ask, don't tell* policy within the year to allow homosexuals to serve in the military openly
- Treating the nation of Israel with respect

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Democracy Now! (R)

<https://www.democracynow.org/shows/2017/2/3>

- Does Donald Trump Think Frederick Douglass is Alive? Douglass's Great-Great-Great-Grandson Clarifies
- Yemen: Jeremy Scahill & Advocates Question "Success" of Trump Raid That Killed 24 Civilians
- Meet Lewis Wallace: Trans Reporter Fired for Writing About Journalistic Integrity in Trump Era

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360 Documentaries: Life Stories from North Korea (R)
<http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/360/life-stories-from-north-korea/5152304>

Stories from the hidden lives of North Koreans told by people who have fled from the world's most notorious police state.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 12.09-10.2017

Intercepted with Jeremy Scahill: Who's Afraid of the Alt-Deep State
<https://theintercept.com/2017/12/06/intercepted-podcast-whos-afraid-of-the-alt-deep-state/>

Does Donald Trump want to make 1980s Reagan-era covert wars great again? Matthew Cole joins Jeremy for a discussion about their explosive report in *The Intercept* that Blackwater founder Erik Prince, a former CIA officer, and Oliver North, of Iran-Contra fame, have been pitching a private spy operation to the White House and CIA to counter the “deep state” attempting to undermine Trump’s presidency.

Radio show host, activist, and comedian Randy Credico has been hit with a subpoena from the House Intelligence Committee investigating Trump and Russia. Roger Stone claims Credico was his secret liaison with WikiLeaks during the election. We ask Randy what this is all about and if he plans to appear before Congress in a week.

Journalist Barrett Brown spent four years in prison stemming from his involvement with Anonymous, LulzSec, and other hacker collectives who went after powerful private security companies. Barrett talks about the FBI’s campaign against him and offers a critique of WikiLeaks, Trump, and the state of the media in the U.S.

Singer Amanda Palmer has a provocative new video out for a cover she did of Pink Floyd’s “Mother,” from the iconic album *The Wall*. The video was inspired by Trump’s pledge to build a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border. She talks about Trump, her music, and the fight to save net neutrality.

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***News Hour:
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Weekend of 11.25-26.2017***

1. **Global Politico:**
Ben Cardin on how Trump is driving Democrats and Republicans together
<https://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2017/11/20/donald-trump-ben-cardin-foreign-relations-global-politico-215845>

Senator Ben Cardin, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, discusses where the committee stands on new sanction on Russia, the Iran nuclear deal and diplomatic solutions to the North Korea standoff.

2. **Radio BBC Documentaries: Europe's Illiberal Democrats: Hungary**
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p05mxq4k>

Hungary is becoming an “illiberal democracy,” in the words of its Prime Minister, Viktor Orban. The government has changed the constitution, electoral law, and refused to take its EU-allocated quota of refugees, while warning of a “Muslim invasion.” The European Parliament is so concerned about the perceived breaches of EU values that it has launched a procedure that could culminate in Hungary’s EU voting rights being withdrawn. Yet Hungary feels it is on the right path, a path that others should follow.

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Radio Ecoshock: Beyond the Threshold
<https://www.ecoshock.org/2017/11/beyond-the-threshold.html>

Is a mass extinction in our future? From MIT, Professor Daniel Rothman with science critical for us all. Then Philip Jacobson from Mongabay on the new expose of corruption in the palm plantations of Indonesia. We all use palm oil, but what does it cost indigenous people and why does it threaten planetary climate?

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***News Hour:
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Weekend of 11.11-12.2017***

Reveal:

The Paradise Papers

<https://www.revealnews.org/episodes/the-paradise-papers/>

Remember the Panama Papers? It was a massive 2015 document leak that exposed a system in which offshore companies enable crime and corruption. The Pulitzer Prize-winning investigation that followed, led by The International Consortium of Investigative Journalists, was a collaboration among more than 100 newsrooms across the world. It led to a flurry of resignations and indictments and took down leaders in Iceland and Pakistan. This week, Reveal journalists team up with ICIJ for a new bombshell: the Paradise Papers.

This time around, the action is centered on more than 13 million confidential files leaked to Süddeutsche Zeitung and shared with ICIJ's global team of more than 300 journalists. Many of the confidential documents, emails and voicemails come from Appleby, a Bermuda-based law firm. The leaks shed light on how corporate giants move their cash from one offshore tax haven to another.

The Paradise Papers also open questions about President Donald Trump's Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross' financial ties to Russian companies. And they disclose how Facebook and Twitter received backing from Kremlin-controlled Russian banks. This comes at a time when the two tech giants are facing scrutiny by the U.S. Justice Department and Congress.

This global collaboration involves a team of journalists from 67 countries.

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Weekend of 11.04-05.2017***

Intelligence Squared:

Warfare: The New Rules - The Cyber Threat to States, Businesses and All of Us

<http://www.intelligencesquared.com/events/warfare-the-new-rules-the-cyber-threat-to-states-businesses-and-all-of-us/>

We are at war: cyberwar. Cyber attacks are becoming the weapon of choice for states, terrorists and criminal organizations. Through the fragile, interconnected structure of the web, anything can be hacked—from national infrastructure to an individual's identity. Discussion by intelligence professionals and cyber experts.

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***News Hour:
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Weekend of 10.14-15.2017***

Reveal:

All Work. No Pay. Life at a Rehab Work Camp.

<https://www.revealnews.org/episodes/all-work-no-pay-life-at-a-rehab-work-camp/>

Reveal's Amy Julia Harris and Shoshana Walter investigate an Oklahoma recovery center called Christian Alcoholics & Addicts in Recovery, or CAAIR.

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***News Hour:
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Weekend of 10.07-08.2017***

1. Global Politico:
Iran's Foreign Minister has some things he wants to say to Donald Trump
<http://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2017/10/02/irans-foreign-minister-has-some-things-he-wants-to-say-to-donald-trump-215669>

In a wide-ranging interview, Javad Zarif blasts the president's "insulting" U.N. speech and vows never to renegotiate the nuclear deal.

2. Radio BBC Documentaries:: Che Today
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/w3csvg6g>

Fifty years after his death, what would Che Guevara have thought *of* today's Cuba?

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 9.16-17.2017***

Radio Ecoshock: Mind-Bending Climate Strikes
<http://www.ecoshock.org/2017/09/mind-bending-climate-strikes.html>

Record-breaking Harvey, followed by the largest hurricane ever seen in the Atlantic, with Hurricane Jose right behind. Add the West engulfed in fire, millions flooded out in Asia—who can keep up in a destabilized climate? We're going to try this week on Radio Ecoshock. We start with critical new science from Italy about the incredible heat to come. Then our regular guest scientist Paul Beckwith paints the big picture missing in the media. It's radio that tries hard, in trying times.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 9.09-10.2017***

1. **Ken Rudin's Political Junkie: Sitting on the DACA the Bay**
<https://www.krpoliticaljunkie.com/episode-195>

Remember all the things Congress needed to get done this fall? Carl Hulse of the *New York Times* explains that many of the lawmakers' priorities have shifted in the wake of the unexpected huge expense of paying for the cleanup in the wake of Hurricane Harvey and, to add to the misery, Hurricane Irma.

Jennifer Duffy of the *Cook Political Report* gives us an early-bird look at the Senate seats up in 2018. The numbers favor the GOP; of the 33 seats up, 25 are currently held by Democrats, leaving them more vulnerable. But the poor approval ratings for President Trump may temper some of the Republicans' hopes. Democrats have their own problems, with lingering resentments between supporters of Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders. Now Clinton, in her post-election book entitled *What Happened*, explains why she lost ... and includes some swipes at Sanders, her rival for the Dem nomination last year. Aaarroonn Blake of the *Washington Post* has analysis.

And we go back 50 years, to September of 1967, when the presidential hopes of Michigan Governor George Romney were damaged when, in a TV interview, he talked about being "brainwashed" while touring Vietnam. Scott Romney, son of George—and brother of Mitt—talks about how the gaffe, which became more logical as the years went by and Americans learned more about how the war was going, hurt his father's campaign.

2. **Radio BBC Documentaries: Bulgaria on a Cliff Edge**
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p05fb3c7>

What's it like to live in the country with the fastest-shrinking population in the world? Ruth Alexander reports.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 8.26-27.2017***

1. **Radio BBC Documentaries: Going Green in the Oil State**
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p05d3l2z>
Why has a heavily Republican city in Texas, chock full of climate change skeptics, become the first city in the South to be powered entirely by renewable energy? And why, just a few miles away, has a small town consisting of a lone truck stop and a deserted dirt road they call Main Street, become the richest area in the entire United States? As Donald Trump pulls the US out of the Paris Climate Accords, and talks up the use of fossil fuels, we explore the unexpected reality of the energy industry in the “oil state.”
2. **Senator Elizabeth Warren - Netroots Nation Conference - 12. August. 2017**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rc2D9pn8mjc>
Elizabeth Warren lays out progressive Democrats’ agenda during the 2017 Netroots Nation Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 8.19-20.2017***

1. **Criminal: The Procedure**

<http://thisiscriminal.com/episode-70-the-procedure-7-7-2017/>

In 1967, a very unlikely group of individuals gathered to help women quietly break the law and obtain an abortion. The first step was to call a phone number. A recording of a woman's voice would tell you what to do next.

2. **Criminal: Bears, Birds, and Bones**

<http://thisiscriminal.com/episode-72-bears-birds-and-bones-7-3-2017/>

As long as 2,500 years ago, Native Americans placed the bones of the dead in giant mounds of earth in the shape of animals. The Effigy Mounds National Monument was created to protect the mounds—and the bones inside. But in 2011, a new superintendent discovered that the remains of 41 Native Americans had disappeared.

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***News Hour:
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Weekend of 8.12-13.2017***

**Ken Rudin's Political Junkie: No Delay for Delaney—
The Road from the House to the White House**
<https://krpoliticaljunkie.com/episode-191/>

We're still some 30 months or so away from the 2020 presidential primaries, but already there is a candidate in the race hoping to take on President Trump. It's John Delaney, a three-term Democratic congressman from Maryland, who talks about his effort and why he thinks he has a shot.

There is a new White House chief of staff, and it's John Kelly. The former Homeland Security secretary is seen as a strong disciplinarian, and that's usually a good attribute for a COS. But, as Chris Whipple—author of a great history of the job, *The Gatekeeper*—points out, it may not fit with the style of the president of the United States. Whipple discusses the best, and the not so best, chiefs of staff.

Martha Kumar of Towson University talks about the relationship, whatever there is of it, between Donald Trump and the media. It's been poisonous from Day One, and it does remind some of how Richard Nixon viewed the press during his time in office. And with Alabama voters going to the polls on Tuesday, Gigi Douban of WBHM in Birmingham handicaps the top three Republicans running for the Senate seat formerly held by Jeff Sessions.

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Weekend of 8.05-06.2017***

Intercepted with Jeremy Scahill: Pyongyang and the White House Gang
<https://theintercept.com/2017/08/02/intercepted-podcast-pyongyang-and-the-white-house-gang/>

The developments coming out of the White House this week are like a twisted mash up of *Here Comes Honey Boo Boo*, *Macbeth*, *Project Runway*, and a Mr. Bean movie. Dime-store *Sopranos* reject Anthony Scaramucci was fired after just ten days as White House communications director. Reince Priebus is out as chief of staff, Gen. John Kelly is in.

All that and an idiotic call for a ban on transgender service members because of their “tremendous” costs annually (only \$2.5-8.5 million) when his own trips to Mar-a-Lago are estimated to have accumulated at least a \$20 million price tag.

With spiking tensions between the United States and North Korea, we reflect on the history of the region with author and foreign policy expert John Feffer.

And *The Intercept*'s Naomi Klein talks to U.K. Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn about the Reagan-Thatcher era of privatization policies and lessons the Democratic Party could learn from Corbyn's unexpected electoral success.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 7.08-09.2017

1. **Radio Ecoshock: Revenge of Defiant Earth**
<http://www.ecoshock.org/2017/06/revenge-of-defiant-earth.html>

As Northern Hemisphere roasts around the world, Dr. Clive Hamilton on new book *The Delant Earth*. Then legendary Princeton physicist Frank von Hippel warns nuclear fire could force evacuation of millions of Americans.

2. **Short Wave Report**
http://www.outfarpress.com/sw07_07_17notes.html

This week's show features stories from Radio Deutsche-Welle, Radio Havana Cuba, Sputnik Radio, Spanish National Radio, and NHK World Radio Japan.

From Germany – In the lead up to the G20 Summit in Hamburg there were many protestors and an alternative, the Global Solidarity Summit. One of the speakers there was Vandana Shiva, renowned Indian activist. Here is an interview with her before the events began.

From Cuba - A bit more about the protests gathering before the G20 summit in Hamburg, Germany. Thousands of protestors marched in dozens of US cities demanding the impeachment of Donald Trump.

From Russia - Two press reviews—One is from the *Times* about accusations that rogue British special air forces troops executed unarmed civilians in Afghanistan, which had been blamed on Afghani troops. Then a press report about the media blackout of Seymour Hersh's expose on the US missile strike on Syria following an alleged chemical attack.

From Spain - Alison Hughes reports on the Syrian foreign ministry reiterated that its entire arsenal of chemical weapons had been destroyed outside the country 4 years ago. In Yemen the bombing raids by Saudi forces continue, leading to over 12,000 dead and 3 million Yemenis experiencing severe malnutrition. US targeted assassinations by drones also continue in Yemen. Last week a US Federal Appeals court threw out a non-monetary lawsuit by the families of 2 Yemeni civilians killed by US drone strikes in 2012.

From Japan - North Korea launched what it claimed to be an ICBM leading to more threats from the US. Russia and China proposed that the US and South Korea cease military drills in exchange for a North Korean moratorium on nuclear and missile development. The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute reported that nuclear stockpiles are decreasing but that the main players, the US and Russia, are modernizing their weapons. Protestors failed to stop France from shipping MOX recycled nuclear reactor fuel to Japan.

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***News Hour:
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Weekend of 6.24-25.2017***

The Global Politico:

Tom Malinowski on Arguing with Dictators and Human Rights in the Trump Era

<http://www.politico.com/tipsheets/the-global-politico/2017/06/19/tom-malinowski-on-arguing-with-dictators-and-human-rights-in-the-trump-era-220915>

Tom Malinowski served on President Clinton's National Security Council staff, then became Washington director of Human Rights Watch, and then for the last term of President Obama's administration, as assistant secretary of state for human rights. In other words, he had a front row seat for the debate over whether and how we should intervene to help the millions of innocent civilians caught in the civil war in Syria, how we should respond to the Arab spring, to the war between Russia and Ukraine.

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***News Hour:
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Weekend of 6.17-18.2017***

Bernie Sanders Delivers Keynote Speech at People's Summit in Chicago
<http://www.nbcchicago.com/blogs/ward-room/senator-bernie-sanders-delivers-keynote-address-at-peoples-summit-in-chicago-427713253.html>

In a speech that alternated between a stump speech and deep thoughts on policy, Senator Bernie Sanders delivered the keynote address at the People's Summit in Chicago on June 10.

Sanders appealed to Democrats to continue working toward the interests of all Americans, and he advocated an approach rooted in progressive values to the audience at the meeting.

"The Democratic Party cannot continue to be a party of the East Coast and the West Coast," Sanders said. "It must be a party of all 50 states. The working people of Mississippi and Wyoming, of South Carolina and Oklahoma, of Texas and Kansas, of Nebraska and Utah, and many other states will support a progressive agenda—if we bring that agenda to them."

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S-Town
<https://stownpodcast.org/>

John despises his Alabama town and decides to do something about it. He asks a reporter to investigate the son of a wealthy family who's allegedly been bragging that he got away with murder. But then someone else ends up dead, sparking a nasty feud, a hunt for hidden treasure, and an unearthing of the mysteries of one man's life.

Chapter VII: "You're beginning to figure it out now, aren't you?"

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Chapter VI: "Since everyone around here thinks I'm a queer anyway."

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 5.06-07.2017***

S-Town
<https://stownpodcast.org/>

John despises his Alabama town and decides to do something about it. He asks a reporter to investigate the son of a wealthy family who's allegedly been bragging that he got away with murder. But then someone else ends up dead, sparking a nasty feud, a hunt for hidden treasure, and an unearthing of the mysteries of one man's life.

- Chapter IV: "If anybody could find it, it would be me."
- Chapter V: "Nobody'll ever change my mind about it."

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 4.22-23.2017***

S-Town
<https://stownpodcast.org/>

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- Chapter III: "Tedious and brief."

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 4.15-16.2017***

1. **S-Town**

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- Chapter I: "If you keep your mouth shut, you'll be surprised what you can learn."
- Chapter II: "Has anybody called you?"

2. **Radio BBC Documentaries: Project Le Pen**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p04zp71m>

What accounts for Marine Le Pen's popularity? As a populist wave sweeps across the Western world, France is emerging as a key battleground and Le Pen is scoring record ratings for a leader of an "outsider" party, and looks set to get through to the second round of the presidential elections.

How much is it to do with an increasingly familiar politics which blames global elites and immigrants for economic and social woes? And how much is it a distinctively French form, mixing policies of the left and the right in a brew that harks back to previous generations of Gallic leaders? What turns a party previously seen as fascist into one seriously vying for the highest office in the land?

Anand Menon examines how Marine Le Pen has detoxified her father's party and asks what its success says about France's future as one of two anchoring states of the EU.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 4.08-09.2017

1. Senators Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren,
Rally in Boston, Massachusetts, 31.March.2017
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XzxQ2okV2Wk>

Strategies to grow the progressive movement and present a positive vision for the future of the country.

2. Short Wave Report
http://www.outfarpress.com/sw04_07_17notes.html

This week's show features stories from Spanish National Radio, Radio Havana Cuba, NHK World Radio Japan, and Sputnik Radio.

From Spain - Alison Hughes reports on the war in Mosul, where civilians continue to be caught up in the attacks between Daesh fighters and the US/Iraq coalition. She presents Patrick Cockburn's articles in the UK Independent about the daily civilian deaths which are justified as human shields, rather than inaccurate bombings. Syria denies the claims of using chemical weapons in a recent attack, saying that they bombed a rebel stash of those weapons. Meanwhile John McCain thinks it is incredulous to allow the Syrian people to determine their own future. Alison then reports on the victory by liberal candidate Lenin Moreno in Ecuador who intends to continue the work of Rafael Correa.

From Cuba - In Ecuador, the losing opposition presidential candidate is claiming electoral fraud, while OAS monitors hail the voting procedures. At the UN Cuba insisted that nations with nuclear weapons maintain their commitment to a world free of weapons of mass destruction. El Salvador has become the first country to ban metal mining nationwide. A Brazilian court is investigating illegal campaign financing in the last presidential election.

From Japan - South Korean prosecutors are holding and interrogating impeached President Park Geun-hye for financial crimes while in office. Then an Insight on Japan's decision to send back its ambassador to South Korea and how this could affect bilateral relations.

From Russia - Two short pieces from Afshin Rattansi's show called Going Underground. One year ago there was much ado about the Panama Papers and all the politicians expected to fall from the scandal- the story is forgotten, poverty is rising in Europe, and Panama bankers had their best year ever. Selected PM of the UK, Theresa May, is on a business visit to Saudi Arabia, which is using billions of dollars worth of British weapons to annihilate Yemen.

3. The New Yorker: Putting Trump's America Onstage
<http://www.newyorker.com/podcast/political-scene/lynn-nottage-and-kate-whoriskey-talk-to-david-remnick-about-putting-trumps-america-onstage>

The playwright Lynn Nottage and the director Kate Whoriskey traveled to Reading, Pennsylvania, to conduct interviews about the impact that the decline of manufacturing jobs

had on lives in the factory town. Nottage's play "Sweat," which was inspired by those interviews, depicts rising racial tension in a similar small town as opportunities diminish. Nottage talks with David Remnick about the work's relationship to Donald Trump.

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BBC Radio 4 - Brexit: A Guide for the Perplexed
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b08ffww9>

As the UK prepares to begin leaving the EU, what are the key deals to be done? Chris Morris cuts through the jargon to discover how everyone's lives could change.

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Radio Ecoshock: Things to Do on the Way to Apocalypse
<http://www.ecoshock.org/2017/03/things-to-do-on-the-way-to-apocalypse.html>

We begin with a startling way to reduce carbon in the atmosphere. Dr. Peter Kelemen, of Columbia University, reports from his field work in Oman. Then, are you dreaming of moving to the country? We get tips from Jill Winger at her Prairie Homestead in Wyoming. All that, plus a couple of answers for climate doubters, from Professor Jim White.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 3.18-19.2017***

1. **Intercepted with Jeremy Scahill: Snowden vs. Trump**
<https://theintercept.com/2017/03/15/intercepted-podcast-snowden-vs-trump/>

“All governments lie,” NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden said in an exclusive interview with Intercepted. “All governments break the law. And most frequently, this happens without us realizing it.” This week, Intercepted broadcasts from the SXSW Festival in Austin, Texas. Snowden joined us via video feed from Moscow. He discusses Trump’s allegations that Barack Obama tapped Trump Tower and analyzes some of the CIA’s hacking capabilities. Snowden also offers his analysis of the “deep state” and blasts critics who accuse him of being a Russian agent.

We also interview the Libyan-American hip-hop artist Kayem (formerly known as Khaled M) about his regular detention at U.S. airports, visits from the FBI, and an incident where a police officer asked him to describe the contents of a Koran in the glove compartment of his car. Kayem, who has kept a low profile the past several years, is back on the road performing new music. He shares some verses with Intercepted.

2. **Radio BBC Documentaries: Breaking News**
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p04w19xk>

The media in the United States is broken. Most journalists and media organizations dismissed the possibility of Trump Presidency. Many backed Hillary Clinton to win. It has left them in a precarious position with serious questions about their credibility, fuelled by the President and his inner circle, who have branded them “enemies of the state.” Kyle Pope, editor of the Columbia Journalism Review, asks how the media should respond to a hostile administration and, more importantly, how can the media gain the trust of the vast numbers of people who think it is hopelessly biased.

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Indivisible: Millennials and a Polarized America

<http://www.wnyc.org/story/millennials-and-polarized-america-indivisible-podcast/>

Many Americans in the millennial generation can understandably say they've never known a political climate that was not polarized to the point of gridlock. By the next presidential election, Americans under age 35 will be the largest generation of eligible voters in the nation. But surveys show millennials would rather be active in their communities than in politics.

Kerri Miller looks at our divided nation through the eyes of millennials and asks if this could be the generation to bring about a solution. Kerri is joined by Kei Kawashima-Ginsberg, director of Tisch College's Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement at Tuft University, and Derrick Feldmann, president of marketing firm Achieve Agency.

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Democracy Now!

<https://www.democracynow.org/shows/2017/2/17>

- In First Solo Press Conference, Trump Attacks Media, Claims Admin Running Like “Fine-Tuned Machine”
- Why Did ICE Arrest & Imprison a 23-Year-Old DREAMer and DACA Recipient Living Legally in the U.S.?
- Undocumented Mother in Sanctuary in Denver Church: I’ve Paid Taxes for 20 Years, Why Hasn’t Trump?
- Denver Church Gives Sanctuary to Immigrant Mother Facing Deportation: “We Are Not Breaking Any Laws”
- Does New Labor Secretary Nominee Alex Acosta Have the Perfect Résumé to Sabotage a Federal Agency?

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Intercepted with Jeremy Scahill:

Trump's Cabinet of Killers and Why Orange is the New Anti-Black

<https://theintercept.com/2017/02/08/intercepted-podcast-president-trumps-cabinet-of-killers-and-why-orange-is-the-new-anti-black/>

This week, investigative reporter Allan Nairn breaks down Trump's relationship with the CIA and the killer assembly of neocons and right-wing conspiracists running the U.S. war machine. Princeton professor Keeanga Yamahtta-Taylor dismantles Obama's problematic legacy and offers strategic advice for resisting Trump. *The Intercept's* own distinguished alt-historian, Jon Schwarz, offers a lesson on the origins of presidential executive orders. And Kimya Dawson gives a raw performance of a new song about racism and the police state.

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Democracy Now!

<https://www.democracynow.org/shows/2017/2/3>

- Does Donald Trump Think Frederick Douglass is Alive? Douglass's Great-Great-Great-Grandson Clarifies
- Yemen: Jeremy Scahill & Advocates Question "Success" of Trump Raid That Killed 24 Civilians
- Meet Lewis Wallace: Trans Reporter Fired for Writing About Journalistic Integrity in Trump Era

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***News Hour:
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Weekend of 1.28-29.2017***

1. **Radio Ecoshock: Scribblers of Climate Truth**
<http://www.ecoshock.org/2017/01/scribblers-of-climate-truth.html>

What is happening and what is coming? Alex's guest is risk analyst, published author, and host of Robert Scribbler's Blog. From the worst fears to faint glimmers of hope, the hunt for climate truth.

2. **The Resistance with Keith Olbermann**
<http://www.gq.com/story/watch-the-closer-keith-olbermann>

- Episode 23: *Trump's Devious Plan to Destroy the White House Press Corps*
- Episode 24: *Boycott the Inauguration*
- Episode 25: *A Plea to Trump Fans: This Man is Dangerous*
- Episode 26: *How the Media Needs to Respond to Trump Now*

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 1.21-22.2017

President Barack Obama's Farewell Address, 10. January. 2017

<http://www.latimes.com/politics/la-pol-obama-farewell-speech-transcript-20170110-story.html>

President Barak Obama concludes his eight years of US presidency with the traditional farewell address, given in his hometown of Chicago.

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***News Hour:
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Weekend of 12.03-04.2016***

1. **Radio BBC Documentaries: How to Win a US Election**
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p04gg4yb>

After one of the most extraordinary and unpredictable US Presidential election campaigns, Americans have voted for their next President, choosing Donald Trump to take his place in the White House.

With the result still resonating, Katty Kay takes a post-election view from the perspective of the winning side. She hears why Trump supporters in the key swing state of Pennsylvania were so motivated to vote for Trump and explores the key moments and turning points from the campaigns.

2. **Radio BBC Documentaries: The Life of President Fidel Castro**
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p04j90lm>

Cuba's iconic leader has died - we look back over his life.

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***News Hour:
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Weekend of 11.26-27.2016***

Radio Ecoshock: Climate: Too Far & Too Fast?
<http://www.ecoshock.org/2016/11/climate-too-far-too-fast.html>

Scientist Tobias Friedrich says Earth could heat up 6 degrees C., almost 11 degrees F, in a single lifetime. Richard Heede finds 83 companies, plus 7 countries, are responsible for 65% of all greenhouse gases. He names names. Then, restoring carbon to the soil, with Murielle Trouillet from the government of France.

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Democracy Now!
<https://democracynow.org/shows/2016/11/18>

Interview with former Irish President Mary Robinson about the world climate crisis, & the coming presidency of Donald Trump.

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***News Hour:
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Weekend of 11.05-06.2016***

Ken Rudin's Political Junkie: The 2016 Presidential Election Special
<http://krpoliticaljunkie.com/episode-152/>

Reports from Mara Liasson, the national political correspondent for NPR, and Aaron Blake, a political reporter with the *Washington Post*. Both weigh the impact of early voting, organization, and the effects of FBI Director Comey's letter to Congress about additional Clinton emails. Two veterans of the *Cook Political Report*, Jennifer Duffy, and David Wasserman, join the program to talk about the battles for control of the Senate and House. And then we hear from two savvy political pros about the future of their respective parties. Former Minnesota Congressman Vin Weber assesses what's next for the Republicans, while Democratic pollster Mark Mellman addresses the future of the Democratic Party.

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Weekend of 10.15-16.2016***

Second 2016 US Presidential Debate
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IcNyCmBTJCY>

With less than a month until Election Day, Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton once again take to the debate stage. Moderated by Anderson Cooper (CNN), and Martha Raddatz (ABC), this debate takes the form of a town-hall-style meeting, during which the candidates answered questions from audience members, as well as the moderators.

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US Vice-Presidential Debate
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=is8cx0q39bI>

In their only debate of 2016, the vice-presidential candidates Tim Kaine and Mike Pence launched into blistering attacks on their opponents' running mates, stretched time limits into oblivion, and also did include significant, thoughtful policy discussions.

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Weekend of 10.01-02.2016***

First 2016 US Presidential Debate

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EuHuzhzb1nc>

Debate between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump includes discussion of the economy and job creation; trade; the federal deficit; race relations and policing; the war on terror; the foreign policy of the United States; and each candidate's experience in the political and business realm.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 9.24-25.2016***

Radio Ecoshock: Speaking of Climate Collapse
<http://www.ecoshock.org/2016/09/speaking-of-climate-collapse.html>

From Antarctica to Europe, it's hot, hot, hot. According to NASA, this past July and August are tied for the hottest months since humans could keep such records on planet Earth. The Arctic sea ice is the second lowest ever recorded. Russian fires are intense and Northern Europeans just enjoyed a second summer in the middle of September.

What will humans do in a climate-damaged future? In this program we look at the most awful, with science fiction writer Anthony J. Gerst, with a dash of hope, with carbon herder Ariel Greenwood. In between you'll hear two new climate rap songs from master entertainer Baba Brinkman.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 9.03-04.2016***

1. **Radio BBC Documentaries: Protesting in Putin's Russia**
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p045qgr9>

After the last elections in Russia, mass protests against vote-rigging led to clashes in the center of Moscow. The events on Bolotnaya Square were the biggest challenge President Putin has ever faced to his rule. Four years on, several demonstrators are still serving long prison sentences, the laws on protesting have been tightened, and the arrests continue. As Russia gears up for parliamentary elections in September, Sarah Rainsford talks to some of those caught up in the Bolotnaya protests, and asks what their stories tell us about Putin's Russia today.

2. **Radio BBC Documentaries: Addicted in Suburbia**
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p046flxj>

The United States is in the throes of a heroin and opiate epidemic. For *Crossing Continents*, India Rakusen travels to Lorain County, in the state of Ohio, where addiction has become part of everyday life. West of the city of Cleveland, Avon Lake is a wealthy suburb—its large, expensive properties back onto the shores of Lake Erie, and wild deer frolic on neat lawns. But behind this façade, there is a crisis. Many families have felt the damaging impact of addiction. And across Lorain County, opiates—pharmaceutical and street heroin—have killed twice as many people in the first six months of 2016 alone as died in the whole of 2015.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 8.27-28.2016***

New Yorker Radio Hour: Russia Then and Now, and the Bard of Katonah
<http://www.newyorker.com/podcast/the-new-yorker-radio-hour/episode-44-russia-then-and-now-and-the-bard-of-katonah/?popout=true>

Twenty-five years ago, an attempted coup rattled the Soviet Union. David Remnick and Masha Lipman recall reporting from Moscow during the August coup, and discuss how its aftermath shaped Vladimir Putin's path to power. Jake Sullivan, Hillary Clinton's top policy adviser, discusses how Russian hacking has affected Clinton's campaign.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 8.20-21.2016***

Earshot: The Hidden History of Eugenics

<http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/earshot/features/hidden-history-of-eugenics/>

The ugly specter of eugenics left a dark stain on the 20th century, with the genocidal quest of the Nazis to breed a “master race.” But the eugenic agenda reached much further and deeper still—into everyday laws and lives across the Western world—with profound consequences. In this four-part-series, Natasha Mitchell reveals a little-told story of misplaced power, misguided science, and social engineering. From wrenching personal accounts of enforced sterilization to the fledgling foundations of education in Australia—have we learnt from the mistakes of our past or are we at risk of repeating them? Are we on the cusp of a new “liberal” eugenics, driven by modern genetics and the mantra of individual choice? Join Natasha as she dons a lab coat too, to learn a game-changing gene editing technique. It’s recently landed in the world’s labs with a bang—but why are scientists as anxious about its prospects as they are excited?

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 8.13-14.2016***

American RadioWorks: Campaign '68
<http://americanradioworks.publicradio.org/features/campaign68/>

The 1968 presidential election was a watershed in American politics. After dominating the political landscape for more than a generation, the Democratic Party crumbled. Richard M. Nixon was elected president and a new era of Republican conservatism was born. In the wake of another historic election, we look back 40 years to the dramatic story of Campaign '68.

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Weekend of 7.30-31.2016***

Select Speeches from the 2016 U.S. Democratic Party National Convention
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2016_Democratic_National_Convention

Speeches by:

- First Lady Michelle Obama
- U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-Massachusetts)
- U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders (D-Vermont)
- U.S. President Barack Obama
- Democratic Party Presidential Nominee Hillary Clinton

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 7.23-24.2016***

3. **Scene on Radio: Hearing Hiroshima**
<http://podcast.cdsporch.org/episode-20-hearing-hiroshima/>

The word “Hiroshima” may bring to mind a black-and-white image of a mushroom cloud. It’s easy to forget that it’s an actual city with a million people and a popular baseball team. How did the cataclysm of 1945 reverberate in the place where it happened?

4. **Radio BBC Documentaries: The Body on the Moor**
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03wy14r>

A body is found on the moor, with no clue as to who the man was. And he died from poisoning. Who is he? Why was he there? Jon Manel follows the police inquiry for BBC Radio 4.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 7.16-17.2016***

Radio BBC Documentaries: Obama's World
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p040vznt>

When Barack Obama was sworn into office in January 2009, he promised to change the way America behaved abroad. His foreign policy objectives were clear. He would reset relations with Russia, extend a hand of friendship to the Muslim world, bring Iran in from the cold, and end the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. He promised action on nuclear arms and climate change. How the world will look back on Obama's time in office?

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 6.11-12.2016***

Radio Ecoshock: Peak Oil? Life of M. King Hubbert
<http://www.ecoshock.org/2016/06/peak-oil-life-of-m-king-hubbert.html>

This week we're going to look at a life that shaped energy expectations, a whole social movement, and American military policy in the Middle East. Finally, there is a biography of M. King Hubbert, the man who warned oil companies and the world about Peak Oil. We'll ask author Mason Inman about the man, his legacy, and what it means now, in this brief time of oil glut.

Then I'll check in with Australian extreme weather specialist Lisa Alexander, to get her measure of the record-setting Indian heat wave now cooling to the monsoon rains.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 6.04-05.2016***

The Axe Files with David Axelrod

<http://podcast.cnn.com/the-axe-files-david-axelrod/episode/all/0e7SaGb8M388z2/h9cfne.html>

Former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder discusses his childhood in New York City, his tenure at the Justice Department, his views on Donald Trump, Edward Snowden, and much more.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 5.28-29.2016***

Serial: Pfc. Bowe Bergdahl – Episode 11: Present for Duty
<https://serialpodcast.org/season-two/11/present-for-duty>

What is Bowe's fault, and what isn't?

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 4.30-5.1.2016***

Serial: Pfc. Bowe Bergdahl – Episode 10: Thorny Politics
<https://serialpodcast.org/season-two/10/thorny-politics>

Are you hearing what I'm hearing?

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 4.16-17.2016***

Democratic Presidential Debate

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/04/14/politics/best-quotes-democratic-debate-brooklyn-new-york/>

Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders squared off in a bruising Brooklyn debate Thursday night, less than a week out from New York's critical—and increasingly contentious—primary.

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***News Hour:
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Serial: Pfc. Bowe Bergdahl – Episode 9: Trade Secrets
<https://serialpodcast.org/season-two/9/trade-secrets>

You don't make peace with your friends.

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World Week in Review
Weekend of 3.26-27.2016***

Serial: Pfc. Bowe Bergdahl – Episodes 7-8: Hindsight

Part 1: <https://serialpodcast.org/season-two/7/hindsight-part-1>

Part 2: <https://serialpodcast.org/season-two/8/hindsight-part-2>

It makes sense if you're Bowe Bergdahl. Also, Woulda, coulda, shoulda . . .

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***News Hour:
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Serial: Pfc. Bowe Bergdahl – Episode 6: 5 O’Clock Shadow
<https://serialpodcast.org/season-two/6/5-oclock-shadow>

Why did Bowe Bergdahl walk off?

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Serial: Pfc. Bowe Bergdahl – Episode 5: Meanwhile in Tampa
<https://serialpodcast.org/season-two/5/meanwhile-in-tampa>

CIA, FBI, YouTube, the Portland PD? There was no handbook for getting Bergdahl back.

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Serial: Pfc. Bowe Bergdahl – Episode 4: The Captors
<https://serialpodcast.org/season-two/4/the-captors>

What's happening on the other side of the door?

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 2.06-07.2016***

Serial: Pfc. Bowe Bergdahl – Episode 3: Escaping
<https://serialpodcast.org/season-two/3/escaping>

On the move with Bergdahl, the Taliban slip past the U.S. Army's massive effort to find him. During those days and weeks, each side is asking: what is Bergdahl worth to us?

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Serial: Pfc. Bowe Bergdahl – Episode 2: The Golden Chicken
<https://serialpodcast.org/season-two/2/the-golden-chicken>

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***News Hour:
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Serial: Pfc. Bowe Bergdahl – Episode 1: DUSTWUN
<https://serialpodcast.org/season-two/1/dustwun>

In the middle of the night, Pfc. Bowe Bergdahl grabs a notebook, snacks, water, some cash. Then he quietly slips off a remote U.S. Army outpost in eastern Afghanistan and into the dark, open desert. About 20 minutes later, it occurs to him: he's in over his head.

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***News Hour:
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President Barack Obama: 2016 State of the Union Address
<https://www.whitehouse.gov/sotu>

President Barack Obama gives his final State of the Union Address. In it, he addresses the following four questions:

1. How do we give everyone a fair shot at opportunity and security in this new economy?
2. How do we make technology work for us, and not against us—especially when it comes to solving urgent challenges like climate change?
3. How do we keep America safe and lead the world without becoming its policeman?
4. How can we make our politics reflect what's best in us, and not what's worst?

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***News Hour:
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Weekend of 12.12-13.2015***

3. **The Stream: Young and Black in the US**

<http://stream.aljazeera.com/story/201512092349-0025107>

US inner cities are rife with violence, racism and poverty. That toxic stress is hard enough for some African Americans growing up there. But when there's also a national conversation about how much Black Lives Matter, developing a healthy sense of self can be an even greater challenge. The Stream's Femi Oke and Malika Bilal ask students from Baltimore and Chicago how they're realising their potential.

4. **Radio BBC Documentaries: Sex and the Synod: Decision Time**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p037mwz7>

Pope Francis has brought together nearly 300 bishops from all over the world for a special Synod on the Family. He has asked them to speak frankly and with courage about his Church's most divisive teachings—those that affect the sex lives of more than billion people. The stakes are high. Just calling the synod has raised hopes among liberal Catholics, who would like Rome to relax its teachings on homosexuality, birth control, and divorce and remarriage. But will the reformers succeed given that the Church's new powerhouse is Africa, where many believers want their bishops to uphold tradition and doctrine?

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 11.28-29.2015***

1. **Radio Ecoshock: Facing the Harsh Realities of Now**
<http://www.ecoshock.info/2015/11/facing-harsh-realities-of-now>

David Wasdell, head of the Apollo-Gaia Project, returns to *Radio Ecoshock* with devastating revelations about how climate science has been manipulated or ignored by the IPCC, and by the leaders meeting in Paris. We are committed to far more than two degrees of warming. A vastly changed world awaits.

2. **Radio Ecoshock: True Voices**
<http://www.ecoshock.info/2015/11/true-voices.html>

Courtney White says we can capture carbon back into the soil, even if only two percent of the population act. I'll talk new science with Justin Mankin—how disappearing snow cover will impact people around the world. We wrap with octogenarian activist and author Peter Seidel, saying we still have time.

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***News Hour:
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Weekend of 11.21-22.2015***

Democracy Now!: Interview with Journalist Glenn Greenwald
<http://www.democracynow.org/shows/2015/11/19>

In the aftermath of the Paris attacks, media coverage has seen familiar patterns: uncritically repeat government claims, defend expansive state power, and blame the Muslim community for the acts of a few. We discuss media fear-mongering, anti-Muslim scapegoating, ISIL's roots, and war profiteering with Glenn Greenwald, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and co-founder of *The Intercept*. "Every time there's a terrorist attack, Western leaders exploit that attack to do more wars," Greenwald says. "Which in turn means they transfer huge amounts of taxpayer money to these corporations that sell arms. And so investors are fully aware that the main people who are going to benefit from this escalation as a result of Paris are not the American people or the people of the West—and certainly not the people of Syria—it is essentially the military-industrial complex."

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 11.14-15.2015***

1. **Democracy Now!: Republican Presidential Candidates Debate**
<http://www.democracynow.org/shows/2015/11/11>

- GOP candidates spar on Syria & immigration, but agree on one thing: don't raise the minimum wage
- After scapegoating African-Americans for years, GOP faces "Black Bogeyman" Ben Carson
- Cuban-American candidates Ted Cruz, Marco Rubio tout immigrant narratives despite stances on reform

2. **Radio BBC Documentaries: Sex and the Synod: Defenders of Doctrine**
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p036zqkn>

Helen Grady reports from Kenya, where the country's most senior cleric, Archbishop of Nairobi Cardinal John Njue, takes an uncompromising approach to his Church's rules about sex. He believes gay and lesbian Christians need counseling and that neither they nor divorced and remarried parishioners should be allowed to receive Holy Communion, the central rite of the Catholic faith. At Nairobi's Cathedral, the Holy Family Basilica, Cardinal Njue's views are echoed by mass-goers. But when Helen talks to Kenyan Catholics in their homes and workplaces a more complicated picture emerges, with not everyone following the Church's guidelines for family life.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 11.07-08.2015***

1. **Radio BBC Documentaries: Sex and the Synod: Pushing the Boundaries**
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03714lq>

As Pope Francis drags his Church through radical reforms, will he fulfill the expectations when it comes to his Church's most challenging and controversial teachings—on sex?

2. **Radio BBC Documentaries: Interview with Edward Snowden**
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p035158f>

Why Edward Snowden exposed the mass surveillance by American and British intelligence agencies.

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Radio Ecoshock: How We Might Survive
<http://www.ecoshock.info/2015/10/how-we-might-survive.html>

Will China lead the world into a new “ecological civilization,” while America falls behind into the remnants of the old carbon age? Hidden by mainstream media, major changes are developing on the global stage. Our guest Laurence Brahm gives us a tour. Meanwhile, business as usual is setting us up for the awful shocks of climate disruption. Our second guest Gernot Wagner says our economies are heading into a series of hits, something he calls “climate shock.”

In fact, scientific studies say there is at least a ten percent chance we won’t survive at all. We are gambling with an ecosphere, our descendants and a geological age. Let’s hope the ecological civilization comes in time, and let’s pay attention to those who try to lead us there.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 10.10-11.2015

1. **President Obama's Climate Change Plan**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=psvBvKtqy5Y>

The Obama administration unveiled in August 2015 a major climate change plan aimed at a large reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from the nation's coal-burning power plants.

2. **The Shortwave Report**
http://www.outfarpress.com/sw10_09_15notes.html

This week's show features stories from Radio Deutsche-Welle, Spanish National Radio, Sputnik Radio, & Radio Havana Cuba.

From Germany - Edward Snowden has praised the European Court of Justice for invalidating a 15-year-old pact allowing US access to Europeans computer data. In some parts of Germany refugees are being attacked and dozens of shelters have been burned. German Chancellor Merkel has ruled out limitations on the number of refugees entering Germany. Last Sunday Syrian President Assad gave his backing for Russian air strikes on militant groups, and accused Western nations of fueling terrorism by backing rebel groups. By Wednesday Syrian ground troops had launched a major offensive against the rebels.

From Spain - An in-depth report on the war in Syria, questioning what is at stake, why did the so-called Islamic State grow while the US was bombing their strongholds, what is Russia hoping to accomplish, and why is the American and European media perpetuating misinformation. Then, why are Doctors Without Borders calling the US attack on their hospital a war crime?

From Russia - Afshin Rattansi interviews Paul Craig-Roberts on why every US and NATO-backed attack in the Middle East has ended in failure and chaos, creating the current refugee crisis. Roberts asserts that the Russian intervention in Syria is the beginning of the end of US military hegemony, and that European nations will soon cease to be vassals of the US empire.

From Cuba - A Viewpoint on the media response to the Leap Manifesto in Canada. The manifesto is a declaration by prominent citizens calling for rapid reduction in the use of fossil fuels, respect for indigenous rights, debating a guaranteed annual income, and taking back public control of energy systems.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 9.19-20.2015***

1. **Radio BBC Documentaries: Losing Louisiana**
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p030sf2v>

Ten years ago, Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans, leaving over 1800 people dead and causing billions of dollars of damage. It was dramatic and destructive—but Katrina has been described as “like a cold suffered by a cancer patient.” The cancer is the erosion of the coastal wetlands of Southern Louisiana, a slow motion environmental disaster that has continued almost unabated since Katrina. Caused by the taming of the Mississippi and oil and gas exploration, a football field of coastal land washes away every hour and, with it, the homes, places, and livelihoods that have sustained the storied Cajun culture. James Fletcher travels to Bayou Lafourche and the town of Leeville to get to know one community facing the reality of losing their past and their future.

2. **Radio BBC Documentaries: Hodei: The Man Who Vanished**
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0680lpm>

The last time anyone saw Hodei Egiluz, a 23-year-old computer engineer from Spain, was on a night out in the Belgian port of Antwerp in October 2013. Hodei is one of roughly 10,000 people who disappear in Europe every year. But his case has sparked a remarkable response. Practically his entire hometown in Spain got behind the Belgian police search in one way or another. The search for Hodei triggered a campaign that eventually drew in figures such as footballer Ronaldo and the prime minister of Spain. But two years on, Hodei is still missing. Neal Razzell retraces Hodei’s last hours in Antwerp, and tries to unravel the mystery surrounding his disappearance.

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Weekend of 9.12-13.2015***

Radio Ecoshock: Are We Already in Abrupt Climate Change?
<http://www.ecoshock.info/2015/09/are-we-already-in-abrupt-climate-change.html>

Over the summer in the Northern Hemisphere, climate change put in an extreme appearance all over the world. It looks like 2015 will be the hottest year ever, another record-setting year in a string of hot years. Sooner or later, our civilization will begin to crack under the strain. Show guest Paul Beckwith suggests a climate shift could be sooner than most people expect.

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***News Hour:
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Weekend of 8.29-30.2015***

Serial: Murder of Hae Min Lee – Parts 10-12
<http://serialpodcast.org/>

Episode 10: Adnan's trial lawyer was M. Cristina Gutierrez, a renowned defense attorney in Maryland—tough and savvy and smart. Other lawyers said she was exactly the kind of person you'd want defending you on a first-degree murder charge. But Adnan was convicted and, a year later, Gutierrez was disbarred. What happened?

Episode 11: Almost everyone describes the 17-year-old Adnan the same way: good kid, helpful at the mosque, respectful to his elders. But a couple of months ago, Sarah started getting phone calls from people who knew Adnan back then, and told her stories of a different kind of boy.

Episode 12: On January 13, 1999, Adnan Syed was a hurt and vengeful ex-boyfriend who carried out a premeditated murder. Or he was a bewildered bystander, framed for a crime he could never have committed. After 15 months of reporting, we take out everything we've got—interviews and documents and police reports—, and we shake it all out, and we see what sticks.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 8.22-23.2015***

Serial: Murder of Hae Min Lee – Parts 8-9
<http://serialpodcast.org/>

Episode 8: The state's case against Adnan Syed hinged on Jay's credibility; he was their star witness and also, because of his changing statements to police, their chief liability. Naturally, Adnan's lawyer tried hard to make Jay look untrustworthy at trial. So, how did the jurors make sense of Jay? For that matter, how did the cops make sense of Jay? How are we supposed to make sense of Jay?

Episode 9: New information is coming in about what maybe didn't happen on January 13, 1999. And while Adnan's memory of that day is foggy at best, he does remember what happened next: being questioned, being arrested and, a little more than a year later, being sentenced to life in prison.

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Serial: Murder of Hae Min Lee – Parts 5-7
<http://serialpodcast.org/>

Episode 5: Adnan once issued a challenge to Sarah. He told her to test the state's timeline of the murder by driving from Woodlawn High School to Best Buy in 21 minutes. It can't be done, he said. So Sarah and Dana take up the challenge, and raise him one: They try to recreate the entire route that Jay said he and Adnan took on January 13th, 1999.

Episode 6: The physical evidence against Adnan Syed was scant—a few underwhelming fingerprints. So aside from cell records, what did the prosecutors bring to the jury, to shore up Jay's testimony? Sarah weighs all the other circumstantial evidence they had against Adnan, including curious behavior, a disconcerting note, and an unexplained mid-afternoon phone call.

Episode 7: Adnan told Sarah about a case in Virginia that had striking similarities to his own: one key witness, incriminating cell phone records, young people, drugs—and a defendant who has always maintained his innocence. Sarah called up one of the defense attorneys on that case to see if she could offer any insight into Adnan's case, and got much more than she bargained for.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 8.08-09.2015***

Serial: Murder of Hae Min Lee – Parts 1-4
<http://serialpodcast.org/>

On January 13, 1999, a girl named Hae Min Lee, a senior at Woodlawn High School in Baltimore County, Maryland, disappeared. A month later, her body turned up in a city park. She'd been strangled. Her 17-year-old ex-boyfriend, Adnan Syed, was arrested for the crime, and within a year, he was convicted and sentenced to spend the rest of his life in prison. The case against him was largely based on the story of one witness, Adnan's friend Jay, who testified that he helped Adnan bury Hae's body. But Adnan has always maintained he had nothing to do with Hae's death. Some people believe he's telling the truth. Many others don't.

Sarah Koenig, who hosts *Serial*, first learned about this case more than a year ago. In the months since, she's been sorting through box after box (after box) of legal documents and investigators' notes, listening to trial testimony and police interrogations, and talking to everyone she can find who remembers what happened between Adnan Syed and Hae Min Lee fifteen years ago. What she realized is that the trial covered up a far more complicated story, which neither the jury nor the public got to hear. The high school scene, the shifting statements to police, the prejudices, the sketchy alibis, the scant forensic evidence - all of it leads back to the most basic questions: How can you know a person's character? How can you tell what they're capable of?

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 7.25-26.2015***

1. **The Daily Show with Jon Stewart: Interview with President Barack Obama**
<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/episodes/skawjk/july-21--2015--barack-obama>

President Barack Obama sits down with Jon one last time to discuss senioritis, his relationship with the media, and how to engage young people in public service.

2. **Radio BBC Documentaries: Salt and Its Diverse History**
Part One: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02x2v0f>
Part Two: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02x3vw8>

Steph McGovern sets out to explain the role of Salt in our history. In Part One, she hears how it has taken root in our language, visits a chemistry class to find out about how it is produced, and learns its importance to our physical well being. She talks to history professor Peter Wallenstein about the unexpected importance of salt in military strategy right up until the 20th century.

In Part Two, McGovern turns her attention to salt's role in our diet. She begins in Wales at the Halen Mon sea salt company, learning how they produce their salt from the waters of the Menai Straits. Then she moves on to learn more about the wide variety of artisan salts that have become so popular in recent years—from French Fleur du Sel to the beautiful pink Himalayan Rock Salt. She goes on to address the issue of salt and health.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 7.18-19.2015***

Unauthorized Disclosure: The Threat of Unspecified Terrorism Attacks by People Who Shall Not Be Named is Very Real

<http://firedoglake.com/2015/07/12/podcast-the-threat-of-unspecified-terrorism-attacks-by-people-who-shall-not-be-named-is-very-real/>

This episode features Adam Johnson (@adamjohnsonNYC), associate editor at AlterNet.org and contributing writer to Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting (FAIR). Johnson has been aggressively questioning and exposing all aspects of the bogus terror warnings hyped by the government and media recently. He details what drives media outlets like CNN to hype terror warnings that cannot be backed up by specific threats, and talks about the FBI being at least zero for forty when it comes to issuing terror warnings that resulted in attacks.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 6.13-14.2015***

Radio BBC Documentaries: The World's Richest Terror Army
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02s3dgg>

The story of how Islamic State, a small band of fanatical jihadi fighters, became the world's richest terror army.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 6.06-07.2015***

Radio Ecoshock: Crashing Climate Change
<http://www.ecoshock.info/2015/05/crashing-climate-change.html>

Climate scientist Paul Beckwith from the University of Ottawa rejoins Alex Smith to investigate the latest record heat, melting, and emissions. Are we already entering an extreme climate shift?

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 5.30-31.2015***

1. **Unauthorized Disclosure: CIA Whistleblower Jeffrey Sterling & the Government's Campaign to Silence Him**
<http://firedoglake.com/2015/05/17/podcast-cia-whistleblower-jeffrey-sterling-the-governments-campaign-to-silence-him/>

Former CIA officer Jeffrey Sterling was sentenced to three and a half years in prison for leaking to a journalist. It was the longest sentence issued under President Barack Obama's administration by a federal court as punishment for a leak. During a trial in January, he was convicted of violations of the Espionage Act and other offenses. The government convinced a jury, with largely circumstantial evidence, that Sterling had leaked information about a top secret CIA operation in Iran called "Operation Merlin" to *New York Times* reporter James Risen, who later published details on the operation in a chapter of his book, *State of War*. ("Operation Merlin" involved the passage of flawed nuclear blueprints to Iran in order to get them to work on building a nuclear weapon that would never function.) The government pushed hard for Sterling to be sentenced to prison as long as 19 to 24 years.

Jesselyn Radack is the show's guest. Radack is the director of the National Security and Human Rights Division of the Government Accountability Project. She has represented a number of prominent whistleblowers, such as Thomas Drake, John Kiriakou, and, currently, Edward Snowden. She is also a Justice Department whistleblower.

During the interview, Radack discusses Sterling's sentence and compares his case to recent leak prosecutions. She highlights how he is a whistleblower and highlights the personal toll that a prosecution like this can take on a person. She reacts to some notable statements Sterling made in his first interview, which was produced by the advocacy organization, Expose Facts. In the final portion of the interview, Radack reacts to the ridiculous letter to the *Times* from former CIA directors, including some who leaked the names of covert agents. They lecture the *Times* on the need to protect the names of CIA officials involved in the drone program.

2. **New Yorker Political Scene: Race Relations in America**
<http://www.newyorker.com/podcast/political-scene/race-relations-in-america?popout=true>

Jelani Cobb and John Cassidy join Dorothy Wickenden to discuss race relations in the United States.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 5.23-24.2015

1. **Making Contact: Returning Home: From War Fighter to Student**
<http://www.radioproject.org/2015/05/returning-home-war-student/>

Producers at The Stanford Storytelling Project's podcast, *State of the Human*, asked six Stanford students and recent alumni, all veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, to tell their stories about "Returning Home."

2. **Democracy Now!: Interview with Matt Taibbi**
<http://www.democracynow.org/shows/2015/5/22>

Five of the world's top banks will pay over \$5 billion in fines after pleading guilty to rigging the price of foreign currencies and interest rates. Citigroup, JPMorgan Chase, Barclays, and Royal Bank of Scotland pleaded guilty to conspiring to manipulate the price of U.S. dollars and euros exchanged in the \$5 trillion FX spot market. UBS pleaded guilty for its role in manipulating the Libor benchmark interest rate. No individual bank employees were hit with criminal charges as part of the settlements. We are joined by Matt Taibbi, award-winning journalist with *Rolling Stone* magazine.

New cell phone video sheds light on Freddie Gray's fatal journey in a Baltimore police van. The footage obtained by *The Baltimore Sun* shows Gray lying motionless as several police officers shackle his ankles and load him into the vehicle. It appears to contradict earlier police claims that Gray was "irate" and "combative." One of the officers, Lt. Brian Rice, reportedly threatened to use his Taser on the eyewitness who was filming. In his latest article for *Rolling Stone*, "Why Baltimore Blew Up," Matt Taibbi writes: "Instead of using the incident to talk about a campaign of hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of illegal searches and arrests across decades of discriminatory policing policies, the debate revolved around whether or not the teenagers who set fire to two West Baltimore CVS stores after Gray's death were 'thugs,' or merely wrongheaded criminals."

3. **The Shortwave Report**
http://www.outfarpress.com/sw05_22_15notes.html

This week's show features stories from Radio Deutsche-Welle, Radio Havana Cuba, China Radio International, and Sputnik Radio.

From Germany - Former Egyptian President Morsi has been sentenced to death along with 100 others. The next day, six other Egyptians were hanged. Thousands of refugees from Myanmar are stranded in boats near Indonesia, Malaysia, and Thailand, after being denied access to land. In the Mediterranean, German naval ships are rescuing refugees and then sinking the boats. The EU has decided to use military force against those transporting asylum seekers in the Mediterranean. The Hungarian Prime Minister described new EU plans to create asylum quotas for each country as "absurd, bordering on insanity." There is a climate change conference in Berlin this week.

From Cuba - Citizens in Ecuador set a new world record by planting almost 650,000 trees in a single day—the goal was to involve everyone in protecting the environment. There is an intense drought occurring in Cuba, affecting one million people. Agricultural workers in Baja California, Mexico are making less than \$15 US for 12-hour shifts. In Michoacan Mexico, the police are being investigated in the assassination of a mayoral candidate. Tens of thousands of Guatemalans are protesting in the streets, demanding that the president resign in the midst of a corruption scandal that has seen 22 government leaders arrested for corruption. Violence erupted in Jerusalem between Israelis and Palestinians on Sunday. New charges of crimes committed by Israeli soldiers against Palestinians in April.

From China - A series of daily reports on the situations in Nepal after the earthquakes—760,000 homes were damaged or destroyed and the health care infrastructure is gone. China has suspended fishing in the South China Sea during the hot season to protect resources, and Vietnam is protesting the action. The Chinese Premier is visiting South America where he signed an agreement with Brazil on climate protection and renewable energy. New energy efficient cars and ships in China will be exempted from vehicle taxes. There are currently 23 working nuclear power plants in China, with another 29 being built or planned. Chinese authorities are concerned with the arrest of six Chinese nationals in the U.S. accused of economic espionage. The former Thai prime minister has denied all corruption charges in her first court hearing, and has been granted bail.

From Russia - Sophie Shevardnadze interviews Srecko Horvat on immigration problems, austerity, and the evolving politics of the European Union. He is the author of the book *What Does Europe Want?* and says that the EU is exporting debt and walls around the world.

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Radio BBC Documentaries: Sands of Time
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0540h0c>

In this three-part series, Egyptian writer Tarek Osman follows the dramatic events that led to the establishment of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and its rise, in less than 50 years, to the status of global power.

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***News Hour:
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Weekend of 5.09-10.2015***

Radio Ecoshock: Fires Raise Chernobyl Radiation—Again
<http://www.ecoshock.info/2015/05/fires-raise-chernobyl-radiation-again.html>

Some interviews drive by, others stay for the deep record. This week I have two heavy hitters for you. Right out of the international news, forest fires near the Chernobyl nuclear wreck in Ukraine have raised dangerous radioactive particles into the atmosphere—again. We have Dr. Timothy Mousseau, the world's foremost expert on the impacts of Chernobyl, and Fukushima radiation on living things. Then Utah scientist Tim Garrett updates his work showing only a collapse of civilization could prevent terrible climate change. There are new discoveries, about our utter dependence on fossil energy, and where that leads.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 4.11-12.2015***

Radio BBC Documentaries: Australia's Afghan Cameleers
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02mnn26>

Dawood Azami focuses on the life and legacy of the Afghan cameleers, who first arrived in Australia in the 1860s. They played a crucial role in the development of railway lines, overland telegraph line, and provided supplies to remote mission stations and farms. They became part of the pioneering legend of inland Australia by opening up the Australian deserts, exploring it and enabling the early white settlers to survive. He explores the adventurer nature and the entrepreneurial spirit of the Afghans and discusses their ancient and unwritten code of life called Pashtoonwali.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 4.04-05.2015***

Radio Ecoshock: The Crunch—Are You Ready?
<http://www.ecoshock.info/2015/04/the-crunch-are-you-ready.html>

From US Dept of Energy lab, Dr. Steven J. Smith says we will get hotter faster. Paul Goddard on why sea level went up over two inches in New England in one year. Carolyn Baker: preparing our minds and hearts for the coming troubles.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 3.28-29.2015***

1. **Huffington Post Interview with President Obama**
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2015/03/21/obama-huffpost-interview-transcript_n_6905450.html

President Barack Obama sat down with *The Huffington Post*'s Sam Stein for an interview on March 21, discussing everything from sequestration, the Iran nuclear talks and presidential pardons, to overtime pay, athletic scholarships, and sleep.

2. **Radio BBC Documentaries: Understanding Ebola**
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02m8zk9>

How did the disease originate & how was its deadly progress checked? Statistician Hans Rosling & the WHO's Margaret Lamunu discuss their experiences of fighting the disease.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 3.21-22.2015***

Slate.com Political Gabfest: The “Welcome Back, Vladimir” Edition
http://www.slate.com/articles/podcasts/gabfest/2015/03/political_gabfest_on_the_israeli_elections_russian_president_vladimir_putin.html

On this week’s Slate Political Gabfest, special guest Julia Ioffe, of the *New York Times Magazine*, John Dickerson, and David Plotz discuss the aftermath of Israel’s 2015 Knesset elections, the return of Russian President Vladimir Putin from his mysterious disappearance, and the sudden resignation of Illinois Rep. Aaron Schock amid allegations of ethical and legal violations.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 3.14-15.2015***

Radio BBC Documentaries: The Price of Inequality
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02kkyh2>

If the statistics can be believed, over the last 30 years the gap between rich and poor in the West has grown as cavernous as it was in the nineteenth century. In the US, for example, the richest 1% of the population is estimated to own more than 40% of the country's wealth. And it is a similar picture across the planet. But who are the 1%? How have they made their wealth? And why have the rest of us seemingly been left behind? Robert Peston speaks to leading policymakers and opinion shapers as he charts the new consensus that inequality is the biggest economic challenge we face.

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***News Hour:
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Weekend of 3.07-08.2015***

Radio Ecoshock: Climate Disruption of Our Lives
<http://www.ecoshock.info/2015/03/climate-disruption-of-our-lives.html>

In the 1990s we talked about “global warming.” The planet would slowly warm, scientists told us. Maybe that would be good for people living with cold winters—kind of like Florida slowly moving to your house. Then we learned other things would be affected, like rainfall and rising seas, so we called it “climate change.” Around 2008, scientist John Holdren said it should be “climate disruption.”

Meanwhile, Europe has been back and forth between cold, and strings of rainy storms. Instead of nice warm winters, the eastern United States has experienced a series of Arctic cold waves and record-setting snowfalls. I know my East Coast listeners are praying these kind of vicious winters are not the new normal. Is it possible they are?

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 2.21-22.2015

1. **Truthdig: If Ubiquitous Surveillance Doesn't Stop Terrorism, Why Does the NSA Want to Know Everything**

http://www.truthdig.com/avbooth/item/if_ubiquitous_surveillance_doesnt_stop_terrorism_why_does_the_nsa_want_to_k

Robert Scheer responds to new revelations about NSA hacks on hard drives and nearly every cell in the U.S. Also, David Blau on the childcare problem.

2. **Short Wave Report**

http://www.outfarpress.com/sw02_20_15notes.html

This week's show features stories from NHK World Radio Japan, Radio Havana Cuba, Radio Deutsche-Welle, Sputnik Radio.

From Japan – Eastern Ukraine separatists took over a major train station, and government forces withdrew. The government called on the UN to send peacekeepers to the region that the separatists criticized as violating the ceasefire. The Japanese government is still uncertain as to what to do with the increasing radioactive waste from Fukushima. Canadian authorities have confirmed a new case of mad cow disease. The Palestinian Authority is seeking international help to resume peace talks with Israel. Egypt dropped bombs on insurgents in Libya in retaliation for a video showing Egyptians being beheaded—Libya and Egypt want the UN to lift the arms embargo against Libya. Turkey will allow sites for the US to train ground troops for an invasion into Syria—the US will also train troops in Saudi Arabia.

From Cuba - F16 jets from the United Arab Emirate have blown up oil refineries controlled by ISIL troops. Venezuelan President Maduro released new information on this month's foiled coup against his government, and asked President Obama to stop his officials from meddling in Venezuelan affairs. A woman activist in the search for the 43 disappeared students in Mexico was shot to death in front of her children.

From Germany - Greeks across the country rallied against austerity measures while the EU urged an extension of the bailout under current terms. The EU central bank approved a two-week extension of emergency funding for Greek banks. There were more arrests in Denmark in connection with shootings at a cafe and synagogue- there was a large memorial rally held in Copenhagen. The French government used special powers to pass an economic reform bill, leading many to expect a no-confidence debate in Parliament. Russian President Putin was in Hungary dealing gas supplies and the construction of two nuclear power plants. A quarter of a million Argentinians held a silent march for the state prosecutor found dead hours before he was due to testify against the President. The US announced it is prepared to sell armed drones on the global market.

From Russia - An interview with a former US intelligence official, Mark Fellen, about

interrogation techniques and the unreliability of torture. He describes misguided policies at Guantanamo Bay that served as major recruiting assets for terrorist groups.

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***News Hour:
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8. **Radio BBC Documentaries: Ukraine: The Untold Story of the Maidan Killings**
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02jskv3>

One year on from the massacre in Kiev's Maidan Square, when more than fifty protestors were killed. It was the events on Maidan that led to Ukraine's pro-Russian president fleeing the country, sparking a confrontation over Crimea and now in the east of the country. So what did happen on Maidan Square, an event that has pushed the world to the brink of a new cold war? Gabriel Gatehouse investigates.

9. **Radio BBC Documentaries: Egypt: Searching for Justice**
<https://player.fm/series/documentaries/docarchive-egypt-searching-for-justice>

Claire Read has spent the last six months following a court case in Egypt and trying to get to grips with how the country's justice system operates under the government of President Sisi.

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Radio Ecoshock: Abrupt Climate Change—Again!
<http://www.ecoshock.info/2015/02/abrupt-climate-change-again>

Dr. James White, Arctic specialist at the University of Colorado, says abrupt climate shifts happened in the past, are happening now, and will come again. Huge changes possible. Then UK psychotherapist Ro Randall on how to talk to a denier. Clip of Robert Kennedy Jr. on coal.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 1.31-2.01.2015***

1. **President Barack Obama: 2015 State of the Union Address**
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2015/01/20/remarks-president-state-union-address-january-20-2015>

The address focuses on the improved American economic situation and the fight against terrorism, especially the threat of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. Obama calls for community college to be made free, proposes a new tax on Wall Street companies, and announces that he will issue an executive order to guarantee workers up to seven days of paid sick leave.

2. **Democracy Now!: Responses to Obama's State of the Union Address**
<http://www.democracynow.org/shows/2015/1/21>

This show spends its hour reviewing the contents of Obama's SOTU, and interviewing various persons for reaction—including Rep. Keith Ellison, Ralph Nader, & David Cay Johnston.

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***News Hour:
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Weekend of 1.17-18.2015***

William Pepper: The Execution of Martin Luther King
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mWS1KPCmOrI>

Talk by the author of *An Act of State: The Execution of Martin Luther King* and *Orders to Kill: The Truth Behind the Murder of Martin Luther King*, given February 27, 2003 in Seattle.

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***News Hour:
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Weekend of 1.10-11.2015***

Radio BBC Documentaries: Surviving the Most Lethal Route in the World
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02fvf9r>

One boat, two families: trying to escape war in Syria, desperate to start a new life in Europe. In October 2013, dozens of migrants aboard that boat died, as it travelled across the Mediterranean Sea. But some eventually made it to Malta. What happened next?

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***News Hour:
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Weekend of 12.13-14.2014***

Radio Ecoshock: Eco-Horror

<http://www.ecoshock.info/2014/12/eco-horror.html>

UK “eco-horror” novelist Joseph D’Lacey on living after the Apocalypse. Stanford’s Dr. Mary Kang: oil & gas pipes leak methane after shutdown. Scientist Michael Mann’s take on *The Newsroom* climate doom.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 12.6-7.2014

1. **The Daily Show: This Week's Coverage of the Michael Brown and Eric Garner Murders**
<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/>

Jon Stewart reviews the fallout from the decision not to indict Ferguson, Missouri policeman Darren Wilson for his killing of Michael Brown, and a similar decision in the Eric Garner choking death in New York.

2. **Short Wave Report**
http://www.outfarpress.com/sw12_05_14notes.html

This week's show features stories from Radio Deutschewelle, Radio Sputnik, NHK World Radio Japan, and Radio Havana Cuba.

From Germany – Three short reports about the Ebola crisis with opinions from the WHO, Doctors without Borders, and one of the scientists who first identified the virus. In Switzerland, a referendum to create a cap on immigration was soundly defeated. Israeli PM Netanyahu has called elections two years ahead of schedule, saying that he would not tolerate any opposition in his government. At a NATO conference in Brussels more support for the Ukraine military was granted and a new fast reaction force was created with Russia in mind.

From Russia - An Egyptian court sentenced 185 citizens to death for an attack on a police station. Egypt will make it illegal to “insult” the coup that placed General Sisi in power. Russia will build a new pipeline across the Black Sea to Turkey and abandon the plans for the south stream pipeline. The ruble is plummeting in exchange rates with the US dollar because of oil prices. Russia says that the election in Moldova was corrupt. Then an interview with an American professor Kim Cobb on the UN conference on climate change going on in Lima, Peru.

From Japan - More details on the report that this year saw the highest global temperature in recorded history, underscoring the urgency of discussions on measures to fight global warming. Ukraine has formed a new pro-Western cabinet, including three non-Ukrainians granted citizenship by Presidential decree. The Occupy protests in Hong Kong became quite violent over the weekend, with many protestors injured. Public support is said to be declining and founders of the movement are seeking new approaches. China warned Britain's lawmakers to stay out of the Hong Kong conflict. Marine Le Pen was reelected as leader of the right wing National Front Party—many observers see her as the leading candidate in the next Presidential election.

From Cuba - French lawmakers voted overwhelmingly in favor of recognizing Palestine as an independent state. The UN general assembly has adopted an Arab backed resolution urging Israel to join the Non-Proliferation Treaty—the US and Canada opposed the resolution that would have Israeli nuclear facilities subject to inspection by the International Atomic Energy Agency. Demonstrations in Mexico over the 43 missing students continued across the country, with demands for an end to government repression of protests. The founder of

Argentinian human rights group Grandmothers of Plaza de Mayo met with the parents of the missing 43 students in Mexico City. The Syrian government and several foreign-backed opposition groups have agreed to resume peace talks mediated by Russia.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 11.29-30.2014***

Democracy Now!: In U.N. Speech, Noam Chomsky Blasts United States for Supporting Israel, Blocking Palestinian State
<http://www.democracynow.org/shows/2014/11/27>

Political dissident Noam Chomsky speaks in the hall of the U.N. General Assembly at an event sponsored by the United Nations Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People. "The pattern that was set in January 1976 continues to the present," said Chomsky, Institute Professor Emeritus at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. "Israel rejects a settlement of these terms and for many years has been devoting extensive resources to ensuring it will not be implemented with the unrelenting and decisive support of the United States—military, economic, diplomatic and ideological."

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 11.22-23.2014***

Unauthorized Disclosure: Attorney for Palestinian American Organizer Rasmia Odeh Discusses Significance of Her Conviction

<http://dissenter.firedoglake.com/2014/11/16/podcast-attorney-for-palestinian-american-organizer-rasmia-odeh-discusses-significance-of-her-conviction/>

Palestinian American organizer Rasmia Odeh, who immigrated to the United States about twenty years ago, was convicted on November 10 of immigration fraud by a jury in Detroit. She immediately was taken into custody and jailed after the judge revoked her bond during an afternoon hearing.

Supporters of Odeh put out a statement after the verdict calling the result a “travesty of justice,” and adding, “Although there is real anger and disappointment in the jury’s verdict, it was known as early as October 27th that she would not get a full and fair trial.”

Michael Deutsch, who was the lead attorney for Odeh in the case, appeared on *Unauthorized Disclosure* to talk about the verdict and what happened during trial. He explains how the judge gutted her defense, blocking her from being able to testify about how she was subjected to sexual torture by Israeli soldiers in 1969. The military coerced a confession out of her that she had been involved in bombings and then convicted her of terrorism. But she could not talk about this experience from the stand.

After the interview, Rania Khalek and I discuss the United Nations Committee Against Torture proceedings in which the US delegation was confronted on issues related to US torture. We highlight what is happening in Ferguson, Missouri, as people prepare for the announcement on whether Officer Wilson will be indicted for killing Mike Brown. Khalek describes how journalists Max Blumenthal and David Sheen might be banned from German parliament. We also discuss Navy war games over national parks and a US Marshal’s Service dragnet spy program.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 11.15-16.2014***

Radio BBC Documentaries: The Ghostly Voices of World War One
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p029wdb7>

Hidden away in the backrooms at Humbolt University and the Ethnological Museum in Berlin are some of the most remarkable sound recordings ever made. They date back to World War One and capture the voices of some of the ordinary men who fought in “the war to end all wars.” They were recorded by German academics who realized they didn’t have to go abroad to research the world’s many different languages. Instead, they were able to focus on captured soldiers from the furthest reaches of the British Empire, who were being held at prisoner of war camps all over Germany. Among them were a group of Hindus, Sikhs, and Indian soldiers imprisoned at camps on the outskirts of Berlin. They performed poems, songs and stories which were recorded using Thomas Edison’s latest invention.

How these men lived out the rest of their lives has been cloaked in obscurity. On a quest to discover what happened to them and how they died, and armed with the recordings, Priyath Liyanage travels from Germany across the world to some of the villages in northern India where these men lived. It proves to be an emotional journey, resurrecting memories that had long been forgotten. These old soldiers may be long gone but their voices live on.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 11.08-09.2014***

Radio Ecoshock: The World of Radical Facts
<http://www.ecoshock.info/2014/11/the-world-of-radical-facts.html>

Super-scientist Mark Jacobson from Stanford explains soot-causing warming and a way to run the world on clean energy by 2030. We visit an UltraMega coal power plant in India. Manzoor Qadir on the farm soil loss larger than France since 1990.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 10.18-19.2014***

**Democracy Now!: James Risen Prepared to “Pay Any Price” to Report on War on Terror
Amid Crackdown on Whistleblowers**
http://www.democracynow.org/2014/10/14/james_risen_prepared_to_pay_any

We spend the hour with veteran *New York Times* investigative reporter James Risen, the journalist at the center of one of the most significant press freedom cases in decades. In 2006, Risen won a Pulitzer Prize for his reporting about warrantless wiretapping of Americans by the National Security Agency. He has since been pursued by both the Bush and Obama administrations in a six-year leak investigation into that book, *State of War: The Secret History of the CIA and the Bush Administration*.

Risen now faces years in prison if he refuses to testify at the trial of a former CIA officer, Jeffrey Sterling, who is accused of giving him classified information about the agency's role in disrupting Iran's nuclear program, which he argues effectively gave Iran a blueprint for designing a bomb. The Obama administration must now decide if it will try to force Risen's testimony, despite new guidelines issued earlier this year that make it harder to subpoena journalists for their records. Risen's answer to this saga has been to write another book, titled *Pay Any Price: Greed, Power, and Endless War*. “You cannot have aggressive investigative reporting in America without confidential sources—and without aggressive investigative reporting, we can't really have a democracy,” Risen says. “I think that is what the government really fears more than anything else.” Risen also details revelations he makes in his new book about what he calls the “homeland security-industrial complex.”

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 10.12-13.2014***

Radio Ecoshock: Hot News from an Overheated Planet
<http://www.ecoshock.info/2014/10/hot-news-from-overheated-planet.html>

WWF report: 52% of wildlife lost since 1970. Cost of climate change forum with Treasury Secretaries Robert Rubin and Jack Lew. Update on climate march and results. Plus climate poetry and new song by Neil Young.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 9.27-28.2014

2. **Radio BBC Documentaries: The War That Changed the World: Istanbul—Modernity and Secularism**
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p025qhmr>

Turkey emerged from the First World War as a new republic, with a secular and modern identity, attempting to break from its Ottoman past. How has this influenced Turkey today? With historians Aksin Somel and Ahmet Kuyas, and novelist Elif Shafak.

3. **Short Wave Report**
http://www.outfarpress.com/sw07_11_14notes.html

This week's show features stories from Spanish National Radio, Radio Havana Cuba, The Voice of Russia, and NHK Radio Japan.

From Spain – Some press reviews on the planned referendum on Catalan independence from Spain in light of the Scottish rejection of its independence. A report on the UN conference on Climate Change. The US has begun air strikes against Islamic State in Syria, killing at least 50 fighters and 8 civilians in the first attacks. Hundreds of thousands of Syrians have fled to Turkey and Lebanon to avoid the increased violence. Israel shot down a Syrian jet which strayed over the occupied Golan Heights- Israeli soldiers also killed 2 people suspected of kidnapping and killing the three Israeli teenagers in June which was blamed on Hamas and the reason Israel gave for the assault on the Gaza Strip which lasted 50 days.

From Cuba - US President Obama will be welcoming Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu to the White House on October 1. More on the airstrikes on Islamic state targets in Syria- the NYT reported that the vast majority of airstrikes were from US warplanes and naval vessels.

From Russia - As the US launched airstrikes in Syria, the White House said that there were no plans for US ground troops to be deployed. A military analyst discusses what the long-term plan in the Middle East may be, and Russia has concerns about the arming of moderate rebels in Syria and that Assad should not be unseated. Will a military victory work when a political victory is required?

From Japan - The US bombing in Syria began focusing on oil refineries, allegedly to cut off financing for the Islamic State militant group. The US Center For Disease Control warned that the Ebola epidemic could reach 1.4 million West Africans by January. People rallied in Tokyo against government moves to restart a nuclear power plant. The radioactive leaks at the Fukushima power plant have not been stopped from reaching the Pacific ocean by the ice barrier attempt over the last few months—so the new plan is to replace the ice with cement.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 9.20-21.2014***

American RadioWorks: Ready to Work
<http://www.americanradioworks.org/documentaries/ready-to-work/>

Vocational education was once a staple of American schooling, preparing some kids for blue-collar futures while others were put on a path to college. Today the new mantra is “college for all.” But not everyone wants to go to college, and more than half of jobs don’t require a bachelor’s degree. Many experts say it’s time to bring back career and technical education. This American RadioWorks documentary explores how vocational education is being re-imagined.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 9.13-14.2014***

Radio Ecoshock: The High Arctic and Eco-Anxiety
<http://www.ecoshock.info/2014/09/the-high-arctic-and-eco-anxiety.html>

Disturbing climate news from high Arctic with Paul Beckwith. Handling eco-anxiety with Susie Burke of Australian Psychological Society.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 8.30-31.2014***

1. **Radio BBC Documentaries: War, Lies, and Audiotape**
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b04c9lp4>

Did President Johnson take the U.S. to war with Vietnam on a lie, or was he misled? DD Guttenplan explores what happened in the Gulf of Tonkin in August 1964.

2. **This American Life: Dr. Gilmer and Mr. Hyde**
<http://www.thisamericanlife.org/radio-archives/episode/492/dr-gilmer-and-mr-hyde>

Dr. Benjamin Gilmer gets a job at a rural clinic. He finds out he's replaced someone—also named Dr. Gilmer—who went to prison after killing his own father. But the more Benjamin's patients talk about the other Dr. Gilmer, the more confused he becomes. Everyone loved the old Dr. Gilmer. So Benjamin starts digging around, trying to understand how a good man can seemingly turn bad.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 8.23-24.2014***

Radio BBC Documentaries: Damming Afghanistan: Lost Stories from Helmand
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0242m20>

The Helmand Valley Dam complex is the biggest engineering project in Afghanistan. How has it withstood the Soviet invasion and the conflict that began in 2001?

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 8.16-17.2014

1. **The Economist: America Goes Back to War**

<http://www.economist.com/blogs/pomegranate/2014/08/america-goes-back-iraq>

The jihadists of the Islamic State are no match for American firepower, but Barack Obama could be signing up for a long and difficult fight.

2. **The New Yorker: The Political Scene**

<https://player.fm/series/new-yorker-the-political-scene/dexter-filkins-and-evan-osnos-on-the-downfall-of-maliki>

Dexter Filkins and Evan Osnos on the downfall of Maliki.

3. **Mic Check Radio: Double Feature: *The Weather Underground* (2002) | *Pickaxe* (1999)**
[http://theworldofcinema.com/MCR/Double Feature Lmp3](http://theworldofcinema.com/MCR/Double+Feature+Lmp3)

Activist Cinema 10: It's a double feature today as we take a look at two documentary films that compliment each other quite well. *The Weather Underground* (2002) uses archival footage and interviews to look at the actions taken by the Weather Underground in the late 1960's and early 1970's. A hardcore group of activists committed to the violent overthrow of the US government. The second film is *Pickaxe* (1999), an on the ground look at the activists who took a stand to protect an old growth forest from logging at Warner Creek in the Willamette National Forest of Oregon, blockading the logging road and repelling the State Police. A hardcore group of activists committed to non-violent resistance of US government policy.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 8.9-10.2014***

1. Democracy Now!
<http://www.democracynow.org/shows/2014/8/7>

Stories:

- Despite Ceasefire, Humanitarian Crisis Continues in Gaza with 500,000 Displaced & 10,000 Injured
- “A Hideous Atrocity”: Noam Chomsky on Israel’s Assault on Gaza & U.S. Support for the Occupation

2. Alison Weir: Gaza-Israeli Conflict History, 1948-2014
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U1jcWqNcRvs>

British author and historian Alison Weir speaks about the Israeli-Gaza conflict, its causes, how the U.S. is involved, & why this conflict is ongoing and seemingly unresolvable.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 7.26-27.2014***

1. **Democracy Now!**
<http://www.democracynow.org/shows/2014/7/25>

Headlines:

- U.N. School Shelling Kills 16 Civilians, Wounds 200 in Gaza
- 2 Killed in West Bank's Largest Protest in Decades
- Kerry Submits New Ceasefire Proposal
- Over 1,000 Protest U.S. Military Aid to Israel in NYC
- 116 Killed in Mali Plane Crash
- Arizona Pauses Executions Following Botched Lethal Injection
- Judge Strikes Down Colorado SameSex Marriage Ban
- Iran Detains Journalists with U.S. Ties
- Appeals Court Rejects Lawsuit Against Chiquita for Colombia Paramilitary Murders
- Canadian Activists Deliver Water Convoy to Detroit

Stories:

- Sharif Abdel Kouddous: In Gaza, Unrelenting Israeli Assault Causes "Grave Humanitarian Crisis"
- "No Safe Place": After Deadly Attack on Gaza School, U.N. Warns 150,000 Seeking Shelter are at Risk
- Turning Point? Largest West Bank Protest in Decades Raises Spectre of a 3rd Intifada
- Doctor: After "Losing Everything," Gazans Cling to Hope That Conflict Will End Crippling Siege

2. **BBC News: Six Days That Changed the Middle East**
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/programmes/documentary_archive/6676265.stm

The BBC's Middle East Editor Jeremy Bowen explores the causes, the events, and the unfinished business of the 1967 War in the Middle East. Forty years on, he travels to Israel, the Palestinian territories, Egypt, Syria, and Jordan to talk to some of the key players, and to show how 1967 and its legacy has shaped what is happening in the region today.

- Part 1: Propaganda broadcasts from Egypt promise an easy victory
- Part 2: Israeli forces advance on the Old City of Jerusalem
- Part 3: Prisoners are taken and the Palestinian exodus begins
- Part 4: The Battle for the Golan Heights ends with a ceasefire

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 7.19-20.2014***

Democracy Now!: Interview with Julian Assange

Part 1:

http://www.democracynow.org/2014/7/7/exclusive_inside_embassy_refuge_julian_assange

Part 2:

<http://www.democracynow.org/shows/2014/7/9>

In a *Democracy Now!* special, we go inside the Ecuadorian embassy in London to interview Wikileaks founder Julian Assange. He has been holed up there for more than two years, having received political asylum. He faces investigations in both Sweden and the United States. In the U.S., a secret grand jury is investigating WikiLeaks for its role in publishing a trove of leaked documents about the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, as well as classified State Department cables. In Sweden, Assange is wanted for questioning on allegations of sexual misconduct, though no charges have been filed. Late last week, there was the first break in the latter case in two years, when a Swedish court announced it would hold a hearing on July 16 about a request by his lawyers for prosecutors to hand over new evidence and withdraw the arrest warrant. In the first of a two-part interview, Assange discusses his new legal bid in Sweden, the ongoing grand jury probe in the United States, and WikiLeaks' efforts to assist National Security Agency whistleblower Edward Snowden.

In part two of our interview, Assange responds to former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's recent comments that National Security Agency whistleblower Edward Snowden should return home to face trial. "It's the advice of all our lawyers that he should not return to the United States. He'd be extremely foolish to do so," Assange says. "It's not possible to have a fair trial, because the U.S. government has a precedent of applying state secret privilege to prevent the defense from using material that is classified in their favor."

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 7.12-13.2014

1. **Radio Ecoshock: Crashing Climate News**
<http://www.ecoshock.info/2014/07/crashing-climate-news.html>

Plutocrats admit U.S. economy is “Risky Business” during climate change. It will not be safe to go outside. Cambridge Polar expert Peter Wadhams on Arctic methane burst.

Four years ago, on Radio Ecoshock I asked if planet Earth could get so hot, it would be dangerous for most humans to go outside on many days of the year.

Now far too soon, a new report called “Risky Business” explains the majority of Americans will experience days too hot to go out for more than an hour or so, without suffering heat stroke. Many will die. In just the South East region of the United States, by the end of this century there will be somewhere between 11,000 to 36,000 more heat deaths every year. They’ll get about 130 days a year, four months, of extreme temperatures.

In the United States, as in many other parts of the world, there will be huge economic losses. Crop yields will fall as much as 50%, with some foods disappearing. It will be too hot outside to work in the fields. In fact all outdoor work, from construction to forestry, may have to be done at night.

That’s the start of a long-term trend where humans may have to become more nocturnal, and build more underground, just to survive temperatures so hot they have only appeared once before on this planet. Our early mammal relatives survived only underground.

Here is what makes this report doubly shocking: it’s published by top business leaders and finance experts, including Republicans. When the 1% who own most of the wealth in the world realize their own money and real estate are threatened by global warming, you know we are in trouble. But maybe that could be the turning point where we finally see some real action to move away from fossil fuels, deforestation, and agribusiness that pollutes the atmosphere with dangerous gases.

4. **Short Wave Report**
http://www.outfarpress.com/sw07_11_14notes.html

This week’s show features stories from Radio Deutsche-Welle, Spanish National Radio, The Voice of Russia, and NHK Radio Japan.

From Germany - There are further strains in US- German relations following the discovery of two separate new spy cases- Germans were paid large sums of money by the CIA to pass on classified information—these cases are independent of the NSA and Verizon scandals. In Ukraine, the week began with Kiev rejecting a ceasefire unless separatists relinquished their weapons, then the separatists rejected more talk of a ceasefire, then the US and France threatened more sanctions against Russia. On Monday election officials in Afghanistan

declared the World Bank candidate the victor despite widespread fraud, and on Wednesday the anti-Taliban resistance candidate declared his victory. The back and forth attacks between Israel and Palestine escalated each day, with scores of Palestinians dead- Israel is considering seizing the Gaza Strip.

From Spain - A further description of the Palestine-Israeli fighting. Iraqi security forces found 53 corpses who were executed though it was unclear which side they were on.

From Russia - An interview with German Christopher Herstel, German political analyst, on how Ukraine is doing under the rule of Poroshenko. He also remarks on how most of the major media has lost all credibility in their reporting of the events occurring in that divided country.

From Japan - The US has offered to help Ukraine with its gas loss from Russia by assisting them in setting up fracking operations in their country. A report on the chaos in Iraq. A Chinese newspaper ran a full-page ad with the title "Japan Wants A War Again," in reference to the new constitutional interpretation that Japan may engage in self-defense. The operator of the Fukushima nuclear power plant says they have no idea when it can get a cooling system restarted in spent fuel pools. The Pugwash conferences were begun in 1957 for scientists to gather and call for the abolition of nuclear weapons- next year's annual event will be held in Nagasaki.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 6.14-15.2014

1. **Nova: What are Dreams?**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i539ynXmh-c>

What are dreams and why do we have them? NOVA joins leading dream researchers as they embark on a variety of neurological and psychological experiments to investigate the world of sleep and dreams. Delving deep into the thoughts and brains of a variety of dreamers, scientists are asking important questions about the purpose of this mysterious realm we escape to at night. Do dreams allow us to get a good night's sleep? Do they improve memory? Do they allow us to be more creative? Can they solve our problems or even help us survive the hazards of everyday life?

NOVA follows a number of scientists, including Matthew Wilson of MIT, who is literally "eavesdropping" on the dreams of rats, and other investigators who are systematically analyzing the content of thousands of human dreams. From people who violently act out their dreams to those who can't stop their nightmares, from sleepwalking cats to the rare instances of individuals who don't seem to ever dream, each fascinating case study contains a vital clue to the age-old question: What Are Dreams?

2. **Conscious Dreaming**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yKKxCVAsnxE>

Conscious Dreaming follows the journey of three beginners as they immerse themselves in the world of lucid dreaming. With the help of experts, they will use a unique method designed to help achieve lucidity, such as practices done in the waking state, meditation, and mobile apps. The ideas and practice behind lucid dreaming and consciousness are dissected by leading experts in the UK, such as Dr. Keith Hearne, Charlie Morley, Caroline McCready, and Susan Blackmore. This documentary stands as a well-rounded introduction to anyone new to lucid dreaming, and can inspire people to explore the potential of experiencing their own conscious dream.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 6.07-08.2014***

Radio Ecoshock: Micro-Secrets and Macro Secrets
<http://www.ecoshock.info/2014/05/micro-secrets-and-macro-secrets.html>

Microbiologist Dr. Yuri Gorbi warns fracking brings up buried life forms. Film-maker Kip Anderson's "Cowspiracy" asks why big green groups are afraid to tackle the biggest single cause of global warming: the meat industry.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 5.24-25.2014***

1. **Radio BBC Documentaries: Ukraine's Citizen Soldiers**
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01z46h6>

The demands of pro-Russian separatists operating in eastern Ukraine are well known—but how much do we know about their opposite numbers? As Ukraine prepares for elections amid rising tension, Tim Whewell travels there to meet the people who call themselves nationalists and patriots - ordinary civilians and revolutionaries alike, who are determined to secure a strong, united and independent country—even at the risk of fighting a civil war.

2. **Radio BBC Documentaries: The Reykjavik Confessions**
http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/special/2014/newsspec_7617/index.html

The mystery of why six people admitted roles in two murders—when they couldn't remember anything about the crimes.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 5.17-18.2014

1. **Radio Ecoshock: What to Do While Waiting (for the Crash)**
<http://www.ecoshock.info/2014/05/what-to-do-while-waiting-for-crash.html>

Author Richard Heinberg on geopolitics, finance, and environment of the slow crash. Global Crossing and Green Festivals President Kevin Danaher on transition to green economy.

2. **Short Wave Report**
http://www.outfarpress.com/sw05_16_14notes.html

This week's show features stories from Radio Deutsche-Welle, the Voice of Russia, Spanish National Radio, Radio Havana Cuba, and NHK Radio Japan.

From Germany - The mining disaster and subsequent rioting in Turkey is unfolding as I produce this show. Former Israeli Prime Minister Olmert has been sentenced to 6 years in jail on bribery charges. French president Hollande has plans for an African summit in Paris to address the schoolgirl kidnappings in Nigeria there are claims the government knew the abduction would happen unless a trade for prisoners was made this week they again refused the trade. South Sudan announced that scheduled elections will be postponed for two or three years. The International Criminal Court is reopening charges of war crimes against British troops in Iraq.

From Russia - Amnesty International released a report on the normalization and acceptance of torture. An interview with Neil Durkin about the growing acceptance of torture.

From Spain - A report on the referenda votes for independence in two regions of eastern Ukraine. The Greek Supreme Court has approved the ultra-nationalist neo-nazi Golden Dawn party's bid in the European Parliamentary elections.

From Cuba - In Caracas, Venezuela subway workers marched against recent attacks, reportedly perpetrated by the right-wing opposition. The opposition in Venezuela suspended crisis negotiations with the government of President Maduro.

From Japan - China has taken steps to begin drilling for oil in an area of the South China Sea claimed by Vietnam- this has led to confrontations at sea and on mainland Vietnam. The government of Fukushima prefecture has protested a comic book series for depicting human health problems caused by radiation at the devastated nuclear power plants. The government is checking to see if areas near nuclear power plants have fresh and plentiful stocks of iodine tablets, to be distributed in the case of a nuclear accident.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 5.10-11.2014***

1. **Huffington Post Live: Interview with Economist Thomas Piketty**
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/05/01/thomas-piketty-cold-war_n_5247373.html

Piketty's best-selling book, *Capital in the Twenty-First Century*, has upended the global discussion on capitalism and inequality. Piketty relies on the most expansive income and wealth datasets ever compiled to identify a striking trend over more than 200 years—returns on capital grow faster than the regular economy, meaning that without some policy intervention, the rich get richer, and richer, and richer.

2. **Paul Krugman at Capitalism Forum**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A3PcRPdeVCQ>

Economist and *New York Times* writer Paul Krugman speaks at the “Capital in the Twenty-First Century” forum at The Graduate Center of The City University of New York on April 16, 2014.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 5.03-04.2014

1. BBC Radio Documentaries: Cambodia's Gambling Boom

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01x5dqc>

There's a casino construction boom going on across Asia, and nowhere is it more intense than in Cambodia, where more than 38 have been built in the last 15 years. Ed Butler reports from Bayet on the border with Vietnam, where a string of casinos now cater exclusively to Vietnamese gamblers, who are given strong incentives to cross into Cambodia to chance their arm. Hundreds come every day. But do they understand the risks, financial and personal? We hear stories of imprisonment, beatings, and severe gambling addiction.

2. In Our Time: Game Theory

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b01h75xp>

Melvyn Bragg and his guests discuss game theory, the mathematical study of decision-making. First formulated in the 1940s, the discipline entails devising 'games' to simulate situations of conflict or cooperation. It allows researchers to unravel decision-making strategies, and even to establish why certain types of behavior emerge.

3. Mic Check Radio

<http://miccheckradio.blogspot.com/2014/04/hijacking-social-movements.html>

The wonderful folks over at CrimetInc have posted a superb article about how the current Ukrainian Revolution is/was hijacked by the Fascist and Nationalist of that particular country. The example used in this article is specific to Ukraine, but the details will sound familiar to anyone who has read a news story in the past three years about similar uprisings in Spain, Turkey, Tunisia, USA, Venezuela, Brazil, Egypt, etc. If you don't get off the couch and into the street, your ideas will not be heard—and you never know what ideas will be presented in your absence.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 4.12-13.2014***

Radio Ecoshock: Climate Change Has Arrived
<http://www.ecoshock.info/2014/04/climate-change-has-arrived.html>

A new report from the World Meteorological Organization tallies the big weather hits in 2013. Is it rampant climate change? Norway decides how to spend almost a trillion petrodollars, and Indian solar loses out. Plus, direct from Yokohama, Japan, the IPCC press conference promising we can somehow “manage” climate change, a food crisis, and maybe the sixth great mass extinction. Science and hopium on Radio Ecoshock.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 4.5-6.2014

1. This American Life: Dead Men Tell No Tales

<http://www.thisamericanlife.org/radio-archives/episode/519/dead-men-tell-no-tales>

Last May, a weird story made the news: the FBI killed a guy in Florida who was loosely linked to the Boston Marathon bombings. He was shot seven times in his living room by a federal agent. What really happened? Why was the FBI even in that room with him? A reporter spent six months looking into it, and she found that the FBI was doing a bunch of things that never made the news.

2. Short Wave Report

http://www.outfarpress.com/sw04_04_14notes.html

This week's show features stories from the Voice of Russia, NHK Radio Japan, Radio Havana Cuba, Spanish National Radio, and Radio Deutsche-Welle.

From Russia - The UN released a comprehensive, scientific report on the impacts of global warming. The conclusions are severe and point out that continued governmental inaction will be catastrophic.

From Japan - The International Court of Justice ruled that Japan must cease whaling in the Antarctic, which Japan agrees too, though it may continue whaling in other regions. North and South Korea exchanged artillery fire in a disputed area this week, which the North blames on huge US South Korea military landing drills. More than 100,000 people in Taiwan protested a current trade pact proposal with mainland China. *Der Spiegel* reported that a US court allowed the NSA to spy on 11 countries including Japan.

From Cuba - In Venezuela violent anti-government groups set fire to the Ministry of Housing in Caracas—1200 workers were safely evacuated. The Colombian government and FARC rebels reached agreement on the issue of illegal drugs—new policies will be implemented in light of the farmers' needs and the failure of the so-called "War on Drugs."

From Spain - The Spanish central government rejected a proposal by the mayor of Madrid to ban all demonstrations in the downtown area. In Egypt attacks on the Muslim brotherhood continue with three demonstrators killed. Ousted Ukrainian President Yankovich called for referendums on independence in the former Ukraine.

From Germany - NATO warned that Russian military presence on the Ukrainian border is a grave concern, and that it is suspending all military and civilian cooperation with Russia. The US and EU announced that they will help supply gas to Ukraine. Venice is the latest European region to pursue independence from its national government—it joins Crimea, Scotland, and Catalonia.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 3.29-30.2014***

**Democracy Now!: A Sliver of Light: Freed U.S. Hikers on Captivity in Iran & Activism
Against Solitary Confinement**
http://www.democracynow.org/2014/3/18/a_sliver_of_light_freed_us

In a *Democracy Now!* special, Sarah Shourd, Shane Bauer, and Josh Fattal recall their harrowing ordeal as American hikers imprisoned in Iran. Detained after setting out on a hike in the summer of 2009 in Iraq's Kurdish region near the Iranian border, Bauer and Fattal were held for 26 months, while Shourd—now married to Bauer—was held for 13 months, much of it in solitary confinement. The three tell their story in a new memoir, *A Sliver of Light: Three Americans Imprisoned in Iran*.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 3.22-23.2014***

BBC Documentaries: Where Are You Going?
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p01tjcx/>

Catherine Carr charts the course of one day in the lives of many people, making many different journeys across the globe. By simply asking, "Where are you going?" she unearths the painful, the poignant, and the downright bizarre.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 3.8-9.2014***

Radio Ecoshock: The California Drought – Is This the Big One?
<http://www.ecoshock.info/2014/03/california-drought-is-this-big-one.html>

Despite recent rains, California's reservoirs are near empty, snow-pack light, and groundwater depleted. Four experts on a drought that really started in 2006, impacts on economy, food, farming, and nature: Dr. Peter Gleick, Dr. Jay Famiglietti, David Schroeder, and Dr. Reagan Waskom.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 3.1-2.2014***

BBC Documentaries:

Missing Histories: China and Japan

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01ryk54>

They are Asia's economic giants – yet the historical record of Japan and China continues to cause tensions. Japanese journalist Mariko Oi and Chinese journalist Haining Liu travel around China, including the city of Nanjing, where Japanese forces committed rapes and mass killings during the war. How are events like these remembered in modern China? And, why can young Chinese consume Japanese pop culture while demonstrating against Japan's historical record? The pair discover that, despite the deep cultural links between their nations, history remains a barrier.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 2.22-23.2014***

Unauthorized Disclosure:

The Iran Nuclear Deal, AIPAC Losses, & the Charade Around Iran Being a “Looming Threat”

<http://dissenter.firedoglake.com/2014/02/16/podcast/>

An intensive effort by Israel and its backers has been underway to scuttle an international deal over Iran's nuclear program. Yet, Israel and its major lobby in the United States, American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), has been suffering defeats as it tries to fight a deal, which it does not want because, if the issues over Iran's nuclear program are resolved, focus will inevitably shift to the country's treatment of Palestinians.

According to Nima Shirazi, an analyst of US foreign policy toward the Middle East who blogs at [Wide Asleep in America](#), what the world has seen for the past thirty years of US and Israeli policy is what could be called a charade. They've pretended there is a “looming threat” and “that Iran is just around the corner from either having the capability to build a nuclear bomb, if not having a deliverable nuclear bomb.”

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 2.8-9.2014***

President Barack Obama: 2014 State of the Union Address

<http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/2014-state-of-the-union-special-with-analysis-from-mark-shields-and-david-brooks/>

President Barack Obama urged Congress to help restore opportunity for Americans but pledged to take action himself Tuesday in his fifth State of the Union. *PBS NewsHour's* special coverage of the address, and the Republican Party's response, features syndicated columnist Mark Shields and *New York Times* columnist David Brooks, who join Judy Woodruff and Gwen Ifill.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 2.1-2.2014***

Radio Ecoshock: Over the Climate Cliff
<http://www.ecoshock.info/2014/01/over-climate-cliff.html>

Do you want to know what the future looks like? Try Australia, where bats fall dead out of the sky, and tennis players drop like flies in the heat. Coming right up: a report from the hot front with Cam Walker from Friends of Earth Australia.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 1.25-26.2014***

1. Daily Tech News Show: Is Net Neutrality Dead?
<http://castroller.com/podcasts/DailyTechNews/3895182>

Allison Sheridan and Jon Brodtkin join the show to talk about the doom of Net Neutrality, uncarrriers, and more.

2. Democracy Now!:
Remembering Amiri Baraka (1934-2014):
Poet-Playwright-Activist Who Shaped Revolutionary Politics, Black Culture
http://www.democracynow.org/2014/1/10/amiri_baraka_1934_2014_poet_playwright

We spend the hour looking at the life and legacy of Amiri Baraka, the poet, playwright, and political organizer who died recently at the age of 79. Baraka was a leading force in the Black Arts Movement of the 1960s and 1970s.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 1.18-19.2014***

Radio Ecoshock: Home Planet Blues – Four Voices
<http://www.ecoshock.info/2014/01/home-planet-blues-4-voices.html>

Four voices: Steve Sherwood's breakthrough science shows the world heading over climate cliff; Arnie Gundersen on fake alarm over California beaches; Bruce Laurie on toxic chemicals and detox; energy expert Daniel Kammen says suburbs killing climate.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 1.11-12.2014***

360 Documentaries: Life Stories from North Korea
<http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/360/life-stories-from-north-korea/5152304>

Stories from the hidden lives of North Koreans told by people who have fled from the world's most notorious police state.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 12.14-15.2013***

Radio Ecoshock: The New Truth About Global Warming
<http://www.ecoshock.info/2013/12/the-new-truth-about-global-warming.html>

In the winter, we dare to ask: why did global warming pause? New science shows it didn't. Official records grossly underestimated real heating here on Earth. You'll hear that science unfold.

What else has been low-balled? The US EPA estimates of dangerous methane emissions in America. Our guest explains just-released science showing humans are emitting 1 and a half times more than the government told you.

We'll wrap up the show with the climate-related death of another dream: the economy of the southern states. Why is the "stormbelt" withering?

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 12.06-07.2013***

1. **BBC Documentaries: JFK: Dallas Remembers**
http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p0119jm2/The_Documentary_JFK_Dallas_Remembers

Sue MacGregor brings together five people with a perspective on the assassination of JFK in Dallas: Clint Hill, Gayle Newman, Hugh Aynesworth, Kenneth Salyer, and James Leavelle.

2. **Democracy Now!: Women Farmers: Oliver Stone on 50th Anniversary of JFK Assassination & the Untold History of the United States**
http://www.democracynow.org/2013/11/5/oliver_stone_on_50th_anniversary_of

Three-time Academy Award-winning director, producer, and screenwriter Oliver Stone joins us for the hour to discuss the 50th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's assassination on November 22, which was chronicled in his blockbuster film, *JFK*.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 11.23-24.2013***

The Good Fight with Ben Wikler
<http://thegoodfight.fm/episodes/1-launch-franken-obamacare-wins>

Inaugural episode featuring the inaugural Win Report, with MoveOn.org's Garlin Gilchrist III; advice from Al Franken; and a mind-blowing perspective on Obamacare from legendary activist Heather Booth.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 11.16-17.2013***

American RadioWorks

Second-Chance Diploma: Examining the GED

<http://americanradioworks.publicradio.org/features/ged/>

The General Educational Development test (GED) is a second chance for millions of people who didn't finish high school. Each year, more than 700,000 people take the GED test. People who pass it are supposed to possess a level of education and skills equivalent to those of a high school graduate. Most test-takers hope the GED will lead to a better job or more education. But critics say the GED encourages some students to drop out of school. And research shows the credential is of little value to most people who get one.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 11.9-10.2013***

1. **BBC Documentaries: Women on the Front Line**
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01jrdsq>

Emma Barnett hears from female soldiers in the Canadian and South African armies about life for women on the military frontline.

2. **BBC Documentaries: Women Farmers: A Day in the Life of Polly Apio**
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01jq25v>

Polly Apio is a smallholder farmer in rural Uganda. Almost as soon as she gets up in the morning she starts work and she doesn't stop until it's time to go to bed again.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 11.2-3.2013

1. Radio Ecoshock: Desperately Seeking Solutions <http://www.ecoshock.info/2013/10/desperately-seeking-solutions.html>

A medley of ways. From New Zealand, green alternative economy with Laurence Boomert. Dr. Sharon Gourdji from the University of Florida on crops & climate. Josh Fox (*Gasland*) riffs on fracking. Pacific growing expert Lorene Edwards Forkner.

2. Short Wave Report http://www.outfarpress.com/sw11_01_13notes.html

This week's show features stories from NHK World Radio Japan, the Voice of Russia, Spanish National Radio, Radio Havana Cuba, and Radio Deutsche-Welle.

From Japan - The former Prime Minister of Japan and the current leader of the opposition party are working together to eliminate nuclear power in the country. A cabinet member wants the government to bear part of the massive cost of cleaning up the Fukushima area, since they promoted the use of nuclear energy. Scientists say that most of the radioactive particles that fell on the forest still remain there. Honda is building a wind farm in Brazil where it will manufacture cars. Der Spiegel published a list of 80 US diplomatic missions around the world that the NSA uses for spying.

From Russia - The NSA spying scandal has been growing and intensifying each day around the world. Here are excerpts from 3 stories aired on the Voice of Russia.

From Spain - As news of the NSA's extensive spying on Spanish citizens came to light, the government prosecutors launched an investigation into possible criminal charges. Ecuadoran President Correa is visiting Russian President Putin. Iran and the IAEA had very productive talks about settling disputes over nuclear power development. Brazil erupted in violent protests after the police killed of a 17 year old demonstrator.

From Cuba - Spanish students have taken to the streets to protest government cutbacks in education. At the UN Cuba rejected the US justifications for continuing its economic blockade against the island. In a controversial move, Israel freed the second of 4 batches of Palestinian prisoners.

From Germany - Germany sent intelligence investigators to Washington following US spying on the German people and Chancellor Merkel. In the UK the trial began for the news reporters who hacked into phone messages of celebrities and politicians. 3 Egyptian judges resigned while presiding over trials of Muslim Brotherhood members, while more Brotherhood leaders have been arrested. A German court is hearing a civil suit brought by relatives of Afghans killed by a NATO airstrike.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 10.19-20.2013***

Radio BBC Documentaries: Inside the Iraq War, Part 3

http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p01hbygb/The_Documentary_The_Iraq_War_Part_Three/

Lucy Ash looks at the conflicts within Iraq between 2005 and 2012. Interviewees include Tony Blair - former UK Prime Minister; Dick Cheney - US Vice-President; Colin Powell - former US Secretary of State; and Paul Wolfowitz - former US Deputy Secretary of Defense.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 10.12-13.2013

1. **Radio BBC Documentaries: Inside the Iraq War, Part 2**
http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p01gy5n7/The_Documentary_The_Iraq_War_Part_2

Lucy Ash looks at the mistakes made early in the occupation of Iraq during the period 2003 to 2004 in this documentary about the invasion of Iraq.

2. **Short Wave Report**
http://www.outfarpress.com/sw10_11_13notes.html

This week's show features stories from Radio Deutsche-Welle, the Voice of Russia, Radio Havana Cuba, Spanish National Radio, NHK World Radio Japan,.

From Germany - A German court ruled that government surveillance of a far-left Parliamentarian was unconstitutional. 3 reports on the deadly clashes in Egypt between the military and supporters of former President Morsi- the trial of Morsi will begin on November 4. Former French President Sarkozy was cleared of charges of corruption.

From Russia - The ACLU has been pressing Attorney General Holder to ban placing incarcerated youth in solitary confinement- the US is accused of leading the world in the practice of solitary confinement.

From Cuba - Despite the US government partial shutdown, military contractors are still heading to work. Afghan President Karzai has condemned NATO forces for causing suffering for Afghanis while failing to bring stability. Discussions have resumed between Colombian FARC rebels and government representatives. Ecuador announced plans to take legal action at the International Criminal Court against Britain for denying Julian Assange safe passage to Ecuador. Brazil is angry over revelations that Canada's security agency has been spying on their mineral and mining agencies.

From Spain - In Brazil protests continued over teachers pay and government spending on the Olympics and World Cup. Spain's Justice Minister announced that the 1977 amnesty law for crimes during the Franco era would not be repealed despite a UN request. Then press reviews on the Catalanian separation movement and the renewed violence in Egypt. A press review on the offshore gas storage facility thought to have caused 500 earthquakes.

From Japan - 6 workers at the Fukushima nuclear plant were contaminated with dangerous levels of radiation from the leaking water. The International Atomic Energy Agency will work with Japan to dispel global fears over the leaking radioactive water at Fukushima. As negotiations to establish the Trans Pacific Partnership continue, Japanese farmers are angry over the removal of protective tariffs.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 9.28-29.2013***

1. **Radio Ecoshock: Extreme Rain and Climate Collapse**
<http://www.ecoshock.info/2013/09/extreme-rain-and-climate-collapse.html>

The biggest climate-driven extreme weather event since Katrina—Boulder's Carolyn Baker reports on fracking leaks, climate, economic hits. Plus California songwriter Dan Imhoff on his new album, *Agraria*.

2. **The Economist: Al-Qaeda and Its Allies**
<http://www.learnoutloud.com/Podcast-Directory/Business/Economics/The-Economist-Podcast/28342>
3. **The Economist: Nuclear Command and Control**
<http://www.learnoutloud.com/Podcast-Directory/Business/Economics/The-Economist-Podcast/28342>

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 9.21-22.2013***

BBC Documentaries: Inside the Iraq War, Part 1
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01gdq05>

The inside story of the invasion of Iraq and the ensuing decade of conflict, told from the point of view of the senior decision-makers involved at the time. In this first part: the decision to go to war and the conflict until 2003.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 9.14-15.2013***

1. **Democracy Now! – Interview with Noam Chomsky**
<http://www.democracynow.org/shows/2013/9/11>

Chomsky addresses the crisis in Syria and critiques the U.S. threat of violence toward that nation.

2. **BBC Documentaries: Rewriting the Revolution**
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01fvl7t>

Shaimaa Khalil looks at the Arab Spring through the eyes of prominent writers whose countries have undergone major change over the past two-and-a-half years.

3. **New Yorker: Political Scene**
<http://player.fm/series/new-yorker-the-political-scene/george-packer-and-jon-lee-anderson-assess-options-for-diplomacy-in-the-syrian-crisis>

George Packer and Jon Lee Anderson assess options for diplomacy in the Syrian crisis.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 8.31-9-01.2013***

1. **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. – March on Washington, D.C. Speech - August 28, 1963**
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=smEqnnkIfYs>
2. **Democracy Now! - 50 Years After March on Washington, Tens of Thousands Say Struggle for MLK's "Dream" Continues**
http://www.democracynow.org/2013/8/26/50_years_after_march_on_washington
Tens of thousands of people gathered in the nation's capital on Saturday to mark the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, originally held on August 28, 1963. People filled the National Mall as speakers reflected on the progress in achieving the goals outlined by the event's most famous speaker, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.
3. **President Obama's Speech at 50th Anniversary of March on Washington**
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y0z87SKSyyw>
Fifty years after Martin Luther King delivered his "I have a Dream" speech, President Barack Obama assesses America's progress.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 8.24-25.2013***

Books of Our Times: Interview with Howard Zinn
<http://mslawmedia.org/2012/08/podcast-howard-zinn-american-historian/>

Dean Lawrence R. Velvel interviews American historian Howard Zinn on his books: *You Can't Be Neutral on a Moving Train: A Personal History of Our Times*, and *Failure To Quit: Reflections of an Optimistic Historian*. The discussion ranges from World War II to the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict to 9/11 to the state of today's news channels—as well as Mr. Zinn's optimism for the future, his definition of true patriotism, and what he believes Americans don't want to hear.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 8.17-18.2013***

Tjukurrpa, the Dreamtime (directed by Hugues Philippart)
<http://www.cultureunplugged.com/documentary/watch-online/festival/play/5037/Tjukurrpa-the-Dreamtime/TIE9PStP>

Indigenous tourism helps to reconcile the two different Australian peoples: the Europeans wanting to be forgiven for the tragic colonial period, and the Aborigines trying to preserve their ancient roots from the present and the future. But the geographical isolation of the indigenous communities faced with problems in economic development underlines the fragile balance between tradition and modernity. At the beginning of the 21st century, the life expectancy of a white Australian is ten years longer than that of his or her Aboriginal counterpart. Will the world's environmental problems bring the two civilizations together? Preserving the Australian continent's biodiversity on a short-term basis represents a sustainable, complementary interest for the two peoples—technological advances will profit from the use of ancestral knowledge.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 8.10-11.2013***

RTÉ Radio 1 - One World - Undoing the Folded Lie
<http://www.rte.ie/radio1/doconone/documentary-podcast-kader-asmal-south-africa-dublin-anti-apartheid.html>

South African freedom fighter Kader Asmal lived in exile in Dublin for nearly thirty years. He was the driving force behind the Irish Anti-Apartheid movement, and fought for freedom and democracy in South Africa.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 8.03-04.2013***

BBC Documentaries: Under Attack: The Threat from Cyberspace
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/docarchive>

The alarming extent to which cyberspace is being used to steal, to spy, and to wage war.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 7.20-21.2013

1. **BBC Documentaries: Kermit Gosnell: Doctor and Murderer**
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/docarchive>

Authorities knew there were big problems at Dr Kermit Gosnell's west Philadelphia clinic. Why did it take them so long to act?

2. **Short Wave Report**
http://www.outfarpress.com/sw07_19_13notes.html

This week's show features stories from NHK World Radio Japan, Radio Deutsche-Welle, Spanish National Radio, Radio Havana Cuba.

From Germany - A report on the opening of the US/EU Free Trade talks- if agreements are reached, this will be the largest trading bloc ever achieved, it will encompass half of the world economy. Germany is investigating what its government, especially Chancellor Angela Merkel, knew about the NSA spy program called Prism. Glenn Greenwald says that Snowden could in one minute reveal the most damaging information about the US ever made public. As protests continue in Egypt, the Muslim Brotherhood claims that the US planned and directed Morsi's ouster. Israel has condemned an EU decision to ban funding of projects in territories illegally occupied since the 1967 Middle East War.

From Cuba - An Israeli plan to expel Bedouins from Palestine is being called "nothing short of ethnic cleansing." The Cuban Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued a statement about the North Korean Ship seized in the Panama Canal- it said that the military equipment was defensive and obsolete equipment being sent to North Korea for repairs, and is therefore legal. Brazil's Foreign Minister said that Latin American countries will reduce their reliance on foreign technology, so as to prevent US spying on their telecommunications.

From Spain - French police arrested 29 Greenpeace activists who broke into a French nuclear power plant during ongoing protests. The Irish Parliament approved abortions when a woman's life is in danger. Tens of thousands of Greek workers walked off their jobs to protest government plans to fire public sector workers to satisfy foreign lenders. US investment bank Goldman Sachs reported doubling its earnings, while Citigroup reported a 42% rise in its earnings- all this while Eurozone unemployment continues to soar. Edward Snowden formally presented his request for temporary asylum in Russia. Spain apologized to Bolivia for its involvement in the hijacking of the plane carrying President Morales.

From Japan - Heat waves are occurring widely across the northern hemisphere- more than 13,000 Japanese were taken to hospital for heat stroke in the first 2 weeks of this month. Tepco officials want to restart two of their shutdown nuclear power plants, without first briefing the local communities. India has started its first test run of a new nuclear power plant, despite large local opposition- it is the first of 20 new nuclear plants that the government has approved.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 7.13-14.2013***

Radio Ecoshock: In These Latter Days

<http://www.ecoshock.info/2013/07/in-these-latter-days.html>

It's summer: the time on the new planet Earth for more high temperature records in the Northern Hemisphere. Others nearly drown in global wetting. We are all at the mercy of the great stalled waves of the Jet Stream my friends. The new normal is there is no normal.

The high Arctic ice is melting more or less unreported. Canadian cities notice the great clouds of smoke coming from the burning Boreal forests of the north, unquenched, unseen except by satellite. The same in Russia. Deadly super-fires, as predicted on Radio Ecoshock, are already with us, especially in the American West.

It's a perfect time for the new book *The Burning Question: We Can't Burn Half the World's Oil, Coal and Gas—So How Do We Quit?*—by carbon footprint expert, author, and *Guardian* journalist Mike Berners-Lee. His co-author, Duncan Clark, is a consultant editor for the environment section of the UK's *Guardian* newspaper, and a visiting researcher at the UCL Energy Institute.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 7.6-7.2013***

Democracy Now!

<http://www.democracynow.org/2013/7/5>

Today we spend the hour with 13-term Congress member Rep. John Lewis of Georgia, one of the last surviving speakers from the historic 1963 March on Washington, D.C. During the 1960s, Lewis was arrested more than 40 times and beaten nearly to death as he served as chair of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, marched side by side with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., helped organize the Freedom Rides, and campaigned for Robert Kennedy's presidential bid.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 6.15-16.2013***

Democracy Now!

<http://www.democracynow.org/2013/6/14>

Headlines

- FBI Director: NSA Leaks Caused “Significant Harm”
- Report: Obama Admin to Arm Syrian Rebels
- Supreme Court Rules Unanimously Against Gene Patents
- Top U.S. Doctors Condemn “Medical Ethics Free Zone” at Guantánamo
- USS Cole Bombing Suspect Barred from Secret Gitmo Hearing
- Iranians Head to Polls in Presidential Election
- Turkish Prime Minister Vows to Delay Razing of Park in Bid to End Protests
- Israel Moves Ahead with West Bank Settlement Expansion
- 2 Dead as Colorado Wildfire Consumes Hundreds of Homes
- Louisiana Chemical Plant Blast Kills 1, Injures Scores
- Report: Bank Traders Manipulated Foreign Exchange Rate Worth Trillions
- U.S. House Backs Bill Exempting Overseas Trades from New Regulations
- Senate Rejects Amendment to Delay Legal Status for Immigrants
- U.S. Youths Reunite with Mothers at Mexican Border After Years of Separation

Stories

- Patrick Cockburn on U.S. Plans to Arm Syrian Rebels: Where is the Skepticism About Chemical Weapons?
- James Bamford on NSA secrets, Keith Alexander’s Influence & Massive Growth of Surveillance, Cyberwar
- Breast Cancer Patients Declare Victory as Supreme Court Bars Patenting of Human Genes

SpiritPlants Radio
<http://www.spiritplantradio.com>

***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 6.08-09.2013***

Radio Ecoshock: Will Humans Go Extinct Soon?
<http://www.ecoshock.info/2013/06/will-humans-go-extinct-soon.html>

Investigating claims of near-term extinction for humans. Clips from Guy McPherson, John D. Cox, Dr. David Archer. Interview w. John Michael Greer. Analysis of predictions by Malcolm Light of the Arctic Methane Emergency Group (AMEG).

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 6.01-02.2013***

Occupied Nation: Interview with Ray Lewis
<http://occupiednationobr.wordpress.com/2013/05/06/occupied-nation-show-4252013-ft-ray-lewis-bryan-mcpherson-and-sarah-sparks/>

Interview with retired Philadelphia police Captain Ray Lewis, regarding his alliance with Occupy Wall Street.

SpiritPlants Radio
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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 5.18-19.2013***

BBC Documentaries: Egypt's Challenges (After the Revolution)
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/docarchive>

As Egypt struggles with its new democracy, Shaimaa Khalil examines the dramatic challenges facing post-revolutionary Egypt. How is the society dealing with the new challenges of a less restricted media? And demands for bread, freedom, and social justice? Also, can Egypt's police force rebuild its reputation and will the army stay out of politics?

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 5.11-12.2013***

Radio Ecoshock: Fracking: Sacrifice Zones of the America West
<http://www.ecoshock.info/2013/05/fracking-sacrifice-zones-of-american.html>

Four voices from the Bakken shale lands. Polluting oil & gas extraction impacts in Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, & North Dakota. The dark side of the fracking boom.

SpiritPlants Radio
<http://www.spiritplantradio.com>

***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 5.04-05.2013***

1. **Radio Ecoshock: Burying the Future: Tar Sands, Pipelines, & Melting Arctic**
<http://www.ecoshock.info/2013/04/burying-future-tars-sands-pipelines.html>

Canadian scientist Paul Beckwith explains how the Arctic warming emergency is changing your weather. But first, the story of an anti-pipeline media warrior, John Bolenbaugh, in his own words. The leaks, scandals and deaths behind Tar Sands pipelines.

2. **New Yorker Political Scene**
<http://www.newyorker.com/online/blogs/newsdesk/2013/04/political-scene-will-the-boston-bombing-change-counter-terrorism.html>

David Remnick & Jane Mayer discuss whether the Boston bombings will change Americas counterterror tactics.

SpiritPlants Radio
<http://www.spiritplantradio.com>

***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 4.20-21.2013***

1. RTÉ Radio 1, Ireland: Remembering Hanna Greally
<http://www.rte.ie/radio1/doconone/greally.html>

This week's documentary revisits the tragic story of Athlone writer Hanna Greally. Hanna was admitted to St. Loman's psychiatric hospital in Mullingar 'for a rest' at the age of nineteen but didn't win her freedom again for almost 20 years.

2. RTÉ Radio 1, Ireland: Hidden Heroes of the Belfast Blitz
<http://www.rte.ie/radio1/doconone/radio-documentary-ww2-hidden-heroes-belfast-blitz-republic-firemen.html>

World War II - April '41 - Germany rains down bombs on Belfast. The hidden story of that night is how the Republic put its neutrality at risk by sending its firemen to help.

SpiritPlants Radio
<http://www.spiritplantradio.com>

***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 4.13-14.2013***

1. **Radio Ecoshock: Green Seas, Good Food, Bad Numbers**
<http://www.ecoshock.info/2013/04/green-seas-good-food-bad-numbers.html>

Serial climate hacker Russ George's office raided. Nick Saul takes food banks to a whole new level - feeding citizens during tough times. UC Berkeley political scientist Dr. Martha Campbell on how economists & women's advocates helped enable the next population explosion.

2. **BBC Documentaries: The Bank That Brought Down Cyprus**
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/docarchive>

Simon Cox finds out from employees and executives at the now defunct Laiki Bank how billions handed out in bad loans created a financial time bomb.

3. **BBC Documentaries: After Saddam (Parts 1 and 2)**
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/docarchive>

Hugh Sykes visits the Marsh Arabs and Basra, occupied by British forces for six years. How has life changed for them since the fall of Saddam Hussein?

SpiritPlants Radio

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 3.23-24.2013

1. **BBC Documentaries:** What If . . . The Best Education
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/docarchive>

Will a sophisticated revolution in online teaching—from the best universities on the planet—meet the shortage of higher education across the world?

2. **The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement**
<http://theaggregatedoccupier.wordpress.com/>

Feature:

In Zurich, and Across Europe, Squatter Communities are Strengthening

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- Occupy Media Podcast:
<http://occupymediapodcast.com>

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 3.16-17.2013

1. **Talk Nation Radio:** Norman Solomon on Iraq War Lies and New Online Activism
<http://www.democrats.com/talk-nation-radio-norman-solomon-on-iraq-war-lies-and-new-online-activism>

Norman Solomon discusses his recent debate with former Secretary of State Colin Powell's chief of staff Lawrence Wilkerson on the lies that took the United States into war 10 years ago, as well as Solomon's cofounding of online activist force RootsAction.org.

2. **The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement**
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Feature:

Class Resurrection: The Poor People's Campaign of 1968 and Resurrection City: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Last Work and Its Aftermath, Part 5 (conclusion)

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 3.09-10.2013***

Radio Ecoshock: Growing Food Indoors Under Lights
<http://www.ecoshock.info/2013/03/growing-food-indoors-under-lights.html>

Part of doing right is cutting out the big agri-food machine that is killing people, the soil, and the atmosphere. In this week's program, we'll consider a late winter remedy: growing food under lights. Our guest is Philip Be'er. We start with a show-and-tell experiment right here in the Radio Ecoshock studio. Later, I'll pass on tips from my own career under the lights, plus have a conversation with small-scale low-tech farmer and anthropologist, Walter Haugen.

SpiritPlants Radio

<http://www.spiritplantradio.com>

News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 3.02-03.2013

1. Short Wave Report

http://www.outfarpress.com/sw03_01_13notes.html

This week's show features stories from NHK World Radio Japan, China Radio International, Radio Deutsche-Welle, Spanish National Radio, Radio Havana Cuba, and the Voice of Russia.

From Japan - The Japanese government has doubts about joining the Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade agreement. A US court has ruled that sabotage activities by the anti-whaling group Sea Shepherd are piracy. An Egyptian court has ordered the destruction of all smuggling tunnels linking Egypt and the Gaza Strip. Iran met with world powers to find a way to reduce sanctions imposed for nuclear development.

From China - The film *Argo* won the best picture award at the Oscars, but Iranians claim that historical events in the film are exaggerated and biased. China has bought out a huge Canadian oil and gas firm with global holdings.

From Germany - An investigative piece looking for the millions of barrels of leaked oil in the Gulf of Mexico from the disastrous spill 3 years ago. 7 French citizens are being held hostage in response to the French military intervention in Mali, while the UN is considering sending a peace-keeping mission to Mali. EU officials have agreed to limit bonuses paid to bankers.

From Spain - Italy's Parliamentary elections have created a political stalemate which is increasing the European financial crisis. Colombian FARC rebels charge that the hostile attitude of President Santos has threatened the peace negotiations underway in Havana.

From Cuba - Wikileaks has released a new series of documents showing US involvement in plans to overthrow Venezuelan President Chavez. A 3-year prosecution of mercenary firm Blackwater has resulted in what critics call "a slap on the wrist."

From Russia - A week ago Afghan President Karzai banned foreign air strikes on residential areas—now the government has banned US Special Forces in the province west of Kabul.

4. The Economist

<http://www.economist.com/blogs/banyan/2013/02/indias-muslims?fsrc=scn/tw/te/au/needandneglected>

India's vast Muslim population is rising steadily. Yet despite their number, they rarely get the attention they deserve.

5. The Economist

<http://www.economist.com/blogs/baobab/2013/02/special-report-emerging-africa>

African lives have already greatly improved over the past decade, says Oliver August. The next ten years will be even better.

6. The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement
<http://theaggregatedoccupier.wordpress.com/>

Feature:

Class Resurrection: The Poor People's Campaign of 1968 and Resurrection City: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Last Work and Its Aftermath, Part 4

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SpiritPlants Radio
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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 2.16-17.2013***

1. President Barack Obama: 2013 State of the Union Address
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/state-of-the-union-2013>

In his State of the Union address, President Obama laid out his plan for a strong middle class and a strong America, which builds on the progress made in his first term.

2. The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement
<http://theaggregatedoccupier.wordpress.com/>

Feature:

Class Resurrection: The Poor People's Campaign of 1968 and Resurrection City: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Last Work and Its Aftermath, Part 3

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 1.26-27.2013

1. **The Peter Santilli Show - Dr. Judy Wood Discusses 9/11: What Happened to the Buildings?**
<http://petersantilli.com/2013/01/14/episode-317-dr-judy-wood-takes-her-9-11-case-to-the-people-cover-up-stopped-in-its-tracks/>

Dr. Judy Wood joins Pete Santilli Show for the full two hours to discuss methods of how laymen can analyze facts and resist the “psy-op” we’ve been under since 9/11.

As Americans already know, the events that took place were very horrifying. Dr. Judy Wood states that the cover-up since 9/11 has been more damaging to the United States, and has resulted in a greater loss of life than 9/11 itself. It is a fact that several factions of the so-called “truther movement” have employed some of the most sophisticated psychological operation upon the public to divert their attention away from the most critical pieces of evidence.

2. **The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement**
<http://theaggregatedoccupier.wordpress.com/>

Feature:

Class Resurrection: The Poor People’s Campaign of 1968 and Resurrection City: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s Last Work and Its Aftermath, Part 2

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<http://occupymediapodcast.com>

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 1.26-27.2013

1. **BBC - Voices from the Ghetto**
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p012cbf2>

Poland was at the centre of East European Jewish civilization and Warsaw its most populous heartland. In 1940 they were forcibly separated from their Catholic neighbors and confined by Nazi decree, along with hundreds of thousands of Jewish refugees, to an impossibly cramped living space. A deliberate policy of starvation, constant predation, disease and the terrors of occupation confronted all within the Ghetto with impossible choices and reduced many to despair.

But within the Ghetto a remarkable and clandestine project began to document how people lived and died, how they struggled for a better life and to retain their beliefs and culture. Codenamed Oyneg Shabbat (Joy of the Sabbath), the project was led by the historian Emmanuel Ringelblum. A team of “researchers” wrote detailed surveys on schooling, smuggling, the life of the streets, the bitter jokes, the price of bread and the details of their destruction. They gathered posters, songs, newspapers, pamphlets and even tram tickets that together convey the essence of the Ghetto. All to ensure that should they perish, a people’s history would be written to both warn the world and preserve at least the memory of a life on the brink. Nearly all who worked on the project would be murdered, including Ringelblum himself, but in the final days of the Ghetto and the Uprising that followed, the archive would be buried in the ruins to be finally recovered after the war.

Drawing on the words of the Oyneg Shabbat project and the memories of Nina Davidowicz, then a child who escaped the Ghetto just before its destruction, this program marks the months and years behind the walls when people lived, dreamed and struggled for another life.

2. **Nova: Inside the Archimedes Palimpsest**
<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/physics/inside-archimedes-palimpsest.html>

Discover how an international team of experts resurrected the hidden manuscript of the ancient world’s greatest thinker, Archimedes of Syracuse.

3. **The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement**
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- <http://occupymediapodcast.com>

SpiritPlants Radio

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 1.19-20.2013

1. **Radio Ecoshock: Why is the Economy Shrinking?**
<http://www.ecoshock.info/2013/01/why-is-economy-shrinking-richard.html>

Endless growth is a delusion with consequences. The spiral of climate change, peak energy, and economic crisis, with author Richard Heinberg. Fresh interview on giant new book *Energy: Overdevelopment and the Delusion of Endless Growth*. Followed by speech to Chicago Bioneers: "Life After Growth: Why the Economy Is Shrinking and What to Do About It."

2. **Short Wave Report**
http://www.outfarpress.com/sw11_30_12notes.html

This week's show features stories from NHK World Radio Japan, the Voice of Russia, Spanish National Radio, and Radio Havana Cuba.

From Japan - An *Insight* on the row between Japan and China over disputed islands in the South China Sea, describing a change in Chinese citizens attitude about free speech in China. Two Japanese oil firms and a government bank are establishing a firm running mega solar energy plants. Two stories on how Japanese companies are busy setting up deals to sell nuclear power plants to Southeast Asian countries, claiming that they have new safety features. Hundreds of thousands of French took to the streets to oppose government plans to legalize same-sex marriage.

From Russia - On Thursday the US government recognized the Republic of Somalia, for the first time in over 20 years. US forces played a supporting role in France's unsuccessful attempt to release a hostage in Somalia- how does this and the intervention in Mali fit into US AFRICOM's plans to expand influence across the African continent? Members of the British House of Lords have approved a referendum in Scotland proposing to withdraw from the UK next year.

From Spain - Russia has offered Bangladesh a billion dollar loan for weapons purchases and another half billion dollars to build a nuclear power plant. In northern Iraq there have been a rash of suicide bombings and other attacks- the area has disputed oil fields and conflicts between the Maliki government and Kurds and Sunnis. British Prime Minister Cameron has been justifying British support of the French intervention in Mali, and describing the changes he wants to see in the relationship between the UK and the EU? He skirted the question as to whether there would be a referendum on the UK leaving the EU, as suggested by numerous Brits.

From Cuba - The US is backing the French in Mali in several ways. Clashes continue to escalate in the West Bank following the killing of an unarmed 17 year old Palestinian, one of 4 civilians killed by Israeli soldiers in 4 days. More on the attacks in Northern Iraq, mostly aimed at Kurdish government officials. North Korea has called for a peace treaty to replace the cease fire armistice that stopped the Korean War in 1953, and a dissolution of the UN command in South Korea.

3. **The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement**
<http://theaggregatedoccupier.wordpress.com/>

News:

- *Occupy National Gathering 2013 Dedicates Its First Action to the Nameless*

Feature:

- *The Surprising Unknown History of the NRA: For most of its history, the NRA supported gun control laws and did not see government as the enemy.*

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 1.12-13.2013

1. **American RadioWorks – King’s Last March**
<http://americanradioworks.publicradio.org/features/king/>

Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated on April 4, 1968. Four decades later, King remains one of the most vivid symbols of hope for racial unity in America. But that’s not the way he was viewed in the last year of his life.

2. **Mic Check Radio – Banking Scandals of 2012**
<http://miccheckradio.blogspot.com/2013/01/banking-scandals-of-2012.html>

A look at some of the major banking scandals of 2012. Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan Chase, Barclay’s, Nomura, HSBC, Standard Chartered, Knight Capital, ING, Capital One, Peregrine Financial Group and LIBOR are all discussed.

3. **The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement**
<http://theaggregatedoccupier.wordpress.com/>

News:

- Meet SAM, the New Group Hell-Bent on Halting Marijuana Legalization

Feature:

- There’s a Violent World War Going On, with Millions of Casualties: Oligarchs vs. Everyone Else

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 12.08-09.2012

1. Remembering Stonewall

http://soundportraits.org/on-air/remembering_stonewall/

On Friday, June 27, 1969, eight officers from the public morals section of the first division New York City Police Department pulled up in front of the Stonewall Inn, one of the city's largest and most popular gay bars.

At the time, the vice squad routinely raided gay bars. Patrons always complied with the police, frightened by the prospect of being identified in the newspaper. But this particular Friday night was different. It sparked a revolution, and a hidden subculture was transformed into a vibrant political movement. What began with a drag queen clobbering her arresting officer soon escalated into a full-fledged riot, and modern gay activism was born.

This documentary, broadcast on the 20th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, is the first documentary—in any medium—about the riots. It weaves together the perspectives of the participants, from Deputy Inspector Seymour Pine, who marshaled the raid, to Sylvia Rivera, one of the drag queens who battled most fiercely that night. The revolutionary impact of the riot is better understood by looking at life for gay men and lesbians in the era before Stonewall, seen through the eyes of people like Bruce Merrow and Geanne Harwood, a gay couple who have been together for 60 years, and Jheri Faire, an 80-year-old lesbian. Remembering Stonewall also examines how Stonewall affected gay politics through the voices of people like Randy Wicker, the first openly gay person to appear on television and radio; Joan Nestle, founder of the Lesbian Herstory Archives; and yippie leader Jim Fouratt, who helped found the Gay Liberation Front on the third night of the Stonewall Riots.

2. The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement

<http://theaggregatedoccupier.wordpress.com/>

Features:

- 8 Visions for the Future of Legal Pot: You have nothing to lose but your pipe dreams. Marijuana legalization is a beginning, not an end.
- Washington Same-Sex Marriage Measure Signed Into Law by Governor Chris Gregoire

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 12.01-02.2012

1. Short Wave Report

http://www.outfarpress.com/sw11_30_12notes.html

This week's show features stories from NHK World Radio Japan, Radio Deutsche-Welle, Spanish National Radio, Radio Havana Cuba, and the Voice of Russia.

From Japan - The Prime Minister Noda says that the primary issue in elections in December will be whether or not to fully phase out nuclear power in Japan. In the elections in Catalonia, Spain, parties supporting an independence referendum won 87 out of 135 seats- I was not able to hear about this on SNR, so here it is from Japan. The UN Conference on Climate Change is quite divided on whether or not to extend the Kyoto Protocol. At the Climate Change Conference the US, Japan, and Canada were given the Fossil of the Day Award for their lack of cooperation in dealing with climate change.

From Germany - Qatar, which owns al-Jazeera broadcasting, is hosting the Climate Change conference, despite having the largest per capita greenhouse gas emissions on this planet. Germany announced early that it would not support Palestinian observer status at the UN- if the status is granted then Palestine could sue Israel for war crimes. The remains of Yasser Arafat were exhumed to test for polonium poisoning. The UK is so frustrated with the EU financial debacle that many in Britain are calling pulling out of the EU.

From Spain - EU leaders failed to reach agreement on a seven year budget for the bloc of 27 nations. Spanish healthcare workers are continuing protests and strikes against the privatization of hospitals.

- From Cuba - Two *Insights*, the first discussing how the dispute between Japan and China has affected economic exchange between the two nations. The second describes the ongoing conflict in Okinawa over US military planes called Ospreys that endanger the residents of the region.
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2. The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement

<http://theaggregatedoccupier.wordpress.com/>

Features:

- Colorado Passes Amendment 64 Legalizing Marijuana
- Washington Passes Measure 502 Legalizing Marijuana

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 11.17-18.2012

1. The State We're In: Two Enemies, One Heart
<http://castroller.com/Podcasts/TheStateWere/2888135>

Two soldiers, one Iraqi and one Iranian, meet on the battlefield. The Iranian saves the Iraqi's life, risking his own in the process. That was 1982. Nearly 20 years later, and on the other side of the world, sheer coincidence brings the two men together again in a life-saving drama. And a man in Amsterdam sees a WWII photograph and suddenly recalls how close he was to being sent to a concentration camp.

2. Democracy Now!: Colorado and Washington Legalize Marijuana
http://www.democracynow.org/2012/11/9/after_historic_votes_legalizing_marijuana_colorado

In a historic move, Colorado and Washington have become the first states to legalize marijuana for recreational use. Fifty-two percent of voters in Colorado supported Amendment 64, which will amend the state constitution to allow those 21 and older to purchase up to one ounce of marijuana at specially regulated stores, and permit adults to grow up to six marijuana plants in their homes. Meanwhile, in Washington, Initiative 502 passed by a 10-point margin. Now marijuana reform advocates are preparing for a showdown with the federal government, which still considers the plant a dangerous drug. "Maybe with, state by state, city by city, voters stepping up and saying, even as the federal government is sticking to its line, 'We want something different,' there's a hope out there that this message is going to get through to the federal government and they're going to start doing things differently," says our guest, Mick Dumke, a reporter for Chicago's alternative newspaper, the Chicago Reader. Dumke also notes the Chicago city council recently passed an ordinance that allows ticketing for low-level marijuana possession, but that has not stopped police from arresting people in certain neighborhoods.

3. New Yorker Political Scene
<http://soundcloud.com/newyorker/the-political-scene-november-4>

Steve Coll, Jane Mayer, and Patrick Keefe on the Petraeus scandal and Israel's new conflict with Gaza.

4. The Economist Special Report: France
<http://www.economist.com/blogs/newsbook/2012/11/special-reportfrance?zid=307&ah=5e80419d1bc9821ebe173f4f0f060a07>

France is slowly heading towards a crisis, says John Peet. Can the country be reformed before it is too late?

5. The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement
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News:

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 11.10-11.2012

1. **Democracy Now!**

<http://www.democracynow.org/shows/2012/11/7>

- Obama Re-Elected to 2nd Term with Near Sweep of Battleground States
- Election 2012: Ben Jealous, Laura Flanders on Obama's 2nd Term & the Future of Progressive Politics
- Jeremy Scahill and Dennis Kucinich: In Obama's 2nd Term, Will Dems Challenge U.S. Drones, Killings?
- From Marriage Equality to Legalizing Marijuana, Election Day Ballot Measures Won by Movements

2. **Democracy Now!**

<http://www.democracynow.org/shows/2012/11/8>

- Juan González: Critical Role in Obama's Re-Election Heralds New Era of Decisive Latino Vote in U.S.
- Puerto Rico Referendum Approves U.S. Statehood for 1st Time, But Results Show Divided Views
- John Nichols: Overwhelming Obama Victory Not Just a Mandate for the President, but for Progressives

3. **The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement**

<http://theaggregatedoccupier.wordpress.com/>

Features:

- [Notes on Occupy by Raymond Soulard, Jr.](#)
- [Letter to President Obama by Raymond Soulard, Jr.](#)

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<http://www.spiritplantradio.com>

***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 11.03-04.2012***

1. **Barack Obama: Selected Speeches**
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Barack_Obama
 - New Hampshire Primary 2008
 - Democratic National Convention 2008
 - Democratic National Convention 2012
2. **The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement**
<http://theaggregatedoccupier.wordpress.com/>

News:

- Occupy Sandy's Spirit of Solidarity Resonates with Latino Values
- Sandy, Occupy, and the City's Failures

Features:

- Five Things to Watch for in Obama's Second Term

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 10.20-21.2012

1. **US Presidential Debate**

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/AngleSc&showFullAbstract=1>

President Barack Obama and Republican candidate Mitt Romney met at Hofstra University for the second of three presidential debates. CNN's Candy Crowley moderated the debate.

2. **The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement**

<http://theaggregatedoccupier.wordpress.com/>

Feature:

Letter to Occupy by Professor Gordon Fellman

Text: http://www.spiritplantsradio.com/AO/Fellman_Letter_to_Occupy.pdf

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 10.13-14.2012

1. **US Vice Presidential Debate**

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/308539-1>

Vice President Joe Biden and Representative Paul Ryan (R-WI) met at Centre College for the 2012 vice presidential debate. Martha Raddatz moderated.

2. **The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement**

<http://theaggregatedoccupier.wordpress.com/>

News:

- Get Ready for Global Noise!
<http://www.globalnoise.net/>
- October 13 Against Debt
<http://paris.reelledemocratie.net/node/1628>

Features:

- Paul Ryan: The Lyin' King
<http://www.alternet.org/news-amp-politics/paul-ryan-lyin-king-10-his-worst-campaign-fabrications>
- How the Hype Became Bigger Than the Presidential Election
<http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/news/how-the-hype-became-bigger-than-the-presidential-election-20121009>

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 10.06-07.2012

1. Short Wave Report

http://www.outfarpress.com/sw10_05_12notes.html

This week's show features stories from Radio Deutsche-Welle, Radio Havana Cuba, Voice of Russia, and NHK World Radio Japan.

- From Germany - Last weekend saw mass demonstrations against anti-austerity measures in France, Spain, and Portugal. All nuclear power plants in the EU are reportedly in satisfactory condition following stress tests. According to the UN, there will be over a billion people over the age of 60 in the next decade. In the past quarter century the Great Barrier Reef has lost more than half of its coral cover. Iran's currency has lost a third of its value due to sanctions imposed by the US and several other nations. Syria has accused the US and other nations of hijacking a domestic crisis by helping rebels who support terrorism. Turkey has fired mortars into Syria following shelling which may have killed 5 citizens in Turkey.
- From Cuba - Syria claims that lies are being treated as news by large international news agencies. The people of Venezuela vote for a president this weekend and Hugo Chavez says he is confident of victory. Israel has announced that it will block an upcoming flotilla of aid for Palestinians in Gaza- 9 previous attempts were thwarted by the Israeli Navy. Palestinians in East Jerusalem protesting treatment by Israeli troops clashed with the Army in occupied territory.
- From Russia - According to the *Guardian UK* the US sent out a memorandum pressuring other UN members to block Palestinian statehood or face US retribution. The US is planning reprisals against militants deemed responsible for the deadly embassy attack in Libya.
- From Japan - Two *Insights*, the first discussing how the dispute between Japan and China has affected economic exchange between the two nations. The second describes the ongoing conflict in Okinawa over US military planes called Ospreys that endanger the residents of the region.

2. The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement

<http://theaggregatedoccupier.wordpress.com/>

News:

Occupy Boston: Let Them Eat Birthday Cake

<http://www.metro.us/boston/boston/article/1153060--occupy-boston-let-them-eat-birthday-cake>

Feature:

Bain Capital & Jobs Outsourced from Illinois

<http://www.tristatesradio.com/post/bain-capital-jobs-outsourced-illinois>

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 9.22-23.2012

1. Democracy Now!

<http://www.democracynow.org/shows/2012/9/21>

- **Remembering Troy Davis: Questions Remain over Whether Georgia Executed Innocent Man One Year Ago**

One year ago today, the state of Georgia executed Troy Anthony Davis for a crime many believe he did not commit. He was put to death on Sept. 21, 2011, despite major doubts about evidence used to convict him of killing police officer Mark MacPhail, including the recantation of seven of the nine non-police witnesses. As the world watched to see whether Davis's final appeal for a stay of execution would be granted by the U.S. Supreme Court, Democracy Now! was the only news outlet to continuously broadcast live from the prison grounds in Jackson, Georgia. During our six-hour special report, we spoke with Davis' supporters and family members who held an all-day vigil, then heard from those who witnessed his death by lethal injection at 11:08 p.m.

- **Troy Davis One Year Later: Execution Fuels National Movement to Abolish Death Penalty**

We speak with three people who joined us for our special live broadcast on the night Troy Davis was executed in Jackson, Georgia, including his sister, Kimberly Davis. "This is a tough time both for me and my family, but as my brother said, he always wanted us to continue the fight and to keep the faith, and that's what we've been doing," Kimberly Davis says. As Texas executed its eighth prisoner of the year Thursday, Californians are set to vote this November on abolishing capital punishment. We discuss the legacy of Troy Davis and how his case has fueled the anti-death penalty movement with NAACP President Benjamin Jealous and Laura Moya of Amnesty International USA. "We know that Troy Davis was not the first person who had not killed anybody to be put to death in this country, and he won't be the last," Jealous says. Moya also gives us an update on the case of Missouri death row prisoner Reggie Clemons, whom many are comparing to Troy Davis

- **As Italy Sentences 23 CIA Agents in Rendition Case, Obama Refuses to Prosecute Anyone for Torture**

Italy's high court has upheld the sentences of 23 CIA operatives convicted of kidnapping a Muslim cleric under the U.S. program of "extraordinary rendition." The cleric, Abu Omar, was seized from the streets of Milan in 2003 and taken to U.S. bases in Italy and Germany before being sent to Egypt, where he was tortured during a four-year imprisonment. The Americans were all convicted in absentia after the United States refused to hand them over. The ruling marks the final appeal in the first trial anywhere in the world involving the CIA's practice of rendering terror suspects to countries that allow torture. But back in 2008, then presidential candidate Barack Obama unequivocally denounced torture and extraordinary rendition. Well, according to our guest, four years after Obama made those comments, impunity for torture has now become a bipartisan policy of the U.S. government. For more, we speak with Alfred McCoy, a professor of history at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is the author of the new book, "Torture and Impunity: The U.S. Doctrine of Coercive Interrogation."

2. The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement

<http://theaggregatedoccupier.wordpress.com/>

News:

Occupy Your Victories: Occupy Wall Street's First Anniversary

<http://www.alternet.org/occupy-your-victories-occupy-wall-streets-first-anniversary>

Feature:

The Great Mittsby: The Gigantic Ass That is Mitt Romney

<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2012/09/19/1134133/-Open-thread-for-night-owls-The-Great-Mittsby>

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 9.15-16.2012

1. **Radio Ecoshock: Arctic Melt Down – Scientists Speak Out**
<http://www.ecoshock.info/2012/09/arctic-melt-down-scientists-speak-out.html>

In 2012, the Arctic Sea ice hit a stunning new record low. Rutgers scientist Jennifer Francis explains how this changes weather for billions of people in the Northern Hemisphere. Plus the Director of the Snow and Ice Data Center, Mark Serreze, about what it means, and analysis from polar scientist Jennifer Bitz, U of Washington.

2. **New Yorker Political Scene**
<http://www.newyorker.com/online/blogs/newsdesk/2012/09/political-scene-enter-the-foreign-policy-debate.html>

Steve Coll, Jon Lee Anderson, and Ryan Lizza on the Embassy attacks in the Middle East and Mitt Romney's attack on the Obama Administration's response.

3. **Friday Drive-Time**
<http://www.indymedia.org.uk/en/2012/09/499946.html>

11th anniversary of 9/11 attacks. UK campaign Reinvestigate 9/11 and book: *Solving 9-11: The Deception That Changed the World*.

4. **The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement**
<http://theaggregatedoccupier.wordpress.com/>

News:

Four Reasons Chicago's Teachers Are On Strike
<http://occupiedchicagotribune.org/2012/09/four-reasons-chicagos-teachers-are-on-strike/>

Feature:

Researchers Say It's Time to Bring Back Psychedelic LSD to Treat Alcoholism
<http://www.medicaldaily.com/articles/9261/20120308/lsd-acid-alcoholism-alcohol-addiction-treatment.htm>

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 9.08-09.2012

1. President Barack Obama Addresses the Democratic National Convention

Text:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2012/09/07/remarks-president-democratic-national-convention>

Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hd8MFmUDbg4>

Obama accepts the party's nomination for a second term on the top of the presidential ticket, reviews his first four years in office, & assesses his opponent, Mitt Romney.

2. The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement

<http://theaggregatedoccupier.wordpress.com/>

News:

Austin Police Infiltrated Occupy Austin

<http://www.statesman.com/news/local/austin-police-infiltrated-occupy-austin-2447850.html>

Feature:

Paul Ryan: A Misguided and Dangerous Vision for America

<http://trumpomania.blogspot.com/2012/08/paul-ryan-misguided-and-dangerous.html>

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 8.25-26.2012

1. Short Wave Report

http://www.outfarpress.com/sw08_24_12notes.html

This week's show features stories from Radio Deutsche-Welle, Radio Havana Cuba, Voice of Russia, Spanish National Radio, and NHK World Radio Japan.

- From Germany - An update on the platinum mine in South Africa where 34 miners were killed by police. A rabbi and a doctor are suing each other over the ban on infant circumcision in Cologne Germany. Activists in Austria have created a "democratic bank," based on principles of common good not financial profit. Russia has warned the West against military intervention in Syria, following Obama's warning about chemical weapons.
- From Cuba - Syrian authorities are insisting on dialogue to resolve the national crisis, without foreign intervention. An update on Julian Assange staying at the Ecuadoran Embassy in Britain. At least 13 people were killed in Pakistan by 3 separate US drone strikes.
- From Russia - At the United Nations, the special rapporteur on Human Rights, Ben Emmerson, began an investigation into the legality of the US drone killings.
- From Spain - United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon will attend the summit meeting of non-aligned nations in Iran. Russian police are searching for more members of the punk band Pussy Riot.
- From Japan - Japanese Prime Minister Noda and anti-nuclear citizens groups remain far apart over the country's energy policy. An Insight on the future of nuclear power, with the executive director of the Institute for Sustainable Energy Policies. Fish caught off the coast of Fukushima have radiation levels upwards of 380 times the allowable limit.

2. The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement

<http://theaggregatedoccupier.wordpress.com/>

News:

- Occupy Changed the Conversation: Now We Change the World!
<http://occupywallst.org/article/occupy-changed-conversation-now-we-change-world/>
- Occupy Tampa: Shut Down Bain Capital!
<http://occupytampa.org/home/2012/08/17/press-release-shut-down-bain-capital/>

Feature:

"War is a Racket," Part 2, by Major General Smedley D. Butler

<http://theaggregatedoccupier.wordpress.com/2012/08/23/aggregated-occupier-24-war-is-a-racket-part-2-by-major-general-smedley-d-butler-s17/>

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 8.18-19.2012

1. **Democracy Now!**
<http://www.democracynow.org/2012/8/17/headlines>

Headlines

- Britain Vows to Deny Assange Safe Passage
- At Least 70 Killed in Wave of Iraq Violence
- Afghanistan Helicopter Crash Killed 11, Including 7 U.S. Soldiers
- U.N. to End Monitoring in Syria, Saying Both Sides Have "Chosen the Path of War"
- Report: Assad's Brother Maimed in Damascus AttackSouth African Police Open Fire on Striking Miners, Killing At Least 30
- Shell Blamed for New Oil Spill in Southern Nigeria
- U.S. Calls on Bahrain to Vacate Charges Against Human Rights Activist Nabeel Rajab
- Romney Says His Tax Rate Was At Least 13 Percent over the Past Decade
- Study: 26 Companies Gave More Money to Execs Than They Paid in Federal Taxes
- Report: July Marked 329th Consecutive Month with Above-Average Global Temperature
- Dallas OKs Pesticide Spraying to Curb West Nile Outbreak
- Chevron Sued over Massive Fire at California Refinery

2. **Democracy Now!**
<http://www.democracynow.org/2012/8/13/>

"An Extreme Choice": Embracing Ayn Rand, GOP VP Pick Paul Ryan Backs Dismantling New Deal

As Republican presidential hopeful Mitt Romney names Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin as his vice-presidential running mate, we speak with two Wisconsinites about the seven-term congressman's record and how his views are influenced by the controversial philosopher Ayn Rand. "This is not necessarily a foolish choice by Romney," says John Nichols, political writer for The Nation magazine. "It is an extreme choice. And it does define the national Republican Party toward a place where the Wisconsin Republican Party is, which is very anti-labor, willing to make deep cuts in education, public services, and, frankly, very combative on issues like voter ID and a host of other things that really go to the core question of how successful and how functional our democracy will be." Ryan is chairman of the House of Representatives Budget Committee and architect of a controversial budget plan to cut federal spending by more than \$5 trillion over the next 10 years. "Ryan gets a lot of mileage for understanding, so-called, the budget and economics," says Matthew Rothschild, editor and publisher of The Progressive magazine. "But if you look closely, he doesn't really get it." Democrats argue Ryan's planned Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security reform would essentially dismantle key components of the social safety net

The Paul Ryan Vision of America: Ban Abortion, Defund Contraception, Outlaw In Vitro Fertilization

We look at Mitt Romney's newly announced vice-presidential running mate Paul Ryan's record on women's reproductive rights. Ryan opposes abortion in all situations, including cases of rape and incest, and opposes abortion in cases that endanger an expectant mother's health. Planned Parenthood has also criticized his endorsement of a so-called "Personhood Amendment," which supports defining a fertilized egg as a human being. Ryan was a co-sponsor of the Sanctity of Human Life Act, which even the conservative state of Mississippi rejected last November, and is in favor of defunding Planned

Parenthood. Ryan wants to dismantle Medicaid and repeal Obama's Affordable Care Act. "For Congressman Ryan to think he's the one that should be making the decision to take healthcare options away from women, that's very troubling to us," says our guest Nicole Safar, public policy director for Planned Parenthood Advocates of Wisconsin.

3. **The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement**
<http://theaggregatedoccupier.wordpress.com/>

News:

On #S17, Follow the Money: All Roads Lead to Wall Street

<http://occupywallst.org/article/s17-follow-money-all-roads-lead-wall-street/>

Feature:

"War is a Racket," Part 1, by Major General Smedley D. Butler

<http://theaggregatedoccupier.wordpress.com/2012/08/17/aggregated-occupier-23-war-is-a-racket-part-1-by-major-general-smedley-d-butler-s17/>

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 8.11-12.2012

3. The Shortwave Report

http://www.outfarpress.com/sw08_10_12notes.html

This week's show features stories from Radio Deutsche-Welle, the Voice of Russia, Radio Havana Cuba, and NHK Radio Japan.

- From Germany - For the past month, there have been protests in Mexico over the outcome of the Presidential election—here is an interview with a protestor who is a university professor. Two pieces about the punk band Pussy Riot who are facing three years in prison for a flash mob protest in Russia. The Egyptian President called for resignations after a deadly ambush where 16 soldiers were killed.
- From Russia - An update on the fate of Julian Assange, who is seeking refuge in Ecuador, to avoid possible extradition to the US where many think he will be charged with violation of the espionage act.
- From Cuba - The former Syrian Prime Minister who dramatically resigned this week was reportedly working for the opposition forces all along. With a green light from the White House, US citizens are being allowed to donate money to purchase weapons for the Syrian opposition. The US mercenary firm formerly known as Blackwater agreed to pay fines for illegally smuggling weapons worldwide.
- From Japan - An Insight on the anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima—50,000 people attended a ceremony calling for world peace and the abolition of all nuclear weapons- many also called for the end of nuclear power in Japan. One of the attendees at Hiroshima was the grandson of Harry Truman who had authorized the atomic bombs- the grandson campaigns for the end of all nuclear weapons. A Japanese survey team met with US NGOs in Oregon to develop strategies to deal with the Fukushima debris reaching the entire US west coast. Fukushima prefecture will soon begin checking for radiation in the rice exported from the region. Interpol has put out a Red Notice for the arrest of Paul Watson, head of the marine wildlife conservation group Sea Shepherd.

4. The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement

<http://theaggregatedoccupier.wordpress.com/>

News:

- Newly Founded Community Center in Portland Targeted by Police
<http://occupywallst.org/article/newly-founded-community-center-portland-targeted-p/>
- Occupy LA Chalk Protest Coming Back To Downtown LA: One Arrest Already
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/08/09/occupy-la-chalk_n_1760848.html

Feature:

"Violence and Human Nature," Part 2, by Howard Zinn

<http://theaggregatedoccupier.wordpress.com/2012/08/10/aggregated-occupier-22-violence-and-human-nature-part-2-by-howard-zinn-portland-community-center-raided-chalkupy-la/>

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 7.28-29.2012***

1. **Democracy Now!**

<http://www.democracynow.org/2012/7/27/headlines>

Headlines

- Syrian Forces, Rebels Clash in Aleppo; U.S. Fears “Massacre”
- Severe U.S. Thunderstorms Threatening Ozone Layer
- Arms Treaty Talks Continue at U.N. Before Deadline
- Aurora Victim Laid to Rest; School Denies Report Package Arrived Before Shooting
- Thousands Protest Mexican TV Station for Alleged Election Bias
- Romney Draws U.K. Rebuke for Criticizing London Olympics
- Bhopal Victims Stage “Special Olympics” in India
- Palestinian Hunger Striker Ends 103-Day Fast
- Israel Seeks to Displace Palestinians for West Bank Military Site
- U.S. Poverty Rate Expected to Hit 50-Year High
- Ex-Citigroup CEO: Break Up the Mega-Banks
- NYPD Officer Filmed Slamming Young Man to Ground During “Stop and Frisk” Search
- Audio Recording Reveals Discovery of NYPD Spying on Muslims in New Jersey

2. **Democracy Now!**

<http://www.democracynow.org/2012/7/27/>

Stephen Lewis: As World Spends Trillions on War and Bank Bailouts, Little Money Left to Fight AIDS

The world’s largest international AIDS conference concludes today in Washington, D.C. It was the first time in 22 years that the United States hosted the conference, due to the Obama administration’s reversal of a two-decade ban that prevented people infected with HIV from entering the country. We speak to Stephen Lewis, co-founder and co-director of AIDS-Free World. From 2001 to 2006, he served as the U.N. secretary-general’s special envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa. He is the former Canadian ambassador to the United Nations. Lewis warns more money needs to be spent on the fight against AIDS. “We’re always struggling for the crumbs and the pennies from the table [for global public health], when we know the amounts of money that are available for other and more perverse purposes internationally. And that, too, has to end,” Lewis says. “The international Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria is in financial trouble, because a number of the donor nations are not fulfilling the commitments they made, so that the next round of grants has been significantly curtailed. And that is being felt perilously at country level. I mean, if we don’t get the drugs, people will die. It’s a pretty strong equation.”

The Berlin Patient: Timothy Ray Brown Speaks Out on Being First Man “Cured” of HIV

As researchers continue to look for a possible cure for HIV/AIDS, we turn to the remarkable story of Timothy Ray Brown, known in the medical world as the “Berlin patient.” He is the first person believed to have been cured of HIV. “I was diagnosed in 1995 with HIV, and I was scared to death because, at that point, people were dying from the disease itself and also from the only available drug at that time, AZT,” Brown recalls. A decade later, he was diagnosed with leukemia, as well. Living in Berlin at the time, Brown was treated by a German doctor named Gero Hütter, who devised an experimental treatment to cure both the HIV and the leukemia. The treatment worked, making Brown the first person cured of

AIDS since it was discovered over 30 years ago. Brown's story has inspired researchers across the globe looking for a cure. "The problem is, is that 'cure' has been a four-letter word for a long while in a lot of the AIDS community. There have been promises before that hadn't really panned out," says AIDS researcher Dr. Jeffrey Laurence. Brown has just launched a foundation dedicated to the search for an HIV cure for everyone. "I believe that this is something that gives hope to a lot of people with HIV and their families. And that's very important to me," Brown says.

Rev. Canon Byamugisha Makes History as 1st African Religious Leader to Reveal HIV-Positive Status

We're joined from the International AIDS Conference in Washington, D.C., by Rev. Canon Gideon Byamugisha. A prominent church leader in Uganda, in 1992 he became the first African religious leader to openly declare his HIV-positive status. He has since devoted his life to an AIDS ministry that works to end the stigma around the disease. Rev. Byamugisha discusses his historic decision and the ongoing discrimination against LGBTQ people in Uganda.

3. New Yorker Political Scene

http://www.newyorker.com/online/2012/07/30/120730on_audio_politicalscene

Ken Auletta and John Cassidy on Rupert Murdoch and new developments in the phone-hacking scandal.

4. The Economist

<http://castroller.com/Podcasts/TheEconomist/2953139>

Breaking up the euro.

5. The Economist

<http://castroller.com/podcasts/TheEconomist/2953807>

Special Report on Judaism and the Jews.

6. The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement

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Feature:

"Violence and Human Nature," Part 1, by Howard Zinn

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 7.21-22.2012

1. **Free Radio Santa Cruz – Interview with Medea Benjamin**
<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2012/07/20/18717917.php>

George Cadman interviews Medea Benjamin about her new book *Drone Warfare: Killing By Remote Control*, a comprehensive look at the growing menace of robotic warfare, with an extensive analysis of who is producing the drones, where they are being used, who “pilots” these unmanned planes, who the victims are and what some of the legal and moral implications are. Her book also looks at what activists, lawyers and scientists are doing to ground the drones, and ways to move forward.

Cadman and Benjamin also discussed the loss of lives from the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), as well as some of the ethical, legal and financial costs of the increasing use of drones.

2. **The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement**
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News:

- Convergence to block the return to class in Quebec! (Montreal – August 13-17, 2012)
<http://www.facebook.com/notes/qpirg-concordia-grip-concordia/back-to-class-means-back-on-strike-montreal-convergence-august-13-17-bloquons-la/368869516513143>
- Student Power Convergence 2012 (Columbus, Ohio – August 11-14, 2012)
<http://studentpower2012.org/press-release/>

Features:

- Excerpts from *TAZ: Temporary Autonomous Zone* by Hakim Bey
http://www.scribtorpress.com/burningmanbooks/60_2008_hakimbey.pdf
- Excerpts from *Walden* by Henry David Thoreau
http://www.scribtorpress.com/burningmanbooks/06_2000_thoreau.pdf

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 7.14-15.2012

1. **New Yorker - Political Scene**
<http://www.newyorker.com/online/blogs/newsdesk/2012/07/obama-romney-bush-tax-cuts-podcast.html-entry-more>

John Cassidy and Ryan Lizza discuss the battle over the Bush tax cuts.

2. **The Economist**
<http://www.economist.com/multimedia?bclid=1213687647001&bctid=1732090595001>

William Galston, senior fellow at the Brookings Institute, evaluates the US election campaign.

3. **The Economist**
<http://www.economist.com/multimedia?bclid=1213687647001&bctid=1727445643001>

Economist correspondents discuss the recent presidential elections in Mexico, & the subsequent protests.

4. **The Economist**
<http://www.economist.com/multimedia?bclid=1294626183001&bctid=1731247101001>

Economist correspondents discuss the wider economic impact of the natural gas revolution in America.

5. **The Economist**
<http://www.economist.com/blogs/prospero/2012/01/business-books-quarterly>

Economist correspondents discuss the high stakes world of hedge funds & what it is hard for writers to gain access to it.

6. **The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement**
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Feature:

The Battle for the Soul of Occupy Wall Street

<http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/news/the-battle-for-the-soul-of-occupy-wall-street-20120621?print=true>

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 7.07-08.2012

1. Radio Ecoshock: Still Walking Away from Empire <http://www.ecoshock.info/2012/07/burning-down-house.html>

Interview with Daniel Rirdan, author of *The Blueprint: Averting Global Collapse*. Our second guest is Brita Belli, Editor of *E Magazine*, and author of their cover article "This Is Your Ocean on Acid."

2. The Shortwave Report http://www.outfarpress.com/sw07_06_12notes.html

This week's show features stories from Radio Deutsche-Welle, Spanish National Radio, Radio Havana Cuba, the Voice of Russia, and NHK Radio Japan.

- From Germany - At the UN there is a summit to create a treaty to regulate global trade on conventional arms - Germany wants the treaty to include small arms and ammunition. The Italian Prime Minister Monti made it clear that his country is not seeking a financial bailout from the EU.
- From Spain - A Spanish court has opened a case against former executives of the lending institution Bankia, while in the UK, Barclay's executives were questioned by MPs. Finland and the Netherlands will block the Eurozone's permanent bailout fund from buying bonds in secondary markets. The Greek government is increasing privatization of ports, railway system, and airports. New French president Hollande moved forward with tax hikes for the richest households and corporations. The European Parliament has rejected ACTA, the global agreement against copyright theft on the internet.
- From Cuba - Ecuador is considering finally expelling US Agency for International Development, because of the political interference that is financed by the agency. Supporters of ousted President Lugo of Paraguay continue to demand that he be reinstated. Three peace activists in New York remained in jail for protesting the US policy of drone strikes.
- From Russia - The cause of death of former Palestinian leader Yassar Arafat in 2004 has been questioned, following laboratory findings of Polonium on his belongings.
- From Japan - An Insight on questions surrounding the restart of the Ohi nuclear power plant in Japan, which has seen significant protest by citizens who want to cease nuclear power on the island.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 6.23-24.2012

1. **Radio Ecoshock: Still Walking Away from Empire**
<http://www.ecoshock.info/2012/06/still-walking-away-from-empire.html>

Author of *Walking Away From Empire*, Professor Emeritus Guy McPherson left University of Arizona to go off-grid in New Mexico, in a community-based alternative lifestyle. With clips from new film *Somewhere In New Mexico Before the End of Time*. Talk of collapse, transition, and revival.

2. **The Shortwave Report**
http://www.outfarpress.com/sw06_22_12notes.html

This week's show features stories from NHK World Radio Japan, Radio Deutsche-Welle, Spanish National Radio, Radio Havana Cuba, and the Voice of Russia.

- From Japan - A group of local leaders are protesting the Japanese government's decision to restart a nuclear power plant. Following the Fukushima disaster the US created a map of the radiation spread, but the Japanese government did not make the information public. Japan will create a new nuclear regulatory body by September, one that does not promote nuclear power. Toshiba is going to build several large solar power stations near Fukushima. Egypt election officials delayed releasing results for the Presidential runoff election.
- From Germany - Reese Erlich reports from Libya on the fully restored oil exporting business while the country teeters on civil war. Julian Assange applied for political asylum to Ecuador.
- From Spain - A brief report on the G20 summit and the proposed Eurozone bank. On the sidelines of the G20 summit, BRICS leaders said that they will enhance their contributions to the IMF to help protect countries from fallout from the Eurozone crisis. The Rio Plus 20 summit opened in Brazil, with a proposed agreement that many felt was far too weak.
- From Cuba - The Peoples Summit held alongside the G20 Summit rejected the prevailing neoliberal policies as illegitimate. Bolivian President Morales will present a bill on the rights of mother earth at the Rio summit. Iran had denounced the deployment of US troops in Kuwait.
- From Russia - With numerous undeclared wars spreading across the African continent, the US military will increase troop deployments there next year. And AFRICOM has increased covert spying using private contractors and their aircraft.

3. **The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement**
<http://theaggregatedoccupier.wordpress.com/>

News:

- Two Arrests as Balloon Banner, Rooftop Occupation Kick Off Nationwide Protest Demanding Cruz Family Be Allowed to Return Home
<http://www.occupyhomesmn.org/two-arrests-as-balloon-banner-rooftop-occupation-kick-off->

[nationwide-protest-demanding-cruz-family-be-allowed-to-return-home/](#)

- Come Out and Support the Lakeview Sit-In!
<http://hellaoccupyoakland.org/come-out-and-support-the-lakeview-sit-in-oo-lakeviewsitin/>

Features:

- Young Wall Street Traitor Joins Occupy Wall Street
<http://sandiegofreepress.org/2012/06/young-wall-street-traitor-joins-occupy-wall-street/>
- The G20 Summit is Illegitimate!
Part 1: <http://occupydc.org/content/lacys-reportback-1-2-alternatives-g20-summit-mexico-city>
Part 2: <http://occupydc.org/content/lacy%E2%80%99s-reportback-2-2-g20-illegitimate-says-mexico>

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 6.16-17.2012

1. **New Yorker - Political Scene**

http://www.newyorker.com/online/2012/06/18/120618on_audio_politicalscene

John Lanchester and James Surowiecki on the European debt crisis.

2. **The Economist**

<http://www.economist.com/blogs/prospero/2012/06/ian-bremmer-every-nation-itself>

Ian Bremmer discusses his new book *Every Nation for Itself*, about which countries are on a path to become global leaders.

3. **The Economist**

http://www.economist.com/blogs/babbage/2012/06/cold-comfort?src=gn_ep

James Astill, author of this week's special report on the Arctic, discusses the region's rapidly shifting landscape and the economic consequences of climate change.

4. **The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement**

<http://theaggregatedoccupier.wordpress.com/>

News:

- Charges Not Filed Against Two Remaining Occupy the Farm Protesters
<http://www.dailycal.org/2012/06/11/charges-not-filed-against-two-remaining-occupy-the-farm-protesters/>
- June 30 - July 4: Occupy National Gathering in Philadelphia
<http://occupywallst.org/article/june-30-july-4-occupy-national-gathering-philadelp/>
- Ocupa Rio+20: Occupy the Earth Summit
<http://occupywallst.org/article/ocupa-rio20-occupy-un-conference-sustainable-devel/>

Features:

- The Rise of the New Economy Movement
http://www.alternet.org/economy/155452/the_rise_of_the_new_economy_movement?page=entire

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 6.02-03.2012

1. **Radio Ecoshock: What if the Permafrost Thaws?**
<http://www.ecoshock.info/2012/05/what-if-permafrost-thaws.html>

When we think of planet Earth, we don't picture a frozen planet. But a huge area underground is always icy. We call it the permafrost. You won't find it in your backyard, unless you live in the far north. Geologists and other scientists have only begun the task of cataloging this underground world. Now, as Earth warms, we all need to know. Because if all the carbon locked up in the north is released, our climate, and our civilization will change beyond recognition. We could lose 50 to 80% of the permafrost this century. It could be a runaway greenhouse situation.

Professor Antoni Lewkowicz is a central figure unraveling this mystery. From the Department of Geography at Canada's University of Ottawa, Lewkowicz studies, leads doctoral researchers, and advises international groups on permafrost. He's a co-author on a new paper on the impacts of climate change on permafrost in Canada.

Charles Koven from Berkeley National Labs is a climate expert on permafrost. He makes predictions from the best of the models we have so far. You get selections from his presentation at the AAAS meeting in Vancouver February 19, 2012.

2. **Short Wave Report**
http://www.outfarpress.com/sw06_01_12notes.html

This week's show features stories from NHK World Radio Japan, Radio Havana Cuba, Radio Deutsche-Welle, and the Voice of Russia.

- **From Japan** - The Assembly in Nepal failed to write a new constitution and will have fresh elections in November. The former Japanese Prime Minister says that Japan must completely abandon nuclear power and blames the current government for promoting it. Japanese scientists say that radioactive substances from Fukushima reached around the world within 40 days of the accident. Small amounts of radioactive cesium are present in Bluefin Tuna caught off the coast of California. Smartphones with built-in Geiger counters will soon be on sale in Japan. On Friday Japan and China will begin direct currency trading without using US dollars to set exchange rates. Rival Palestinian factions are looking to hold elections by the end of the year.
- **From Cuba** - An international meeting on the situation in the Palestinian territories is taking place at UNESCO headquarters in Paris. Britain's Supreme Court upheld the extradition of Julian Assange to Sweden. The New York Times reports that President Obama personally oversees a kill list of those targeted for assassination in the secret US drone war. The Obama administration plans to arm Italy's fleet of US made drones with missiles.
- **From Germany** - German Chancellor Merkel reaffirmed plans to completely stop using nuclear power by 2022. The government of Peru declared a 30-day state of emergency in a province where anti-mining demonstrations are being held. A discussion on the Amnesty International annual report

on human rights around the world. Iran and other Mideast countries have been hit with a computer virus that includes spyware and the ability to read nearby cellphones. Syrian rebels gave President Assad a 48-hour deadline to abide by the international peace plan.

- From Russia - Russia and China are opposing military intervention in Syria, fearing a repeat of the Libyan and Serbian scenarios.

3. **The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement**
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News:

- 2012 Quebec Student Protests:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Quebec_student_protests
- Occupy Oakland: Solidarity with Quebec Students Strike 6/1 7 pm:
<http://occupyoakland.org/2012/05/solidarity-with-quebec-student-strike/>

Features:

- How Students are Painting Montreal Red:
<http://wagingnonviolence.org/2012/05/how-students-are-painting-montreal-red/>
- Night Falls, Power Rises, in Montrea:
<http://occupywallst.org/forum/night-falls-power-rises-montreal/>

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 5.26-27.2012

1. **BBC Documentaries: Migrants of the Caribbean**
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00r98l4>

A home made wooden fishing vessel carrying more than 70 people broke up in the heavy seas north of the Dominican Republic in February. The captain, one of the few survivors, has been arrested on people smuggling charges. It's hard to know how many people died that night, but unconfirmed reports say more than 50 lost their lives. Their bodies were washed up on the shore near Sabana de La Mar where local residents and fisherman helped to retrieve them. For Assignment, Neal Razzell tells the story of a community in shock and investigates why people are willing to risk their lives to find work in the United States.

2. **BBC Documentaries: China: Too Old to Get Rich**
http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b01hl29c/Crossing_Continents_China_Too_Old_to_Get_Rich/

Mukul Devichand tells the stories of Shanghai's rapidly ageing population. China's natural ageing process has been accelerated by the One Child Policy. Mukul tells the stories of an ageing city and asks whether China's rapid economic growth could be undermined.

3. **The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement**
<http://theaggregatedoccupier.wordpress.com/>

Updates:

- Hundreds of Students, Occupiers Take New York Streets in Solidarity with Largest-Ever Demonstration in Quebec:
http://www.alternet.org/newsandviews/article/933487/hundreds_of_students%2C_occupiers_take_new_york_streets_in_solidarity_with_largest-ever_demonstration_in_quebec/
- Occupy Wall Street Blockades Fracking Rig in PA:
<http://croatanearthfirst.com/2012/05/24/occupy-wall-street-blockades-fracking-rig-in-pa-3/>

News:

- How to Rebrand Occupy:
http://www.progressive.org/rebrand_occupy.html

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 5.19-20.2012***

1. **Democracy Now!**
<http://www.democracynow.org/2012/5/18/headlines>

Headlines

- Documents Reveal New Details in Trayvon Martin Killing
- Hundreds Protest Acquittal of Houston Ex-Cop in Assault of Black Teenager
- Envoy Tells Israel U.S. Ready for Attack on Iran
- U.S. Gives Israel \$70 Million Boost for Missile Defense
- Israeli Gunfire Wounds 7 Palestinians Near Gaza Border
- Egyptian Police Officers Acquitted in Protester Killings
- U.S. Lifts Trade Restrictions on Burma
- Global Events Mark International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia
- House Anti-Abuse Bill Omits Protections for LGBT, Native American, Immigrant Victims
- Report: GOP Super PAC Planned Ads Tying Obama to Pastor

2. **Democracy Now!**
<http://www.democracynow.org/2012/3/9/>

Journalist, Plaintiff Chris Hedges Hails “Monumental” Ruling Blocking NDAA Indefinite Detention

In a rare move, a federal judge has struck down part of a controversial law signed by President Obama that gave the government the power to indefinitely detain anyone it considers a terrorism suspect anywhere in the world without charge or trial — including U.S. citizens. Judge Katherine Forrest of the Southern District of New York ruled the indefinite detention provision of the National Defense Authorization Act likely violates the First and Fifth Amendments of U.S. citizens. We speak with Chris Hedges, a journalist who filed the suit challenging the NDAA along with six others, and Bruce Afran, the group’s attorney. “This is another window into ... the steady assault against civil liberties,” Hedges says. “What makes [the ruling] so monumental is that, finally, we have a federal judge who stands up for the rule of law.”

“End This Depression Now”: Paul Krugman Urges Public Spending, Not Deficit Hysteria, to Save Economy

Public spending is under assault from the United States to Europe in the name of fighting deficits. Nobel Prize-winning economist Paul Krugman argues in his new book, “End This Depression Now!”, that the hysteria over the deficit will constrain an economic recovery in a time of high unemployment and stagnating wages. “The economics is really easy,” says Krugman, “If we were to spend more money at the government level and ... rehire the schoolteachers, firefighters, police officers who have been laid off in the last several years because of cutbacks at the state and local level, we would be a long way back towards full employment. ... Right now, there just is not enough spending, and we need the government, which can do it, to step in and provide the demand we need. ... We’ve had austerity in the face of a recession, in a way that we have never had before since the 1930s. ... And the results are clear: it’s disastrous.” Krugman writes about the economy as a columnist for the New York Times and is a professor of economics at Princeton University.

Krugman: Jamie Dimon Should Resign over JPMorgan's \$3B Lost Bet and Campaign Against Financial Regs

As the financial giant JPMorgan Chase continues to suffer major losses on its risky derivatives trades, Nobel Prize-winning economist Paul Krugman says bank chief Jamie Dimon should resign “precisely because he’s been using his supposed wisdom as a way to campaign against reform, and now it’s turned out that he wasn’t that wise after all. In fact, his bank was doing seriously bad stuff.” Krugman says, “I think it would be better for everybody if he went.” The Justice Department is now probing JPMorgan amid new calls for tougher regulation of Wall Street. “They’re making these bets with your money, because these are banks that are guaranteed. They have guaranteed deposits,” Krugman says. “We’re supposed to have a rule going into effect — the Volcker Rule — that says that they can’t do this kind of stuff. But they are continuing to do it. ... We cannot trust the bankers to use this money safely.”

3. The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement

Updates:

- Occupy Albany: Student Found Not Guilty Thanks to Video at First Occupy Wall Street Trial:
http://paper.li/occupy_albany/1336671515
- Occupy Frankfurt: Blockupy Scores German Court Victory
<http://theoccupiedtimes.co.uk/?p=4582>

News:

- Back to the Land for the Occupy Movement:
<http://www.commondreams.org/view/2012/05/16-2>

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 5.12-13.2012

1. **New Yorker Political Scene**

<http://www.newyorker.com/online/blogs/newsdesk/2012/05/obama-romney-gay-marriage-podcast.html>

Margaret Talbot and Ryan Lizza discuss Obama on gay marriage and reports of Romney bullying a gay student in high school.

2. **The Economist: Trade Between Pakistan and India**

<http://www.economist.com/blogs/banyan/2012/05/trade-between-india-and-pakistan>

For decades, trade on the border between Pakistan and India has been moribund. New regulations should revitalize it—but might bring other changes too.

3. **The Economist: Leonard Mlodinow on the Unconscious**

<http://www.economist.com/blogs/prospero/2012/05/natures-gift>

According to Leonard Mlodinow's new book, *Subliminal: How Your Unconscious Mind Rules Your Behavior*, the modern unconscious is not a repressed part of the mind but an automatic tool that has helped humans navigate their social environment for millennia.

4. **The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement**

Updates:

- Occupy Offshoot to Bus Protesters to Chicago
<http://abclocal.go.com/wls/story?section=news/local&id=8652263>
- Chicagospring.org: NATO Summit
http://chicagospring.org/-!/Nato_G8
- 99% Solidarity: Chicago Bus Trip
<http://99solidarity.net/chicago/>
- Mental Health Movement Calls on NATO protesters to Occupy Clinics, Begins Logan Square Occupation
<http://occupywallst.org/article/mental-health-movement-calls-nato-protesters-occupy/>

News:

- Occupy Bank Of America Protest Foreshadows Democratic Convention
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/05/08/occupy-bank-of-america-democratic-convention_n_1501268.html?ref=elections-2012
- Media Get Bored With Occupy—and Inequality
<http://www.commondreams.org/headline/2012/05/03-3>

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 5.05-06.2012

1. Short Wave Report

http://www.outfarpress.com/sw05_04_12notes.html

This week's show features stories from Spanish National Radio, Radio Havana Cuba, NHK World Radio Japan, China Radio International, and the Voice of Russia.

- From Japan - Kazakstan will assist Japan in attempts to clean up areas around Fukushima contaminated with radiation. Japan and the US will collaborate on nuclear energy and alternatives for rare earth minerals. A Greenpeace activist landed a motorized glider inside a nuclear power station in France. In Vienna, the mayor of Nagasaki again called on the world to abolish nuclear weapons. Pakistan condemned another US drone attack which killed 4 last Sunday.
- From Germany - An American counter-terrorism official defended President Obama's use of targeted drone strikes. A British Parliamentary committee said that Rupert Murdoch was not fit to run a major media corporation. Two stories on the final round of France's Presidential election to be held this Sunday.
- From Cuba - Following the Argentine take over of a Spanish oil company, Bolivia has nationalized the Spanish owned power company. Last Sunday, tens of thousands of Spanish citizens took to the streets to protest austerity measures in education and health care. On Tuesday, May Day protests took place around the world. A 3 year long US Congressional probe has found that the torture practices employed by the CIA have not led to significant intelligence gains.
- From Russia - In the US 7 million people owe a total of 1 trillion dollars for student loans. This has surpassed the total amount owed on credit cards in the US. A week ago students around the country staged an "Occupy Student Debt" campaign on campuses.

2. The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement

Updates:

- Occupy London Supporters Hold May Day 'Occupy the Tube':
<http://www.demotix.com/news/1192620/occupy-london-supporters-hold-may-day-occupy-tube>
- May Day Draws Rallies, Protests Across Canada:
<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/story/2012/05/01/may-day-events.html>
- Converge for Justice: Occupy Wall Street South – Bank of America Call to Action!:
<http://occupywallst.org/article/converge-justice-occupy-wall-street-south-bank-ame/>

News:

- 99% Spring Disrupts Verizon Shareholder Meeting Six Times
<http://www.ourfuture.org/blog-entry/2012051803/99-spring-disrupts-verizon-shareholder-meeting-six-times>

- 'Festive, Righteous Anger': Occupy Makes May-Day Comeback With Massive Demonstrations
http://www.alternet.org/story/155240/%22festive%2C_righteous_anger%22%3A_occupy_makes_a_may_day_comeback_with_massive_demonstrations?page=entire

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 4.14-15.2012

1. **The Dusty Show with Clay Pigeon**
<http://wfmj.org/playlists/shows/44681>

Interview with Brendan Burke, head of Occupy Wall Street De-Escalation Security. Includes many call-in questions for Mr. Burke.

2. **The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement**

Updates:

- Occupy Wall Street Update:
<http://occupywallst.org/article/why-we-need-free-media/>
- Occupy Denver Update:
<http://occupydenver.org/open-letter-to-mayor-hancock-about-the-urban-camping-ban/>
- Occupy Detroit Update:
<http://www.occupy-detroit.us/2012/04/11/come-help-serve-darth-governors-snyder-and-walker-with-subpoenas/>

News:

- Occupy Your Mind
<http://theoccupiedtimes.co.uk/?p=3103>
- OWS' 'Spring Awakening' in Central Park Will Kick Off a Season of Activism, Attract New Faces
[http://www.alternet.org/occupywallst/154954/ows%27 %27spring awakening%27 in central park will kick off a season of activism%2C attract new faces](http://www.alternet.org/occupywallst/154954/ows%27%27spring-awakening%27-in-central-park-will-kick-off-a-season-of-activism%2C-attract-new-faces)

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<http://www.livestream.com/globalrevolution>
- Occupy Boston Radio:
<http://obr.fm>

SpiritPlants Radio

<http://www.spiritplantradio.com>

News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 4.07-08.2012

1. **Radio Ecoshock: Fracking: The Rest of the Story**
<http://ecoshock.blogspot.com/2012/04/relapse-and-recovery.html>

A fresh update on Japan after the tsunami and nuclear accident with Warren Karlenzig. Is it a chance to build new green cities, or a vision of what we all face as the oil runs out? Then a quick interview with anti-nuclear campaigner Helen Caldicott, and Marsha Coleman-Adebayo at the Occupy the EPA protest in Washington. We conclude with an invitation by Susanne Moser to “get real” about our difficult future as we destabilize the climate.

2. **The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement**

Updates:

- Occupy Boston Update:
<http://www.occupyboston.org/2012/04/06/occupy-boston-daily-digest-4-6-12/>

News:

- Occupy Transit! Transit Workers & the Occupy Movement Team Up
<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2012/04/05/1080996/-Occupy-Transit-Transit-Workers-the-Occupy-Movement-Team-Up>
- Debt and the Tar Sands:
<http://www.occupy.com/article/debt-and-tar-sands-0>
- Occupy May Day: Not Your Usual General Strike:
<http://www.commondreams.org/view/2012/03/26-8>

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 03.24-25.2012

1. Short Wave Report

http://www.outfarpress.com/sw03_23_12notes.html

This week's show features stories from Spanish National Radio, Radio Havana Cuba, NHK World Radio Japan, China Radio International, and the Voice of Russia.

- From Spain - First, a press review from *El Pais* on the state of culture in an economic crisis. On the 9th anniversary of the start of the US invasion of Iraq, there were more than 30 bomb attacks across the country. Russia and the Red Cross are pushing for daily ceasefires in Syria while Saudi Arabia began delivering more military equipment to the rebel forces. Human Rights Watch accused rebels of human rights abuses. Amnesty International says that NATO has failed to investigate the civilian deaths its bombing raids in Libya caused.
- From Cuba - The Syrian Foreign Minister denounced the foreign government support given to rebels in the country. Chilean student protests have extended around the country. Argentinian President Fernandez wants South America to unite to demilitarize the South Atlantic zone and defend natural resources of the region. Bolivian President Morales has threatened to close the US Embassy if espionage and interference continues.
- From Japan - The US is planning a major military shift out of Japan. Japan's Defense Ministry is considering using missiles against a N Korean satellite launch next month. An Insight segment on the rethinking of Japanese reliance on nuclear energy. The British government is lifting restrictions on the export of sheep meat, which have been in place since the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear disaster.
- From China - In defense of its economic practices, China points out that it is the second largest importer of goods, and that it will soon be the largest. The Afghan government is renewing its offer of holding talks with the Taliban. A five year research project in China shows that traditional Chinese medicine has proven to be a cost-efficient HIV/AIDS treatment.
- From Russia - The US is fast tracking research into cyber-weapons, including using radio waves to infiltrate computer systems which are isolated from networks.

2. The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement

Updates:

- Occupy Wall Street Update:
<http://occupywallst.org/article/support-occupy-union-square>
- Occupy Oakland Update
<http://occupyoakland.org/2012/03/occupy-oakland-re-occupies-in-secret-location-32212>
- Occupy Berlin Update:
<http://translate.google.com/translate?hl=en&sl=de&u=http://occupyberlin.info/&ei=Dl5sT6bhK6jZ0QH6->

[TiBg&sa=X&oi=translate&ct=result&resnum=1&ved=0CDIQ7gEwAA&prev=/search%3Fq%3Doccupy%2Bberlin%26hl%3Den%26prmd%3Dimvns](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/03/16/occupy-wall-street-6-months-later_n_1352752.html?ref=occupy-wall-street)

News:

Occupy Wall Street: 6 Months Later, What Has Occupy Protest Movement Achieved?:

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/03/16/occupy-wall-street-6-months-later_n_1352752.html?ref=occupy-wall-street

- Horizontal Meets Vertical: 3 Ways Occupy, Community Groups and Unions Can Work Together to Change Society:
http://www.alternet.org/occupywallst/154599/horizontal_meets_vertical%3A_3_ways_occupy%2C_community_groups_and_unions_can_work_together_to_change_society?page=entire

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SpiritPlants Radio

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 03.17-18.2012

1. Guns & Butter: NATO's Assault on Syria
<http://www.indymedia.ie/article/101538>

For the past six months and longer, once Libya had fallen to the NATO sponsored "rebels," we have faced a continuous media onslaught about Syria with reports of protests, shootings, killings, attacks, bombing, and so forth. The backdrop to the narrative is that this is part of the Arab Spring which started last year and it is a good thing overall. So many people are probably wondering what really has been happening, given that this is the same media that was cheer leading the Iraq war almost 10 years ago even though at least a million+ are now dead as a result. And yet somehow they want to imply that they are doing the right thing now. We should also recall that this is the same media that is promoting austerity and encouraging us to accept the blame for the mad years of the bubble and as a consequence we should pay up the €90 billion bailout and in the process see all the state services stripped to the bone. They are presenting the uncomplicated truth surely.

2. The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement

Updates:

- Occupy Wall Street Update:
<http://occupywallst.org/article/weekly-marches-wall-street/>
- Occupy Oakland Update
<http://occupyoakland.org/2012/03/reimagine-the-ga-working-group-the-holdout-oakland-friday-march-16-2012-600-to-730-pm/>
- Occupy Amsterdam Update:
<http://translate.google.com/translate?hl=en&sl=nl&u=http://www.occupyamsterdam.nl/&ei=1QNkT6WNPOeS0QHioKmpCA&sa=X&oi=translate&ct=result&resnum=1&ved=0CCcQ7gEwAA&prev=/search%3Fq%3DOccupy%2Bamsterdam%26hl%3Den%26client%3Dsafari%26rls%3Den%26prmd%3Dimvns>

News:

- The Occupy Spring?:
<http://www.thenation.com/article/166828/occupy-spring>
- The Purpose of Occupy Wall Street is to Occupy Wall Street:
<http://www.thenation.com/article/166827/purpose-occupy-wall-street-occupy-wall-street>
- Occupy is Dead? Long Live Occupy!:
<http://www.thenation.com/article/166826/occupy-dead-long-live-occupy>
- What Does Democracy Look Like?:
<http://www.thenation.com/article/166824/what-does-democracy-look>
- More Than a Protest Movement:
<http://www.thenation.com/article/166822/more-protest-movement>

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 03.10-11.2012***

1. **Democracy Now!**
<http://www.democracynow.org/2012/3/9/headlines>

Headlines

- Report: U.S. Offers Israel Weapons to Stall Attack on Iran
- Iran Accused of Covering Up Alleged Nuclear Site
- Syrian Activists Reject Call for Assad Talks
- Greece Secures Debt Relief to Obtain Bailout
- Hundreds Rally for Palestinian Woman Prisoner on Hunger Strike
- Senate Rejects Bid to Speed Keystone XL Pipeline Approval
- DOJ Reviews NYPD Spying on Muslims
- Report: NYPD Spied on 3rd-Generation Muslim Americans
- Whistleblower: Bank of America Blocked Aid to Homeowners
- Georgia Senate Passes Bill Requiring Drug Tests for Welfare
- Haiti: Hundreds March to Demand Cholera Reparations

2. **Democracy Now!**
<http://www.democracynow.org/2012/3/9/>

U.S. Faces Challenge to "Drug War" as Latin American Countries Mull Decriminalization, Legalization
As Vice President Joe Biden wraps up a trip to Central America insisting the drug war must continue, a growing number of Latin American leaders are calling for the decriminalization or legalization of drugs. "This debate now is no longer going to be suppressed," says Ethan Nadelmann, founder and executive director of the Drug Policy Alliance. "Once U.S. officials are obliged to participate in the discussion and to do it in a real way, the smartest among them know there's no way to defend the current U.S. strategy."

"Beautiful Souls": Eyal Press on the Whistleblowers Who Risk All to "Heed the Voice of Conscience"
From corporate whistleblowers to Army refuseniks, a new book, *Beautiful Souls: Saying No, Breaking Ranks, and Heeding the Voice of Conscience in Dark Times*, explores what compels ordinary people to defy the sway of authority and convention for the greater good. "I feel like we have two very different discourses about whistleblowers in this country," says the book's author, Eyal Press. "On the one hand, when you see them cast in Hollywood movies, they're invariably heroes, played by leading actors and actresses, and everybody salutes them... On the other hand, when we have whistleblowers actually speaking up in real time, the response is very different."

"El Librotraficante" Tony Diaz Defies Ethnic Studies Book Ban with Caravan to Arizona
Self-described book smuggler Tony Diaz, nicknamed "El Libro-Traficante," is set to launch a small caravan to bring carloads of controversial books into Arizona that were recently banned by public school officials in Tucson after the city suspended its acclaimed Mexican American Studies program due to a state ban on the teaching of ethnic studies. "When Arizona tried to erase our history, we decided to make more," Diaz says. "We've unleashed this informal network that's galvanized into a national movement... People are forming groups to read the protested books, to read the books that have been confiscated. They've actually brought so much attention to our community that I think right now we really are on the

verge of a Latino Renaissance.”

3. The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement

Updates:

- Occupy Wall Street Update:
<http://occupywallst.org/article/occupy-international-womens-day/>
- Occupy Palm Beach Update
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/03/05/occupy-palm-beach-camp-sh_n_1321579.html
- Occupy Dublin Update:
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2012/mar/08/irish-police-clear-occupy-site?newsfeed=true>

News:

- Occupy AIPAC Update:
<http://www.occupyaipac.org/2012/03/citizens-occupy-aipac-policy-conference-and-mic-check-cong-ros-lehtinen/>
- Springtime for Occupy: Movement's Plans For Coming Weeks and Months:
<http://abcnews.go.com/Business/occupy-wall-street-movement-plans-spring-surprises/story?id=15870450-.T1n4ndFSQuO>
- Can Occupy pull off a general strike?
http://www.salon.com/2012/02/29/can_occupy_pull_off_a_general_strike/singleton/

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 02.25-26.2012

5. Short Wave Report

http://www.outfarpress.com/sw02_24_12notes.html

This week's show features stories from NHK World Radio Japan, China Radio International, Radio Havana Cuba, Spanish National Radio, and Radio Deutsche-Welle.

- From Japan - The last nuclear reactor in western Japan has been shut down for inspection. The two remaining nuclear reactors will be shut down by late April. More than 40% of the citizens in the regions near the Fukushima plant were exposed to radiation beyond the annual safety limit. Media was allowed to be near the Fukushima reactors for the first time this week. Cement is being laid atop the seabed offshore of the Fukushima power plant to stop the radioactive materials from spreading at sea. The US says it may begin arming anti-government demonstrators in Syria.
- From China - China is urging the Syrian government and rebels to cease all violence against civilians, and disagrees with the idea of other countries arming opposition forces. China says that the veto of the UN resolution against Syria was not a result of partiality, but of considering what is best for the Syrian people. The mayor of Nagoya Japan denies that the Rape of Nanking occurred in 1937, angering the Chinese people. The Chinese firm Great Wall Motors is to begin having their autos assembled in Bulgaria. China wants Israel to accept the reconciliation between the Palestinian factions of Fatah and Hamas.
- From Cuba - An Israeli human rights organization is criticizing Israel's increased imprisonment without charge or trial of Palestinians. There are claims of a media campaign targeting Venezuela and especially President Hugo Chavez and his health.
- From Spain - Last Sunday in Spain up to one-half million people protested against reforms to the labor market and cuts to social programs. This week saw student in Valencia, who were protesting education cuts, being beaten by riot squads.
- From Germany - An analysis of the latest Greek bailout- can Greece ever repay its growing debts, and can it stay in the Eurozone?

6. The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement

Updates:

- Occupy Birmingham Update:
<http://occupybirmingham.org/occupy-our-homes/>
- Occupy Oakland Update
<http://occupyoakland.org/2012/02/occupy-education-california-march-from-uc-berkeley-all-peralta-colleges-to-oscar-grant-plaza-march-1-2012/>
- Occupy Wall Street Update:
<http://occupywallst.org/article/f27-occupy-our-food-supply-global-day-action/>

- Occupy Nigeria Update:
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/02/15/what-occupy-nigeria-looks-like_n_1279348.html?ref=occupy-wall-street

News:

- Santorum Exploring Secret Service Protection:
http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/localnews/20120215_santorumsecretservice.html
- In a 325-Page SEC Letter, Occupy's Finance Gurus Take on Wall Street Lobbyists:
<http://motherjones.com/mojo/2012/02/occupy-sec-letter-volcker-rule>
- Philadelphia Convention Plans Lead To Rift In Occupy Movement:
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/02/23/philadelphia-convention-occupy-rift-michael-pollok_n_1297859.html?ref=occupy-wall-street

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 02.18-19.2012

1. **The Invention of Ancient Israel, The Silencing of Palestinian History**
<http://www.indymedia.org.uk/en/2012/02/492182.html>

On 8th February 2012, Professor Keith Whitlam addressed a packed room at the Friends Meeting House in Sheffield, on the subject of "The Invention of Ancient Israel, the Silencing of Palestinian History." The meeting was organized by the Sheffield Palestine Solidarity Campaign.

2. **The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement**

Updates:

- Occupy Atlanta Update:
<http://occupyatlanta.org/2012/02/13/occupy-atlanta-att/- .Tz8MxnJSQuN>
- Occupy Oakland Update
<http://occupyoakland.org/2012/02/pacific-steel-workers-march-for-dignity-berkeley-city-hall-friday-february-17-2012-1000-am/>
- Occupy Wall Street Update:
<http://occupywallst.org/article/f20-national-occupy-day-support-prisoners-statement/>
- Occupy London Update:
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2012/feb/13/occupy-london-eviction-postponed?newsfeed=true>

News:

- Iris Photographs By Police, Not So Optional:
<http://www.commondreams.org/headline/2012/02/13-4>
- Occupy Movement Regroups, Preparing for Its Next Phase:
<http://occupytheairwaves.wordpress.com/2012/02/12/occupy-movement-regroups-preparing-for-its-next-phase/>

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 02.11-12.2012

1. Radio Ecoshock: Fracking: The Rest of the Story
<http://ecoshock.blogspot.com/2012/02/fracking-rest-of-story.html>

Gasland director Josh Fox arrested at U.S. Congress. Fracking Hearing Speakers Rep Harris (R-MD), Rep Miller (D-NC), Kathleen Sgamma (industry). Hear John Fenton, whose well was poisoned by fracking at Pavillion, Wyoming. Theo Colborne of TEDX explains little-known air pollution health impacts of fracking. Interview with EPA whistle-blower Dr. Marsha Coleman-Adebayo, inspiration for the No Fear Act.

2. The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement

Updates:

- Occupy Seattle Update:
<http://occupyseattle.org/blog/2012-02-09/strike-rally-support-seattle-port-truck-drivers>
- Occupy Vancouver Update
https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=explorer&chrome=true&srcid=0B5j_dGoSFCLJNW_IzOTQzNTctNTVjYS00MGViLTk1OWMtMzhiMGNmYzQzYmYw&pli=1
- Occupy Oakland Update:
<http://occupyoakland.org/2012/02/occupy-legal-is-holding-an-occupy-know-your-rights-training-on-sunday/>
- Occupy Wall Street Update:
<http://occupywallst.org/article/nyc-stop-vote-close-schools-occupy-pep/>

News:

- OWS Stands With Farmers, Says Enough! to Monsanto:
<http://www.commondreams.org/headline/2012/01/31-0>
- New Rules for Radicals: 10 Ways To Spark Change in a Post-Occupy World
http://www.alternet.org/story/153972/new_rules_for_radicals%3A_10_ways_to_spark_change_in_a_post-occupy_world?page=entire

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 01.28-29.2012

1. President Barack Obama: 2012 State of the Union Address
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/state-of-the-union-2012>

The President outlines a series of ideas to build an economy that works for everyone, one that will bring about a new era of American manufacturing, and promote homegrown and alternative energy sources.

2. The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement

Updates:

- Occupy Denver Update:
<http://occupydenver.org/upcoming-occupy-denver-events-for-january/>
- Occupy Oakland Rise Up Festival:
<http://occupyoakland.org/2012/01/occupy-oakland-weekend-of-action-detailed-schedule-oakland-rise-up-festival/>
- Occupy Austin Update:
<http://occupyaustin.org/discuss/-/20120124/infoscribes-newsletter-2-12412-events-meeting-1209924/>
- Occupy London Update:
<http://www.meetup.com/occupytogether/London-GB/404222/>
- Occupy Wall Street Foreclosure Update:
<http://occupywallst.org/article/breaking-one-hundred-brooklyn-community-members-an/>

News:

- Occupy DC Gives State of the 99% Address:
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/01/24/occupy-response-state-of-the-union-rebuttal_n_1229606.html
- Metaphor, Translation, and Occupy Amsterdam:
<http://mediacommons.futureofthebook.org/imr/2011/12/22/metaphor-translation-and-occupy-amsterdam>
- Don't Let Occupy Be Occupied: 6 Ways to Fight the Creep to Institutionalize:
<http://www.commondreams.org/view/2012/01/26-11>

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 01.21-22.2012

1. **Radio Ecoshock: The Brutal Logic of Climate Change**
<http://ecoshock.blogspot.com/2012/01/kevin-anderson-brutal-logic-of-climate.html>

“The future is impossible,” says Dr. Kevin Anderson, former Director of UK’s top climate research institute, the Tyndall Centre. Speech in London lays out our awful tilt toward an unlivable climate. Then we get agreement, but a slightly hopeful solution, from Dr. William Calvin. He’s authored a dozen books, including on human evolution and climate change.

2. **The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement**

- “Occupy Wall Street: Why Now? What’s Next?—Naomi Klein and Yotam Marom in Conversation About Occupy Wall Street”
<http://www.commondreams.org/view/2012/01/10-1>
- “Occupying Student Debt: How OWS is Saying ‘No’ to \$1 Trillion in Debt”
<http://bostonoccupier.com/2012/01/12/occupying-student-debt-how-ows-is-saying-”no”-to-1-trillion-in-debt/>

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 01.14-15.2012

1. Radio Ecoshock: Climate Change May Force Human Evolution
<http://ecoshock.blogspot.com/2012/01/climate-may-force-human-evolution.html>

We journey into the deep past, to find the future, with Dr. Andrew Glikson, former Principal Research Scientist, for the Australian Geological Survey. He is an expert on past extinction, climate, & asteroid hits. Then neurobiologist Dr. William Calvin from Washington U, author of *Global Fever, How to Treat Climate Change*. Plus remarks by Dr. Colin Campbell.

2. The Aggregated Occupier: News and Notes from the Occupy Movement
 - “2011: A Year in Revolt”: <http://occupywallst.org/article/2011-year-revolt/>
 - “Zuccotti Park Barricades Removed: Occupy Wall Street Protesters Stream Back In To Former Camp”:
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/01/10/zuccotti-park-barricades_n_1198129.html#liveblog

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 12.10-11.2011***

Occupy Wall Street Update

Selected audio from and about the Occupy Wall Street (and elsewhere) movement.

- Voices of Occupy Wall Street:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rC7cDBtMvU4>
- Democracy Now!: Ex-Greek PM George Papandreou on Greece's Fiscal Crisis and Why He Backs Occupy Movement:
http://www.democracynow.org/2011/12/9/exclusive_ex_greek_pm_george_papandreou
- Rustbelt Radio: Occupy Update:
<http://pittsburgh.indymedia.org/news/2011/12/47641.php>
- Occupy Boston Avoids Eviction 12/8/2011:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I89sq9GQLx0>

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- Global Revolution:
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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 12.3-4.2011***

Occupy Wall Street Update

Selected audio from and about the Occupy Wall Street (and elsewhere) movement.

- Jamarhl Crawford at Occupy Boston:
<http://www.occupyboston.org/2011/10/17/jamarhl-crawford-of-blackstonian-at-occupy-boston/>
- Roxanne Dunbar Ortiz at Occupy Boston:
<http://hereweprotest.com/2011/11/04/upcoming-lectures-in-the-howard-zinn-memorial-lecture-series-at-occupy-boston/>

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 11.26-27.2011***

Occupy Wall Street Update

Selected audio from and about the Occupy Wall Street (and elsewhere) movement.

Democracy Now! – Occupy Everywhere

<http://www.democracynow.org/shows/2011/11/25>

How does the Occupy Wall Street movement move from “the outrage phase” to the “hope phase,” and imagine a new economic model? In a *Democracy Now!* special broadcast, we bring you excerpts from a recent event that examined this question and much more. “Occupy Everywhere: On the New Politics and Possibilities of the Movement Against Corporate Power,” a panel discussion hosted by *The Nation* magazine and The New School in New York City, features Oscar-winning filmmaker and author Michael Moore; Naomi Klein, best-selling author of *The Shock Doctrine: The Rise of Disaster Capitalism*; Rinku Sen of the Applied Research Center and publisher of *ColorLines*; Occupy Wall Street organizer Patrick Bruner; and veteran journalist William Greider, author of *Come Home, America: The Rise and Fall (and Redeeming Promise) of Our Country*.

Here are additional links for research and reference:

- Occupy Wall Street:
<http://occupywallst.org/>
- Occupy Together:
<http://www.occupytogether.org/occupy-wall-st/>
- Global Revolution:
<http://www.livestream.com/globalrevolution>

SpiritPlants Radio
<http://www.spiritplantradio.com>

***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 11.19-20.2011***

Occupy Wall Street Update

Selected audio from and about the Occupy Wall Street (and elsewhere) movement.

Democracy Now! – Occupy Special

<http://www.democracynow.org/shows/2011/11/18>

- Occupy Wall Street Draws Massive Turnout in NYC and Across the Nation to Mark 2-Month Milestone
- Hip-Hop Legend Russell Simmons, Member of the 1%, on Why He Supports the 99% and OWS
- New York City Students Join OWS Day of Action with Union Square Rally, March
- SEIU President, Union Leaders Arrested in OWS Brooklyn Bridge Protest Demanding Job Creation
- NYC Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez Detained in Zuccotti Raid, Urges Mass Involvement in OWS
- Projectionists Light Up New York City Buildings, And Protesters' Spirits, With Occupy-Themed Display
- The Revolution Will Be Live Streamed: Global Revolution TV, the Occupy Movement's Video Hub
- Occupy Oakland Protester Pancho Ramos Stierle Faces Deportation After Arrest While Meditating

Here are additional links for research and reference:

- Occupy Wall Street:
<http://occupywallst.org/>
- Occupy Together:
<http://www.occupytogether.org/occupy-wall-st/>
- Letter to President Obama (re: Occupy):
<http://www.spiritplants.org/forums/index.php/topic,4633.msg31067.html> - new
- Global Revolution:
<http://www.livestream.com/globalrevolution>

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<http://www.spiritplantradio.com>

***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 11.12-13.2011***

Occupy Wall Street Update

Selected audio from and about the Occupy Wall Street (and elsewhere) movement.

- The Dusty Show with Clay Pigeon – Occupy Update
<http://wfmj.org/playlists/shows/42617>
- Radio Ecoshock with Alex Smith – Occupy Oakland General Strike
<http://www.indymedia.org.uk/en/2011/11/488049.html>

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<http://occupywallst.org/>
- Occupy Together:
<http://www.occupytogether.org/occupy-wall-st/>

SpiritPlants Radio

<http://www.spiritplantradio.com>

News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 10.22-23.2011

Occupy Wall Street Update

Selected audio from and about the Occupy Wall Street (and elsewhere) movement.

- Interview with Alexa O'Brien of US Day of Rage and Occupy Wall Street
<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2011/10/19/18694162.php>
- Mike Cann interviews at Occupy Boston
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4A5jpjp_FpE&feature=related
- Police Raid of Occupy San Francisco
<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2011/10/17/18694040.php>
- *Democracy Now!* - NPR Fires Radio Host
<http://www.democracynow.org/2011/10/21/headlines-10>
- *New Yorker* Political Scene – Income Inequality and Occupy Wall Street
<http://www.newyorker.com/online/blogs/newsdesk/2011/10/political-scene-occupy-wall-street-the-primal-scream.html>
- Uncle Eddie & Robin at Occupy Wall Street - Let 'Em Eat Cake
<http://uncleeddieandrobin.com/>

Here are additional links for research and reference:

- Occupy Wall Street:
<http://occupywallst.org/>
- Occupy Together:
<http://www.occupytogether.org/occupy-wall-st/>
- A Framing Memo for Occupy Wall Street:
<http://www.readersupportednews.org/opinion2/275-42/7970-a-framing-memo-for-occupy-wall-street>

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<http://www.spiritplantradio.com>

***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 10.15-16.2011***

Occupy Wall Street Update

Selected audio from and about the Occupy Wall Street (and elsewhere) demonstrations.

- ***Democracy Now!*** - NYC Withdraws Cleaning Evacuation Order in Face of Defiant Occupy Wall Street Protesters
http://www.democracynow.org/2011/10/14/nyc_withdraws_cleaning_evacuation_order_in
- Here and Now with Robin Young - Interview with Fordham University sociology professor and activist Heather Gautney:
<http://hereandnow.wbur.org/2011/10/13/occupy-wall-movement>
- Rapper Immortal Technique Speaks Out at Occupy Wall Street
<http://qik.com/video/44583274>

Here are additional links for research and reference:

- Occupy Wall Street:
<http://occupywallst.org/>
- Occupy Together:
<http://www.occupytogether.org/occupy-wall-st/>
- I Am Not Moving:
http://www.dangerousminds.net/comments/i_am_not_moving_occupywallstreet_video_will_make_glenn_beck_shit/

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<http://www.spiritplantradio.com>

***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 10.08-09.2011***

Occupy Wall Street Special

Selected audio from and about the Occupy Wall Street (and elsewhere) demonstrations.

- Occupy Wall Street - Brooklyn Bridge Takeover and Arrests:
<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2011/10/02/18691934.php>
- Countdown with Keith Olbermann - Interview with Michael Moore:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ln1QILrnFzQ>
- Occupy San Francisco - General Assembly October 6:
<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2011/10/06/18692478.php>
- Rachel Maddow Show:
<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/26315908/vp/44795303#44795303>
- Daily Show with Jon Stewart:
<http://www.thedailyshow.com/watch/wed-october-5-2011/parks-and-demonstration>
- Dr. Cornell West speaks at Occupy Wall Street demonstrations:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H31XN8zgXII>

Closing Music by Steve Roach, "Slow Rising"

Here are additional links for research and reference:

- Occupy Wall Street:
<http://occupywallst.org/>
- Occupy Together:
<http://www.occupytogether.org/occupy-wall-st/>
- The American Revolution is underway, #occupywallstreet takes it to the belly of the beast:
<http://www.indymedia.ie/article/100645>

SpiritPlants Radio
<http://radio.spiritplants.org>

***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 09.24-25.2011***

BBC Radio Documentaries: The Secret War on Terror
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/docarchive/all>

The Secret War On Terror reveals the astonishing inside story of the intelligence war which has been fought against al-Qaeda over the last decade since 9/11.

SpiritPlants Radio

<http://radio.spiritplants.org>

News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 09.17-18.2011

1. Democracy Now! Special with Noam Chomsky
<http://www.democracynow.org/shows/2011/9/13>
 - On the 9/11 decade and the assassination of Osama bin Laden: was there an alternative?
 - On joblessness, excessive military spending, and healthcare
 - On U.S. to veto Palestinian statehood bid despite “overwhelming international consensus”
2. The Economist: “The Great Mismatch: A Special Report on Jobs”
http://www.economist.com/audiovideo?fr_chl=8a2059e9ac993b05e749291542c9e65bda3af5bf&rf=bm

For many, income expectations will fall as global competition increases. But for some, it’s never been a better time to look for work.

SpiritPlants Radio

<http://radio.spiritplants.org>

News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 09.10-11.2011

1. **President Barack Obama: American Jobs Act**
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/photos-and-video/video/2011/09/08/president-obama-presents-american-jobs-act>

US President Obama presents plan to create jobs with joint session of Congress.

2. **The Rachel Maddow Show on MSNBC**
<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/26315908/vp/44447285-44447418>

Discussion with White House Senior Advisor Valerie Jarrett about Obama's jobs plan.

3. **Short Wave Report**
http://www.outfarpress.com/sw08_26_11notes.html

This week's show features stories from China Radio International, NHK World Radio Japan, Radio Deutsche-Welle, Radio Havana Cuba, and the Voice of Russia.

- **From China** - The Australian government is working with farmers to reduce their carbon footprint. Environmental activists have accused Apple Computer Corporation of using Chinese manufacturers who are dangerously polluting the air and water.
- **From Japan** - Dangerous levels of dioxin have been found in rivers and ground water in prefectures hit by the March 11th earthquake. An iron wall is to be built around the damaged Fukushima nuclear power plant to prevent radioactive water from leaking into the sea. Iran says that its first nuclear power plant is up and running, and plans to build 20 more.
- **From Germany** - The European Court of Justice has ruled that honey with any traces of genetically modified pollen must not be sold. The EU plans to stop some computer automated stock market sales to prevent rapidly plunging share values. Turkey is extremely angry at Israel over the killing of its citizens aboard last year's flotilla to Gaza by Israeli troops.
- **From Cuba** - Israeli warplanes have attacked a Palestinian refugee camp in Central Gaza just hours after Israeli settlers burned a mosque in the West Bank. A Cuban Deputy Foreign Minister strongly criticized NATO's military intervention in Libya, and urged the West to avoid a similar scenario in Syria. Nigeria has asked Libyan rebel leaders to stop the indiscriminate killing of black Africans in that country. Thousands of Italians opposed to the government's austerity plans have taken to the streets. US military commanders want more authority to conduct covert operations in Iraq.
- **From Russia** - The US has a secret army that answers to no one but the President and Secretary of Defense. The Joint Special Operations Command, or JSOC, was created in response to the attacks of 9/11 and carries out targeted assassinations.

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<http://radio.spiritplants.org>

News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 08.27-28.2011

1. New Yorker: The Political Scene

http://www.newyorker.com/online/2011/08/29/110829on_audio_politicalscene

Wendell Steavenson and Steve Coll discuss Libya, Syria, and Obama's response to the Arab Spring.

2. Short Wave Report

http://www.outfarpress.com/sw08_26_11notes.html

This week's show features stories from Radio Deutsche-Welle, Radio Havana Cuba, the Voice of Russia, and NHK World Radio Japan.

- From Germany - Some European economists say that if the 17 Eurozone nations were to pool their finances, it would be in much better shape than the US. In Libya, the rebels seem to have united many different tribes on the way to Tripoli—there is a question as to how well they will all get along once a new government begins to form.
- From Cuba - It turns out that US and NATO forces had key roles in the Libyan rebels push into Tripoli—and they were aided by covert forces from France, Britain, and some East European countries. A massive national strike in Chile has united trade union workers with the students who have been protesting for weeks. The Foreign Ministers from the Union of South American Nations have gathered in Argentina to find ways to mitigate the impact of the global financial disaster. Bolivian Assembly Socialist members voted to expel the US Agency for International Development for conspiring against the local government.
- From Russia - An analysis of the protests taking place at the White House to demand that President Obama put an end to the proposed tar sands oil pipeline from Alberta Canada to oil refineries on the Gulf Coast of Texas—which many say is the largest “carbon bomb” in North America.
- From Japan - Prime Minister Kan says that he and his cabinet will resign next week if his bill on renewable energy passes through the Diet. The Japanese government has a plan to reduce the radiation level in Fukushima Prefecture by 50% within 2 years. Three quarters of the nuclear reactors in Japan are now out of service. NHK produced a daily segment last week on the various types of renewable energy being successfully used around the planet. This segment covers the use of a combination of solar panels and hydroelectric generators in Laos.

3. The Economist

<http://www.learnoutloud.com/Podcast-Directory/Politics/Contemporary-Issues/The-Economist-Podcast/28342>

- The Aftermath of the Riot
- Doing Business in Washington, D.C.
- Booker Literary Prize

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<http://radio.spiritplants.org>

News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 08.20-21.2011

Radio Ecoshock

"The Myth of the Industrial Forest"

<http://www.ecoshock.info/2011/07/myth-of-industrial-forest.html>

Is biochar a real solution for climate change? Why is big oil pushing biochar to "offset" emissions from the Canadian Tar Sands? Earthbeat (<http://www.earthbeatradio.org/>) reporter Daphne Wysham investigates with Rachel Smolker from <http://www.globaljusticeecology.org/>.

Then Daphne interviews Executive Director Anne Petermann on the Stop GE Trees campaign. Big corporations are risking the wild forest with genetically engineered Eucalyptus trees.

This Earthbeat for Ecoshock sampler ends with Dr. Helen Calicott. *Before* Fukushima, Caldicott predicts a nuclear power disaster.

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<http://radio.spiritplants.org>

News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 08.13-14.2011

BBC Radio Documentaries: Afghanistan

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/docarchive/all>

1. Afghanistan: War Without End?

To mark ten years since the invasion of Afghanistan, key decision-makers reveal the inside story of how the West was drawn ever deeper into the Afghan war. John Ware charts the history of a decade of fighting and looks at when the conflict may end.

2. Assignment: The Afghan Governors

Ten years after foreign forces invaded Afghanistan, they've begun to hand full responsibility back to Afghans. Lyse Doucet, who's been covering Afghanistan for more than 20 years, travels around Afghanistan to meet the Afghans in charge.

SpiritPlants Radio

<http://radio.spiritplants.org>

News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 07.30-31.2011

1. **Democracy Now!**

http://www.democracynow.org/2011/7/28/wealth_gap_between_minorities_and_white

A new study of U.S. census data reveals that wealth gaps between whites and minorities in the United States have grown to their widest levels since the U.S. government began tracking them a quarter-century ago. White Americans now have on average 20 times the net worth of African Americans and 18 times that of Latinos. According to the Pew Research Center, the gaps were compounded during the housing bust and the subsequent recession, and essentially wiped out much of the economic progress made by people of color over the past 20 years. We discuss the center's study with Roderick Harrison, sociologist and demographer, and former chief of racial statistics at the Census Bureau. "Any hopes or aspirations, particularly based solely on Obama's election, that we had reached some kind of post-racial state were close to delusional," says Harrison. "This report is pointing to just how much the socioeconomic inequalities have been exacerbated by the recession and poor economy."

2. **Democracy Now!**

http://www.democracynow.org/2011/7/28/richard_wolff_debt_showdown_is_political

Republicans have agreed to a vote today on a budget plan they say will cut the deficit \$917 billion over 10 years. The move sets the stage for a showdown against unified Democratic opposition in the Senate and threats of a White House veto. To discuss the debt talks and economic austerity worldwide, we're joined by Richard Wolff, Emeritus Professor of Economics at University of Massachusetts Amherst and author of several books, including "Capitalism Hits the Fan: The Global Economic Meltdown and What to Do About It." "This is political theater in which two parties are posturing for the election coming next year," says Wolff. "To put it in perspective, the number of times the government has raised the debt ceiling since 1940? Ninety, almost twice a year. This is a normal, automatic procedure. Every president, Republican and Democrat, has asked for it."

3. **The Economist**

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/the-economist-all-audio/id151230264>

- Israeli Jews in a Palestinian State
- The Birth of South Sudan
- Whither the Arab Spring?
- The Fight Over the Debt Ceiling
- Orpheus: The Song of Life

SpiritPlants Radio

<http://radio.spiritplants.org>

News Hour:

World Week in Review

Weekend of 07.23-24.2011

Voices from the National Football League Labor Talks

<http://www.nfl.com/videos>

The playing of the 2011 NFL season, the 92nd regular season of the National Football League, is contingent upon the adoption of a new collective bargaining agreement (CBA) between the owners of all 32 NFL teams and the NFL's players. The season is tentatively scheduled to begin on Thursday, September 8, 2011 with the New Orleans Saints traveling to Lambeau Field, the home of the Super Bowl XLV champion Green Bay Packers; and end with Super Bowl XLVI, the league's championship game, on February 5, 2012 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. However, the failure to agree to a new CBA has led to a lockout, which may, depending on how long it lasts, shorten or cancel the entire season, similar to what happened to the National Hockey League in the 2004-05 NHL lockout.

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<http://radio.spiritplants.org>

News Hour:

World Week in Review

Weekend of 07.16-17.2011

Radio Ecoshock

"The Machinery of Climate Denial"

<http://www.ecoshock.info/2011/07/machinery-of-climate-denial.html>

Who are the climate deniers & who funds them? Thorough investigation by Dr. John Mashey of California, former Chief Scientist for super-computer maker Silicon Graphics. He met climate scientists being harrassed and threatened, and went on a years-long quest to know who and why. Fake "institutes" funded by big oil and coal use plagiarism and lies to stall public awareness of climate change danger.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 07.09-10.2011

Reports on Today's China

1. BBC World Service

Enter the Dragon

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00h4vr8>

Taiwan is an island of 23 million people right next to China, which sees it as a renegade province of its own, insisting that other countries do not recognize its government, and reserving the right to retake it—by military means if necessary. For the last three years Taiwan's response to these tensions has been mainly conciliatory—under the presidency of Ma Ying-jeou, economic and cultural links with the Chinese mainland have flourished for the very first time, and the idea of formal independence has become more taboo than ever. Yet polls suggest that increasing numbers of Taiwanese see themselves as separate from mainlanders, and many fear that closer ties will lead to reunification by stealth. With Ma's presidential term now drawing to a close, this series considers the achievements and criticisms of his China policy and asks what Taiwan's future options might be. Along the way, we learn about the emerging Taiwanese identity, how Taiwanese and Chinese people get on face to face, and what Taiwan's experiences tell us about Beijing's wider foreign policy.

2. The Economist

Special Report on China

<http://www.economist.com/blogs/banyan/2011/06/special-report-china>

China's continued economic success is under threat from a resurgence of the state and its resistance to further reform.

3. Democracy Now!

Western Companies Launch Sweeping Video-Surveillance Project in China

http://www.democracynow.org/2011/7/5/headlines/western_companies_launch_sweeping_video_surveillance_project_in_china

The Wall Street Journal reports several western companies, including Cisco Systems, are poised to help build a massive new surveillance project in China — a citywide network of as many as 500,000 cameras in the city of Chongqing. Officials say the sophisticated video-surveillance will prevent crime, but human rights advocates warn it could target political dissent. Cisco is expected to supply networking equipment that is essential to operating large and complicated surveillance systems. Human rights advocates say Chinese police have used surveillance footage to identify people in political protests. Jailed Chinese artist-activist Ai Weiwei, who was released last month, complained before he was apprehended in April that police were using cameras to monitor him.

[Interlude music: Joshua Redman Quartet — “Second Snow”]

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<http://radio.spiritplants.org>

News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 06.11-12.2011

1. Democracy Now!

Bill Moyers on His Legendary Journalism Career

http://www.democracynow.org/2011/6/8/bill_moyers_on_his_legendary_journalism

In a *Democracy Now!* special broadcast, we are joined by legendary journalist Bill Moyers, a founding organizer of the Peace Corps, press secretary for President Lyndon Johnson, a publisher of *Newsday*, and senior correspondent for CBS News. Public television is where he has made his home, producing many groundbreaking shows and winning more than 30 Emmy Awards. Moyers has just published a new book, *Bill Moyers Journal: The Conversation Continues*, a collection of interviews from his popular PBS show that aired from 2007 to 2010. "The greatest change in politics in my time has been the transformation of democracy, America, from a citizens' society, the moral agency of all those people in the civil rights movement who stood up against the weight of authority and against persecution and acted as agents of change—the change from a citizens' society to a consumer society, where most of us are caught up on that treadmill, trying to get more," Moyers says. In a wide-ranging interview, he also discusses the state of the public media infrastructure he helped to establish as part of the Johnson administration. "Public broadcasting, which remains a place that treats you as a citizen and not a consumer, is also threatened. We must defend it. We must call it back to its heights. We must continue to support it, because without it, we're at the mercy, totally, of corporate power."

2. Short Wave Report

http://www.outfarpress.com/sw06_10_11notes.html

This week's show features stories from NHK Japan, Spanish National Radio, China Radio International, Radio Havana Cuba, and Radio Deutsche-Welle.

- From Japan - It has been revealed that three of the reactors in Fukushima experienced meltdowns within a few days of the tsunami. Highly contaminated water continues to accumulate at the site. Soil samples show strontium and cesium more than 60 km away from the reactors. The IAEA is asking Japan to provide a more transparent report on the nuclear crisis.
- From Spain - The European Commission has proposed a large aid package to help farmers hurt by the E. Coli outbreak in Germany. The new President of Peru, Ollanta Humala, has vowed that the poor will share in the country's wealth. Portugal's Socialist party lost elections over the weekend. Demonstrations continue in Spain by "The Outraged Ones."
- From China -The Chinese government wants the NATO countries to actively consider the African Union's roadmap for peace in Libya. A report on the protests against Israel on the Syrian border that left more than 20 dead.
- From Cuba -Thousands of Israelis protested in Tel Aviv against Netanyahu's policies. Dozens of medical workers in Bahrain were charged with crimes for treating anti-government protestors. The Crown Prince of Bahrain was quietly visiting President Obama this week. Obama will be met by protests when he visits Puerto Rico next week. Defense Secretary Gates suggested extending US troops in Afghanistan beyond 2014. US drone strikes continue in Pakistan, with

at least 33 killed this week.

- From Germany - German operators of off-shore wind farms look forward to the German shutdown of nuclear power plants. The Global Commission on Drug Policy released a report has called the War on Drugs a failure and suggested a new approach. Occupants of the International Space Station are not to eat the vegetables they grow.

3. **The Economist**

<http://www.learnoutloud.com/Podcast-Directory/Politics/Contemporary-Issues/The-Economist-Podcast/28342>

- **Sectarian Tensions in Bahrain** - In Manama, a facade of calm conceals ongoing repression of Bahrain's Shia majority. We speak to a government minister and Shia cleric.
- **Elections in Peru**- Ollanta Humala, a retired military officer, won Peru's presidential election on June 5th. Will he maintain the current democratic order?

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<http://radio.spiritplants.org>

News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 06.04-05.2011

1. **Radio Ecoshock with Alex Smith**
Nukes, Storms & Fighting Back
<http://ecoshock.blogspot.com/2011/06/nukes-storms-fighting-back.html>

After Fukushima, making U.S. reactors safer. Feature interview with nuclear engineer David Lochbaum from Union of Concerned Scientists. Speech by Paul Watson at premiere of new film *Eco-Pirate* with director Trish Dolman in Vancouver, Canada. Lively Q-&-A, as Watson updates his campaigns, now off to stop illegal fishing off the coast of war-torn Libya. Has Japan given up its illegal whaling for good? *Earthbeat* host Daphne Wysham records a Virginia storm victim.

2. ***The New Yorker: The Political Scene***
http://www.newyorker.com/online/2011/06/06/110606on_audio_politicalscene-ixzz1OGwcCZUL

John Cassidy and Ryan Lizza on the Republicans' Medicare problem.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 05.28-29.2011

1. Democracy Now!

The Legendary Bob Dylan Turns 70: Democracy Now! Airs Rare Interviews and Songs from Pacifica Radio Archives

http://www.democracynow.org/2011/5/24/the_legendary_bob_dylan_turns_70

Today Bob Dylan turns 70 years old, and we air a special program on his life and music. Dylan was born Robert Allen Zimmerman on May 24, 1941, in Duluth, Minnesota. Raised in Hibbing, Minnesota, he moved to Greenwich Village in January of 1961. Within a couple of years, Dylan would be viewed by many as the voice of a generation as he wrote some of the decade's most famous songs, including "Blowin' in the Wind," "The Times They Are a-Changing," "Like a Rolling Stone," "Masters of War," "Desolation Row" and "Mr. Tambourine Man." After emerging from the New York City folk scene, Dylan explored many other genres, from rock to country to the blues. He continues to tour to this day. In 2008, the Pulitzer Prize jury awarded him a special citation for "his profound impact on popular music and American culture, marked by lyrical compositions of extraordinary poetic power." But before Bob Dylan became a musical star, he was one of countless young musicians in New York City trying to get heard. Some of his earliest radio appearances were on Pacifica radio station WBAI. We speak with the legendary WBAI broadcaster Bob Fass, the host of *Radio Unnameable*, who interviewed Dylan several times. Fass's show began in 1963 and became a leading outlet for the emerging counterculture of the 1960s. It still airs every Thursday night at midnight. We play excerpts from the Pacifica Radio Archives of a 1962 performance by Dylan on Fass's show and an interview when he was only 20 years old. We also speak with music writer Elizabeth Thomson, co-editor of the newly reissued book, *No Direction Home: The Life and Music of Bob Dylan*, written by the late Robert Shelton. And we feature part of Dylan's 1963 performance at the March on Washington and hear why Dylan refused to sing out at protests against the Vietnam War.

2. The Economist

<http://www.learnoutloud.com/Podcast-Directory/Politics/Contemporary-Issues/The-Economist-Podcast/28342>

- **Israel and America** - Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu addresses a joint session of Congress with a speech that was big on hype but short on substance.
- **Unrest on Israel's Borders** - Following Israel's violent response to "Nakba Day" protests on its borders, our correspondents discuss the state of the peace process.
- **Sexual Abuse in America's Prisons** - For ten years, Scott Howard, while an inmate in Colorado's prisons, was a victim of sexual abuse. New standards would be welcome.
- **The Republican Nomination** - Our correspondents discuss the race for the Republican presidential nomination and the pool of flawed candidates vying for the honour.
- **A Special Report on Australia** - Australia is rich, tranquil and egalitarian. As its economy booms, now is the time to plan an even better future, says John Grimond.

SpiritPlants Radio

<http://radio.spiritplants.org>

News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 05.14-15.2011

Radio Ecoshock

"Climate, Media and Learning"

<http://ecoshock.blogspot.com/2011/05/climate-media-and-learning.html>

New look at public health risks of climate change, with Harvard's Paul Epstein, and Tim Tarako of SFU. Interview with Andy Revkin, former environment reporter for *The New York Times*. Interview with Vermont teacher Katy Farber on "Service Learning" & Captain Charles Saylan on fixing environmental education.

SpiritPlants Radio
<http://radio.spiritplants.org>

***News Hour:
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American RadioWorks presents:

"Power and Smoke: A Nation Built on Coal"

<http://americanradioworks.publicradio.org/features/coal/>

The production of electricity in America pumps out more greenhouse gases than all of our cars, trucks, planes, and ships combined, and half of our electricity comes from burning coal.

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<http://radio.spiritplants.org>

News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 04.30-05.01.2011

Radio Ecoshock: Bill McKibben, "Last Stand for Climate"

<http://www.vancouverobserver.com/blogs/earthmatters/2011/04/10/mckibben-tells-vancouverites-help-close-tar-sands>

As part of a free public lecture series, [The Vancouver Institute](#) hosted Bill McKibben last weekend. McKibben has been called "the nation's leading environmentalist" by the *Boston Globe* and "the world's best green journalist" by *Time Magazine*. Over four hundred people of all ages packed into the auditorium at UBC to hear him.

McKibben's most recent book, *Eaarth*, describes the planet on which we live. Earth is a thing of the past. Eaarth has conditions unlike any that have occurred during the presence of primates on the planet. "If an alien were to view human activity from afar and take a guess at what we were trying to do with the planet," McKibben told his audience, "creating the perfect conditions for a worldwide mosquito ranch would be a viable hypothesis."

Speech recorded by Alex Smith of Radio Ecoshock:

<http://www.ecoshock.info/2011/04/bill-mckibben-last-stand-for-climate.html>

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News Hour:

World Week in Review

Weekend of 04.09-10.2011

Radio Ecoshock with Alex Smith

Fear and Loathing in Fukushima

<http://ecoshock.blogspot.com/2011/04/fear-and-loathing-in-fukushima.html>

Will there be more explosions at the damaged nuclear reactors in Japan? What is reaching North America, or Europe? Japanese government withholds vital information. News and interviews with Dr. John Large in UK, & Dr. Krzysztof Starosta who measured emissions on Canada's West Coast (as UC Berkeley did in San Francisco).

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 04.02-03.2011

1. **Radio Ecoshock with Alex Smith**
Japan: Triple Meltdown
<http://ecoshock.blogspot.com/2011/03/japan-triple-meltdown.html>

Confirmation of three reactors damaged, melting down in Japan. Radioactivity spreads round world. From Japanese TV, civil defense info to protect yourself, breastfeeding, pregnancy, which veggies safe. News you don't hear. Economic impact serious, world-wide. Plus investigation into California reactor built on quake zone, and how citizens can take action. Interviews with Rochelle Becker and University of California, Berkeley lawyer Steven Weissman.

3. **The New Yorker: The Political Scene**
<http://www.newyorker.com/online/podcasts/campaigntrail>

The New Yorker's executive editor, Dorothy Wickenden, Ryan Lizza, and the activist Marwa Sharafeldin discuss the Libya intervention and Egypt's stalled revolution.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 03.26-27.2011

1. **Radio Ecoshock with Alex Smith**
The Nuclear Nightmare Continues
<http://www.ecoshock.info/2011/03/nuclear-nightmare-continues.html>

Key interview with famous anti-nuclear campaigner Dr. Helen Caldicott on the Japanese nuclear disaster. How radioactivity works, the impacts and risks in Japan, the United States, Canada, and Europe (especially France). What the media doesn't tell us. Then "Peak Oil shrink" psychologist Kathy McMahon on coping with increasing bad news, while dealing with spouse or family in denial. Kathy is 35 miles from an old New England reactor up for renewal. Plus news from Japanese TV you may not know. Radiation has spread around the Northern Hemisphere, the whole island of Japan is in severe risk.

2. **Shortwave Report**
<http://www.outfarpress.com/outfarpress/shortwave.shtml>

This week's show features stories from NHK Japan, Radio Deutsche-Welle, Radio Havana Cuba, and The Voice of Russia.

- **From Japan** - The earthquake/tsunami in Japan has resulted in 25,000 dead or missing citizens, and damage estimates of \$300 billion so far. The government issued a warning that leafy vegetables from the disaster region contain very high levels of radioactivity. Radioactive iodine levels have made tap water in Tokyo unsafe for infants, though some scientists say that the risk is minimal.
- **From Germany** - With minor amounts of nuclear fallout reaching Europe, the German government is facing pressure to shut down the seven oldest nuclear power plants in the country. While Germany, the Arab League, China, India, Russia, Brazil and other nations oppose the Western military intervention in Libya, the French are enthusiastically supporting their government's role.
- **From Cuba** - Two stories on the protests that greeted President Obama throughout his brief tour of select South American nations. Then a viewpoint on the US military using mercenaries, or contractors, to operate with fewer restrictions in America's expanding war fronts. Brazil and most of South America want a peaceful settlement in Libya, and called for an end to air strikes by allied forces.
- **From Russia** - British commandos have been assisting rebels in Libya for three weeks, leading to speculation that a ground invasion may be in the plans. A report on the international opposition to the air strikes on Libya, and the division of British marines who have been placed on alert for deployment to the region.

3. Democracy Now!

Debating Intervention: Is U.S.-Led Military Action the Best Solution to Libya Crisis?

http://www.democracynow.org/2011/3/23/debating_intervention_is_us_led_military

Forces loyal to Libyan leader Col. Muammar Gaddafi continue to advance on rebel-held towns amidst ongoing U.S.-led air strikes. Gaddafi's deadly crackdown on the Libyan uprising has sparked debate on longstanding questions around international intervention. We're joined by Libyan poet, scholar and University of Michigan professor Khaled Mattawa, who supports U.S.-led intervention, and UCLA law professor Asli Bali, who says the U.S.-led coalition has ignored viable alternatives to military attacks.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 03.19-20.2011

Radio Ecoshock with Alex Smith

Japan: Twilight of the Nuclear Gods

<http://ecoshock.blogspot.com/2011/03/japan-twilight-of-nuclear-gods.html>

Something new has happened. What does it mean? Is it bigger than 911? We focus on how the Japanese government and utility company failed to inform the public, and could not control events at a reactor. Exactly what always happens.

They had been warned this would happen, but did nothing. The same is true of a series of American reactors, with the same design, and the same vulnerabilities. If the electricity is shut down, for any reason, from ice storms, to earthquakes to terrorism, these plants can melt down. The result, as we see, is mass evacuations and health risks. Can that region ever be re-inhabited?

Will radioactivity be carried to the North American West Coast? Or elsewhere in the Northern Hemisphere? Essential information citizens need to know, about emergencies, about authorities withholding vital information, about the risks we face.

Separate segments on reactor risks in USA and Canada, plus a tiny bit on European reaction. Nicole Foss blogs as "Stoneleigh" on "The Automatic Earth" (in the top 10 financial blogs on the 'Net). She studied nuclear affairs, and published on the Chernobyl reactor accident. We reached her in Eastern Europe. Plus we talk to Shawn Patrick, a nuclear campaigner for Greenpeace Canada, where the government fired a regulator demanding a backup power system for a failed reactor, before it was reopened.

The nuclear nightmare revisited.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 03.12-13.2011

Noam Chomsky on the Drug War

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Noam_Chomsky

MIT professor and political commentator Noam Chomsky discusses the hidden motivations for the United States' decades-long so-called "War on Drugs." Professor Chomsky argues that, domestically, the U.S. government has sought to create a new slavery of the African-American population and, abroad, has used its Drug War campaign to control the policies and political agendas of other nations.

Background music is "Spirit Dome" by Steve Roach and Vidna Obmana.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 02.26-27.2011

1. Democracy Now!

<http://www.democracynow.org/2011/2/25/headlines>

Headlines

- U.N.: Thousands May Have Died in Libyan Crackdown
- Protesters Plan Rally in Libyan Capital
- U.N. Security Council, Rights Panel Holds Sessions on Libya
- Wisconsin Assembly OKs Anti-Union Bill
- Idaho Senate Advances Curbs on Teachers' Union
- Thousands Join "Day of Rage" in Iraq
- Pakistan Trial of CIA Operative Adjourns
- Algeria Lifts State of Emergency
- Foreign Student Arrested on Terror Charges
- Indiana Senate OKs Anti-Immigrant Bill
- Same-Sex Marriage Legalized in Hawaii, Advanced in Maryland

2. Democracy Now!

<http://www.democracynow.org/2011/2/25/>

Thousands Feared Dead in Gaddafi's Crackdown on Libyan Uprising

The United Nations is warning thousands of people may have been killed in Colonel Muammar Gaddafi's assault on the growing popular uprising across Libya. The United Nations is also warning Libya's food supply network is on the brink of collapse. Deadly clashes are ongoing as anti-government forces close in on the capital city of Tripoli. We get a report from *Democracy Now!*'s Anjali Kamat in Libya.

Protesters Expect 100,000 in Madison as Assembly OKs Anti-Union Bill

The Republican-controlled Wisconsin State Assembly has passed Gov. Scott Walker's budget repair bill that would eliminate collective bargaining rights for most public employees. The measure has sparked an unprecedented 11 days of protest in the capital city of Madison and across the state. Broadcasting from the Capitol Rotunda in Madison, we speak to The Nation magazine's John Nichols.

Despite Exemption from Anti-Union Bill, Wisconsin Firefighters Stand with Public Sector Workers

Thousands of workers and labor activists have descended on Madison since last week, calling on state lawmakers to reject Republican Gov. Scott Walker's anti-union bill. Although police officers and firefighters are exempted from key provisions of the bill, they have joined the protests in large numbers. We are joined by Mahlon Mitchell, president of the Wisconsin Professional Firefighters Association. "There is not one public employee that does their job to get rich," Mitchell says. "We don't do our job to get rich. We do our job to have a decent life, to have a decent middle-class family and not have to struggle like a lot of our other people do."

"Until We Throw This Bill Out, We Can't Come Back:" Wisconsin State Senator Chris Larson Remains in Illinois

Wisconsin senate Democrats have stalled the anti-union bill by fleeing the state, thereby denying Republicans quorum for a vote. On Thursday, Wisconsin police were deployed to retrieve the absent Senate Democrats at their homes without success. We speak to Democratic State Senator Chris Larson, who has fled to Illinois.

Policing & Protesting: Wisconsin Officers Patrol Capitol, But Join in Demonstrations

Wisconsin police officers have participated in the Madison labor protests, not only on the job as public security, but also as demonstrators. “Law enforcement officers from all across the state are proud to stand with their fellow devoted public employees,” says Jim Palmer, executive director of the Wisconsin Professional Police Association. “We have been very impressed by how peaceful everyone has been.”

“Gov. Walker Needs to Get Over His Koch Addiction”: Labor Activists Protest Koch Brothers’ Madison Office

Hundreds of demonstrators gathered outside the lobbying offices of the Koch brothers in Madison on Thursday. “The Koch brothers have funded a lot of anti-union, anti-worker legislation not just here in Wisconsin, but across the country,” says Elizabeth DiNovella of the Madison-based magazine *The Progressive*. “People in Wisconsin are here to say that Walker needs to get over his Koch addiction and to really respect workers’ rights to organize.”

Teachers, Students Among First to Protest at Wisconsin Capitol

Teachers and students have been on the front lines of the Wisconsin protests. We speak to University of Wisconsin graduate student Angela Wellman.

Wisconsin’s Uprising: A Guided Tour of the 11-Day Protest Encampment Inside the State Capitol in Madison

Public employees, labor activists and students have been filling the hallways of the Wisconsin State Capitol for the past 11 days. Hundreds of people have slept inside the Capitol building each night. So many people are staying here that protesters have begun building impromptu dining areas, a lending library and a medic center. Democracy Now! senior producer Mike Burke and John Hamilton receive a tour of the building from an activist who’s stayed at the Capitol building for nine straight nights.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 2.19-20.2011

Radio Ecoshock with Alex Smith

Hello Hard Times

http://www.ecoshock.org/transcripts/ES_110128_Script_Blog.htm

- Host Alex Smith rants about the business takeover of the U.S. government in Washington. Is it “friendly fascism” as Bertram Gross predicted in 1980?
- Interview with Kiko Brito, Greenpeace Brazil Communications Director, in Rio de Janeiro, about the deadly floods and landslides near Rio, Brazil. Western media covered the floods in Australia as well. But less is known about similar extreme precipitation events in South America and Sri Lanka, happening at the same time. In addition to hearing stories and reactions from Brazil, Brito discusses that country’s expectations from the new climate grouping called “BASIC” (Brazil, South Africa, India, and China).
- An interview with Nafeez Masaddeq Ahmed, author of *A User’s Guide to the Crisis of Civilization: And How to Save It*. Discussion of controversial subjects, like 911 Truth versus Climate Change, the lack of Muslim scholarship on global warming, and why he left population out of his list of drivers to crisis.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 2.12-13.2011

1. Democracy Now!

Post-Mubarak: What Will Egypt Look Like the Day After the Regime Ends?

http://www.democracynow.org/2011/2/11/post_mubarak_what_will_egypt_look

University of Michigan Professor Juan Cole and Georgetown Professor Samer Shehata examine the future of Egypt. Will the revolution succeed or will the next government be another “Mubarak regime without Mubarak?” Cole spoke at Columbia University in New York City last night at an event titled, “Egypt Arising.” Samer Shehata joins us in Washington, D.C.

2. The Michael Slate Show

<http://radio.indymedia.org/en/node/18516>

Alan Goodman, correspondent for *Revolution* newspaper, talks about the significance of the rebellion in Egypt, where it came from, its impact, the role of the US imperialists and what it all means for the people of the world.

3. Shortwave Report

<http://www.outfarpress.com/outfarpress/shortwave.shtml>

This week's show features stories from China Radio International, Spanish National Radio, Radio Deutsche-Welle, Radio Havana Cuba, and the Voice of Russia..

- From China - Cambodian and Thai military forces are fighting over a disputed border temple. The drought in Northern China continues with the wheat crop in peril. The Arctic Sea ice is at its lowest surface area since monitoring began. Chile is experiencing a severe drought. Haiti has allowed a passport for former President Aristide. Italian Prime Minister Berlusconi denies paying for sex with a 17-year-old, an act that may end his reign. Julian Assange has demanded that Swedish prosecutor come to the UK before he goes to Sweden.
- From Spain - Spain's banned political party Batasuna has reemerged, rejecting the violence used by Basque separatists ETA. Oil-rich South Sudan is the newest nation on the African continent. Tunisia has suspended activities of the former ruling party to prevent further unrest.
- From Germany - As I write this, Hosni Mubarak is telling the crowds in Cairo that some powers will go to Omar Suleiman—clearly there are more demonstrations ahead. Here is a report from Wednesday on the new Vice President Suleiman. Private Bradley Manning is being held in a maximum-security military prison for allegedly releasing confidential material to Wikileaks—there are calls in London to intervene on his behalf.
- From Cuba - Wikileak cables show that Omar Suleiman has been Israel's choice to lead Egypt for some time. George W Bush had to cancel a trip to Switzerland to avoid being arrested for war crimes. Hillary Clinton argued in Mexico that the US cannot legalize drugs because there is too much money in it. FARC rebels in Colombia have begun releasing prisoners. The World Social Forum began Sunday in

Senegal.

- From Russia - France is currently chairing the G20, and preparing a full-scale reform of the world financial system.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 1.29-30.2011***

President Barack Obama: 2011 State of the Union Address
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/state-of-the-union-2011>

US President Obama underscores in his address “the need to maintain America’s leadership in a rapidly changing world so that our economy is competitive—growing and working for all Americans.” In order to achieve this, Obama outlines “a plan to help the United States win the future by out-innovating, out-educating, and out-building our global competition.” At the same time, the President acknowledges the need to reform the way our government does business and take responsibility for our deficit “by investing in what makes America stronger and cutting what doesn’t.”

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 1.22-23.2011

1. **The New Yorker: The Political Scene**
<http://www.newyorker.com/online/podcasts/campaigntrail>

The New Yorker's executive editor, Dorothy Wickenden, discusses our troubled relationship with China with Evan Osnos and John Cassidy.

2. **The Economist: A Special Report on Global Leaders**
<http://www.economist.com/node/17929075?src=spblg/200111>

This special report is about global leaders, but mostly not the sort you have heard of, such as presidents and pop stars. Instead, it looks at the people who shape the world without anyone noticing: those with enough brains, money or influence to affect the lives of large numbers of others. These three things often go hand in hand, but not always.

3. **Shortwave Report**
<http://www.outfarpress.com/outfarpress/shortwave.shtml>

This week's show features stories from China Radio International, Spanish National Radio, Radio Deutsche-Welle, Radio Havana Cuba, and The Voice of Russia.

- **From China** - Chinese President Hu Jintao is visiting the US and is stressing the need for mutual respect. The US and China have signed huge business deals on energy technology and established a joint clean energy research center. The UN has ended its peace mission in Nepal. The worst flooding in Australia in a hundred years has moved to the state of Victoria. Agreements on a common market were reached at the second Arab Economic Development and Social Summit.
- **From Spain** - The unity of Tunisia's new coalition government has failed with instability and civil unrest continuing. The government of Lebanon collapsed due in part to the investigation of the murder of the Prime Minister's father.
- **From Germany** - China has doubled its banking presence in Europe, providing convenience and relief but also worry. A Swiss whistle blowing banker handed Julian Assange confidential information about 2000 rich and famous individuals and corporations.
- **From Cuba** - Internal US government reviews found the Wikileaks revelations have caused relatively little damage to the US abroad. The Israeli government is preparing another major settlement expansion in occupied East Jerusalem. Thousands protested in Tel Aviv against a government probe of Israeli human rights groups.
- **From Russia** - Russian oil firm Rosneft signed an agreement with BP to jointly develop oil and gas resources in the Arctic region. An analysis of the possibility of the US defaulting on its global debt, which currently stands at \$45,000 per US citizen.

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<http://radio.spiritplants.org>

News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 1.15-16.2011

1. **President Barack Obama: Memorial in Arizona**
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ztbJmXQDIGA>

President Barack Obama traveled to Tucson to attend a memorial ceremony for the victims of the shooting. Before the ceremony on January 12, Obama met with the families of the deceased victims and visited Giffords at her bedside in the medical center. During the evening event, titled "Together We Thrive: Tucson and America", Obama spoke of Giffords' improving condition, recalled and praised the victims of the attack, and held up Christina Taylor Green and her interest in civics and leadership as examples for how American politics should function. "I want us to live up to her expectations," stated Obama. "I want our democracy to be as good as she imagined it. All of us—we should do everything we can to make sure this country lives up to our children's expectations."

2. **Democracy Now!**
http://www.democracynow.org/2011/1/13/tavis_smiley_on_obamas_arizona_memorial

Tavis Smiley on Obama's Arizona Memorial Speech, Martin Luther King, and Hate in America

We get reaction to President Obama's memorial speech in Tucson from journalist Tavis Smiley. "I thought the speech the President gave was a wonderful speech, and I thought it properly contextualized what it is that we are up against as a nation," Smiley says. "I wish the President had gotten around to giving this speech a year ago." And on this eve of the birthday of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., who decried violence abroad and at home, we also play excerpts of his historic 1967 address at the Riverside Church, when he called for an end to the Vietnam War.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 1.08-09.2011

1. Radio Ecoshock with Alex Smith

Climate Chaos and Chinese Consumers

http://www.ecoshock.org/transcripts/ES_110107_Script.htm

- Millions of people check with “The Weather Underground” (<http://www.wunderground.com>) website for the latest. They want the color charts, maps, satellite photos—and the big picture from Dr. Jeff Masters. As a meteorologist, Jeff was a “Hurricane Hunter”, flying with the National Oceans and Atmospheric Administration planes out of Miami. He flew right into the big ones, like Gilbert, and finally Hurricane Hugo. In 1995, Masters co-founded a web site to make real-time sense of raw data pouring out of the National Weather Service. We talk about the relationship of wetter and warming winters to the blizzards that hit the U.S. and Canadian Northeast, the wild winter heat wave in the Arctic, and floods in Australia. What does the future hold?
- Oil burning has jumped significantly in 2010, the biggest jump in over 5 years. Bad news for the planet’s atmosphere. With Russia now the world’s largest oil producer (bigger than Saudi Arabia), and China likely the world’s biggest oil consumer (or heading that way), how does this impact the U.S. dollar and the American government’s ability to borrow.
- Why China went the standard American-style consumer route, complete with an unsustainable oil path. Hear the interview with Karl Gerth, who teaches modern Chinese history at Oxford. His new book is *As China Goes, So Goes the World: How Chinese Consumers Are Transforming Everything*.

2. Democracy Now!

http://www.democracynow.org/2011/1/6/phil_ochs_the_life_and_legacy

Phil Ochs: The Life and Legacy of a Legendary American Folk Singer

The legendary American folk singer Phil Ochs is widely regarded as one of the world’s most influential political musicians. Rising to fame in the 1960s, Ochs used his music to both chronicle and help mobilize the labor rights, civil rights and antiwar movements. A new documentary, *Phil Ochs: There But for Fortune*, has just been released chronicling Ochs’ life. We speak with Phil Ochs’ brother Michael and Kenneth Bowser, the director of the film, which premiered yesterday in New York City.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 12.11-12.2010

1. Democracy Now!

<http://www.democracynow.org/2010/12/10/headlines>

Headlines

- U.N. Human Rights Chief Concerned over WikiLeaks Targeting
- Cables: Pfizer Targeted Nigerian Attorney General in Drug Case
- Alleged Nuclear, Missile Sites Reported in Burma
- Military Bars Removable Media Devices to Stem Leaks
- Lula Backs WikiLeaks Release
- House Dems Reject Obama-GOP Tax Deal
- Senate GOP Blocks “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” Repeal, DREAM Act, 9/11 Settlement
- Liu Xiaobo Awarded Nobel Prize
- Thousands Protest Student Fee Hikes in Britain
- Free Speech Radio News Faces Closure

2. Democracy Now!

<http://www.democracynow.org/2010/12/10>

Nobel Awarded to Jailed Chinese Human Rights Activist Liu Xiaobo

The jailed Chinese human rights activist and writer Liu Xiaobo has been awarded this year’s Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo. Liu was sentenced to 11 years in prison last year after spearheading a petition calling for freedom of assembly, expression and religion in China. For the first time since the 1930s, a representative of the winner is not on hand to collect the award.

China Faces International Criticism at Nobel Ceremony in Oslo and Climate Talks in Cancún

The Nobel Committee’s decision to award Liu Xiaobo has enraged the Chinese government. In Cancún, Chinese climate negotiators reportedly refused to talk with their Norwegian counterparts. We discuss China’s reaction to Xiaobo’s award and its role at the climate talks with Lucia Green-Weiskel of the Beijing-based Innovation Center for Energy and Transportation.

Bolivian President Evo Morales at Cancún Climate Summit: WikiLeaks Cables Reveal “Diplomacy of Empire”

Speaking at the U.N. Climate Change Conference, Bolivian President Evo Morales warned against throwing out the Kyoto Protocol, saying such a move could result in ecocide or genocide. Bolivia has become a leading critic of how the climate talks have developed and of last year’s U.S.-backed Copenhagen Accord. At a news conference, Morales also talked about U.S. dispatches on Bolivia unearthed by WikiLeaks and his response to recent criticism from Nobel Prize winner Mario Vargas Llosa.

Guardian Reporter John Vidal: With Climate Talks on Verge of Collapse: “You Could Argue that America Has Done Very Well Out of This”

On the final scheduled day of the U.N. Climate Change Conference, negotiations remain deadlocked, and negotiators are scrambling to come up with some form of agreement to prevent the talks from

collapsing. We speak to John Vidal, the environment editor at *The Guardian* newspaper.

Pentagon Whistleblower Daniel Ellsberg: Julian Assange is Not a Terrorist

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange will remain in a London prison until a British court takes up a Swedish request for extradition for questioning on sexual crime allegations. An international group of former intelligence officers and ex-government officials have released a statement in support of Assange. We speak to one of the signatories, Daniel Ellsberg, the famous whistleblower who leaked the Pentagon Papers about the Vietnam War in 1971. “If I released the Pentagon Papers today, the same rhetoric and the same calls would be made about me,” Ellsberg says. “I would be called not only a traitor—which I was then, which was false and slanderous—but I would be called a terrorist . . . Assange and Bradley Manning are no more terrorists than I am.”

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 12.04-05.2010

1. Democracy Now!

<http://www.democracynow.org/2010/12/3/headlines>

Headlines

- CIA Engineered Spying on U.N. Diplomats
- Cables: Britain Allowed U.S. Cluster Bombs
- Amnesty Intl: Cables Confirm U.S. Attack Killed Yemeni Civilians
- State Dept. Bars Staffers from WikiLeaks, Warns Students
- Attorney: Assange Accused for Not Wearing Condom During Consensual Intercourse
- House Approves Tax Measure Despite Filibuster Vow
- Law Enforcement Agencies Conduct “Real-Time” Spying Without Court Orders
- 2010 Projected to Be Among Warmest Years on Record
- Protests Held at Cancún Climate Summit
- Haitians Protest Controversial Elections
- Nigeria to Charge Cheney in Bribery Case

2. Democracy Now!

<http://www.democracynow.org/2010/12/3>

Is WikiLeaks’ Julian Assange a Hero?

Glenn Greenwald Debates Steven Aftergood of Secrecy News WikiLeaks is coming under attack from all sides. The U.S. government and embassies around the world are criticizing the whistleblowing group for releasing a massive trove of secret State Department cables. The WikiLeaks website is struggling to stay online just days after Amazon pulled the site from its servers following political pressure. The U.S. State Department has blocked all its employees from accessing the site and is warning all government employees not to read the cables, even at home. “These attacks will not stop our mission, but should be setting off alarm bells about the rule of law in the United States,” said WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange. We host a debate between Steven Aftergood, a transparency advocate who has become a leading critic of WikiLeaks, and Glenn Greenwald, a constitutional law attorney and legal blogger for Salon.com.

Abandoning “Net Neutrality,” FCC Chair Backs Two-Tiered Internet Fees

The Federal Communications Commission is being accused of abandoning “net neutrality” rules that would ensure a free and open internet. On Wednesday, FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski unveiled proposals that would allow internet service providers to charge higher fees for faster access to online content. We speak to Josh Silver, co-founder of the media reform group Free Press.

Greenpeace Sues Chemical Companies for Corporate Espionage

Greenpeace has filed a lawsuit against two major chemical companies and their PR firms for corporate espionage. The complaint alleges that Dow Chemical and Sasol—formerly CONDEA Vista—hired private investigators to spy on Greenpeace in the late 1990s. The charges of espionage center on surveillance of the Greenpeace office in Washington, D.C., and

the infiltration of a community group in St. Charles, Louisiana, that was working with Greenpeace on dioxin contamination. Greenpeace accuses the corporations of engaging in this level of surveillance “with the intention of preempting, blunting, or thwarting” the organization’s environmental advocacy campaigns. For more on this story, we speak with Greenpeace USA senior researcher Charlie Cray. Dow Chemical declined to comment on the lawsuit.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 11.27-28.2010

Democracy Now!

<http://www.democracynow.org/shows/2010/11/26>

- Chilean Economist Manfred Max-Neef on Barefoot Economics, Poverty and Why The U.S. is Becoming an “Underdeveloping Nation”

We speak with the acclaimed Chilean economist, Manfred Max-Neef. He won the Right Livelihood Award in 1983, two years after the publication of his book *Outside Looking In: Experiences in Barefoot Economics*. “Economists study and analyze poverty in their nice offices, have all the statistics, make all the models, and are convinced that they know everything that you can know about poverty. But they don’t understand poverty,” Max-Neef says.

- Author and Activist Derrick Jensen: “The Dominant Culture is Killing the Planet . . . It’s Very Important for Us to Start to Build a Culture of Resistance”

We speak with Derrick Jensen, who has been called the poet-philosopher of the ecological movement. He has written some 15 books critiquing contemporary society and the destruction of the environment. His many books include *A Language Older than Words*, *Endgame*, *What We Left Behind*, *Resistance against Empire*, and *Deep Green Resistance*. “I think a lot of us are increasingly recognizing that the dominant culture is killing the planet,” Jensen says. “I think it’s very important for us to start to build a culture of resistance, because what we’re doing isn’t working, clearly.”

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 11.20-21.2010

1. **The New Yorker: The Political Scene**
<http://www.newyorker.com/online/podcasts/campaigntrail>

The New Yorker's executive editor, Dorothy Wickenden, discusses the White House and Wall Street with John Cassidy and Ryan Lizza.

2. **Sea Change Radio:**
<http://www.cchange.net/>

This week on Sea Change Radio, we take an in-depth look at the key climate change proposals that have emerged from the past two decades of talks—cap and trade, and the carbon tax. First, Eric Pooley, the author of *The Climate War*, lays out the players and the policies for us. Then we speak to Peter Umhofer, former advisor on energy and environmental issues to Senators Harry Reid and Tom Daschle, who gives an overview of the history of climate change policy in the US.

3. **Shortwave Report**
<http://www.outfarpress.com/outfarpress/shortwave.shtml>

This week's show features stories from China Radio International, Radio Deutsche-Welle, Radio Netherlands, Radio Havana Cuba, and the Voice of Russia.

- **From China** - The Chinese government will counteract rising food prices by releasing its reserves onto the market to maintain supplies. APEC, the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, concluded its meeting by agreeing to establish a free trade area including the US, China, and Japan with developing countries like Mexico and Indonesia. The US is offering Israel 20 Stealth jet fighters and UN veto protection for renewing a freeze on illegal settlement building. Colombia will extradite an alleged drug kingpin to his home country of Venezuela rather than the US. The international summit on cluster munitions concluded in Laos with plans to implement the ban and destruction of all such weapons- the US neither attended nor observed the meetings.
- **From Germany** - Britain announced that it will pay millions of pounds to 10 former detainees for colluding with the US in their torture. They claim it is not an admission of guilt, but that it will be cheaper than going through the courts.
- **From Netherlands** - An interview with a representative from Amnesty International concerning the British payout to former detainees and a new report on the practice of extraordinary rendition. Italian President Berlusconi is facing probable lack of confidence votes and resignation. Germany has raised terror alerts.
- **From Cuba** - Another US drone attack in Pakistan with local reports claiming civilian deaths. An update on US military and CIA plans for Yemen. More information on the 10 British citizens given large sums of money to avoid public hearings on their alleged torture. Clashes in Haiti arose when the Cholera outbreak was blamed on UN soldiers from Nepal. The new UN raconteur on torture insists

that the US investigate all claims of torture in Iraq. A Latin American attorney says that some US senior congressmen just met with right-wing Latin American figures involved in coups and terrorist actions.

- From Russia - A commentary on the history of nations attempting to conquer Afghanistan, in light of vague plans for withdrawal from the country.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 11.13-14.2010

1. Democracy Now!

<http://www.democracynow.org/2010/11/12/headlines>

Headlines

- Obama Defends \$600B Fed Spending as G20 Ends
- Death Toll in Haitian Cholera Outbreak Reaches 800
- Burmese Pro-Democracy Leader Suu Kyi Nears End of Prison Term
- Clinton Avoids Mention of Settlement Building at U.S.-Israel Talks
- Wall St. Banks Exploiting Reform Loophole to Avoid Volcker Rule
- DNA Testing Casts Doubt on Guilt of Executed Texas Prisoner
- Media Watchdogs Criticize Dobbs Hiring at Fox Business Network

2. Democracy Now!

<http://www.democracynow.org/2010/11/12>

East Timorese Journalist Marks 19th Anniversary of Santa Cruz Massacre

Democracy Now! is in Argentina for the tenth World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters conference, an annual meeting of hundreds of community radio stations from around the world. Among those in attendance is Prezado Ximenes from Radio Lorico in East Timor. Nineteen years ago today in the Timorese capital of Dili, he survived the Santa Cruz massacre, in which Indonesian soldiers gunned down more than 270 Timorese.

A Look at Argentina's Economic Rebellion and the Social Movements that Led It

As we broadcast from Buenos Aires, we look at the economic rebellion of Argentina that took place after the government defaulted on \$95 billion in foreign loans in 2001. The next two years saw record protests and social upheavals that changed the country's political landscape. Today, Argentina's current president Cristina Kirchner is in South Korea taking part in the G20 summit. We speak with Ezequiel Adamovsky, a historian and activist who teaches at the University of Buenos Aires.

"Nieto Recuperado"—Born to Parents Disappeared by Argentina's Dictatorship, Kidnapped and Raised by a Military Family, a "Recovered Grandchild" Finds His Way Home

We speak with Manuel Gonçalves, a "nieto recuperado," or a "recovered grandchild," in Argentina. He is one of the thousands of children born to parents who were disappeared during the dictatorship. These children were born in captivity, then kidnapped by the military and given away to government supporters or military families. Some of them have found their way back to their families.

Argentine Torture Survivor Patricia Isasa Tells of Her Struggle to Bring Her Torturers to Justice

We speak with Patricia Isasa, a torture survivor from Argentina's military dictatorship. She was a 16-year-old student union organizer in 1976, when she was kidnapped by police and soldiers and tortured and held prisoner without trial for two-and-a-half years at one of the 585 clandestine detention and torture centers set up during the dictatorship. After a long legal battle to bring her torturers to justice, six of her nine torturers were recently sentenced to prison.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 11.6-7.2010

1. **The New Yorker: The Political Scene**
<http://www.newyorker.com/online/podcasts/campaigntrail>

The New Yorker's executive editor, Dorothy Wickenden, discusses the midterm results with the magazine's Washington correspondent, Ryan Lizza, and Hendrik Hertzberg.

2. **The Economist: Mid-terms in America - The Results**
http://www.economist.com/blogs/multimedia/2010/11/mid-terms_america_results

Our US editor and Washington correspondents take stock of Tuesday's election and look ahead to the next one.

3. **Shortwave Report**
<http://www.outfarpress.com/outfarpress/shortwave.shtml>

This week's show features stories from China Radio International, Radio Netherlands, Radio Deutsche-Welle, Radio Havana Cuba, and the Voice of Russia.

- **From China** - China has completed the first stage of a massive wind power project. 200 nations attending the United Nations Biodiversity meeting in Japan agreed on a 10-year plan to protect natural resources—the United States declines to join the biodiversity convention. China will impose a tobacco-smoking ban in public places in 2 months, though enforcement is uncertain. Greek militants sent package bombs to over a dozen European leaders and embassies—the Greek government emphasizes that there is no connection to Al-Qaeda.
- **From Germany** - A review of the impact that the US midterm elections will have on international relations—can a divided America maintain world leadership? Germany's Parliament extended the life of its nuclear power plants by 10 or more years, leading to demonstrations and unrest.
- **From Netherlands** - Ireland announced austerity measures including increased fees at universities, and found 40,000 students had violent confrontations with police in Dublin.
- **From Cuba** - Cuba congratulated the president-elect of Brazil, Dilma Rousseff, who has pledged to eradicate poverty in the country. The young man from Canada held in Guantanamo Bay prison may return to Canada within a year. US drone attacks continue in Pakistan, as do attacks on NATO trucks delivering fuel to Afghanistan. The Obama Administration is considering sending elite hunter killer teams under CIA control into Yemen along with drone attacks.
- **From Russia** - A commentary on the packages allegedly sent from Yemen containing bombs intended for the United States—why now and why from Yemen?

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 10.16-17.2010

1. Democracy Now!

<http://www.democracynow.org/2010/10/15/headlines>

Headlines

- Admin Seeks to Block “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” Repeal; Pentagon Vows Compliance
- Judge OKs Challenge to Healthcare Law
- US Confirms Backing of Afghan-Taliban Talks
- ICC Petitioned to Probe Israeli Attack on Gaza Flotilla
- Ahmadinejad: Israel Will “Disappear”
- UN: DRC Troops Committing Rape
- US Agents Spying through Social Networking Sites
- Torture-Linked Psychologist Awarded Military Contract
- 2 Convicted of Hate Crime in Beating Death of Mexican Immigrant
- WikiLeaks: US Committing Financial Warfare

2. Democracy Now!

http://www.democracynow.org/2010/10/15/hermann_scheer_1944_2010_german_lawmaker

Hermann Scheer (1944-2010): German Lawmaker, Leading Advocate for Solar Energy and “Hero for the Green Century” in One of His Final Interviews

Hermann Scheer, one of the world’s leading advocates for solar power, has died at the age of sixty-six. The German economist and politician helped make Germany a renewable energy powerhouse and inspired many across the world to expand the use of solar power. Scheer had been member of the German Parliament for three decades and was the president of EUROSOLAR, the European Association for Renewable Energy. In 1999, he won the Right Livelihood Award for his “indefatigable work for the promotion of solar energy worldwide.” When he received the award, he described solar energy as the energy of the people. We met up with Herman Scheer last month in Bonn, Germany, for what turned out to be one of his final interviews.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 10.09-10.2010

Radio Ecoshock with Alex Smith

Post Climatic Stress Disorder - Climate Psychology

http://www.ecoshock.org/transcripts/ES_101001_Script.htm

Friends, did a month of rain that fall last night? Did rivers flood in the fall? Did you know 214 all-time heat records were set in the U.S. September 24th? It was 30 degrees Celsius in Toronto, feeling like 37 with the humidity—the heat of the human body. And just lately, Los Angeles hit an all-time high of 113 degrees Fahrenheit—in late September! Worried about your kids?

You might have Post Climatic Stress Disorder. PCSD is a serious condition. But don't worry—professional help is on the way . . .

This week on Radio Ecoshock, it's Climate Psychology 101—with psychologists **Robert Griffin and Joseph Reser**. Plus new film on the granddaddy of the double bind, **Gregory Bateson**.

What if humans are not capable of conceiving a slow-moving global problem? Maybe we do not have the mental equipment to “see” climate change. If that were so, we may go extinct, due to a disability in our minds—and evolution works too slowly to fix such things. Do we have what it takes? Are we too stupid or psychologically challenged to survive?

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 10.02-03.2010

1. **The New Yorker: The Political Scene**
<http://www.newyorker.com/online/podcasts/campaigntrail>

Steve Coll and George Packer on the Middle East peace process.

2. **The Economist**
<http://www.economist.com/>
 - A Special Report on Water
 - Is Barack Obama Bad for Business?
 - The Biology of Business

3. **Shortwave Report**
<http://www.outfarpress.com/outfarpress/shortwave.shtml>

This week's show features stories from China Radio International, Radio Deutsche-Welle, Radio Havana Cuba, and the Voice of Russia.

From China - The US Congress has passed legislation targeting China's currency policy- some believe that the bill will make the trade imbalance worse. Russia has completed a major crude oil pipeline to China. The Australian government will have a parliamentary debate on the country's involvement in the war on Afghanistan. In Colombia, the military commander of the FARC rebels was killed, possibly weakening the organization.

From Germany - There were massive demonstrations and strikes across Europe in response to austerity measures and bank bailouts imposed by various governments. The European Commission is launching legal proceedings against France over its crackdown on and deportation of Roma gypsies. The German government has extended the life of its 17 nuclear power plants by more than 10 years.

From Cuba - A US court has ruled that corporations cannot be sued for human rights violations abroad. Northern Irish Nobel Peace Prize winner Mairead Maguire is under arrest and facing deportation from Israel after being refused entrance to the country. The CIA continues to escalate drone attacks in Pakistan. The Pakistan government threatened to cease protecting NATO supply routes into Afghanistan, following Apache helicopter attacks by the US military which crossed the border into Pakistan. A new study warns that 20% of the plants on earth face human induced extinction.

From Russia - Venezuela's United Socialist Party retained a majority in the national assembly following elections last weekend. A complex computer worm, capable of seizing control of industrial plants, has infected computers at Iran's first nuclear power station as well as those controlling gas and oil pipelines. An observation on how the war on Afghanistan is likely to turn into a second Vietnam, based on government corruption and the expansion of fighting into neighboring countries.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 9.25-26.2010

JFK and The Unspeakable (Khrushchev, Cuba, World Peace, and Martyrdom of JFK/MLK)

"Unwelcome Guests" Episode #517

<http://www.unwelcomeguests.net/517>

James Douglass' talk centers on the assassination of JFK, and it retells the Kennedy presidency with some of the backstage manipulations from down memory hole. He sets the scene by recounting Thomas Merton's prediction that, if Kennedy could turn towards the good, he would be assassinated by "the unspeakable." We look at Kennedy's close collaboration with his supposed adversary, Khrushchev to avert war, and explore a parallel with World War One. We listen to a section of Kennedy's most important speech, in which he finally stepped over the line by unilaterally announcing a US nuclear test ban treaty, and chronicle how he worked for world peace, until he was assassinated by the US security state. We conclude by looking at the implications for the 21st century, exploring a parallel with Martin Luther King, and hear an afterword by Bill Hicks.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 9.18-19.2010

Radio Ecoshock with Alex Smith

When the World is Running Down

<http://www.ecoshock.info/2010/09/when-world-is-running-down.html>

One in seven Americans are now officially poor. Millions are losing their homes. The “Recovery” was just a fantasy. If we all believed hard enough, the empty shell economy could stumble on forever. Now, even the mainstream media doubts our chances.

There are people who know what is going on . . . what are they saying? Host Alex Smith interviews three experts on the triple crunch: climate chaos, energy decline, and a global Ponzi economy going bust.

- Stoneleigh will warn you. (reference: <http://theautomaticearth.blogspot.com/>)
- Laurence Budd explains life after Peak Water
(reference: <http://urbanwaterconservation.com/urbanwater/Welcome.html>)
- Musician and gardener Dana Pearson talks about getting out . . . and getting trapped

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 9.11-12.2010

9/11 Special: Deep Ideology and Conspiracy

<http://www.indymedia.org.uk/en/2010/09/458132.html>

Talk given by Michael Parenti in May 2010 at the Understanding Deep Politics Conference held in Santa Cruz, California

Parenti describes the right-wing agenda of dismantling social democracy while calling anybody who describes this as a purposeful strategy a conspiracy theorist. He shows that this strategy began right after World War II but culminates now as powerful segment of right wing media and the GOP have moved so far to the right that they have overshot their popular base. Meanwhile Democrats, including Obama, unable or unwilling to formulate the social democratic alternative, still talk of bipartisan approaches. Parenti also considers George Bush and Dick Cheney and company to be complicit in the events of September 11, 2001.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 8.21-22.2010

1. **Democracy Now!**

http://www.democracynow.org/2010/8/20/obama_admin_claims_end_to_combat

Obama Admin Claims End to Combat Operations in Iraq, But Iraqis See Same War Under a Different Name

The Obama administration says the last combat brigades have left Iraq. Is this the end of the Iraq war or just a rebranding of the US occupation? More than 50,000 troops remain in Iraq as well as 4,500 special operations forces and tens of thousands of private contractors. The US embassy in Baghdad is the largest in the world—the size of eighty football fields. We get a perspective on the so-called withdrawal rarely heard in the US media: that of two Iraqis, Raed Jarrar of Peace Action and Yanar Mohammed of the Organization of Women's Freedom in Iraq.

2. **Democracy Now!**

http://www.democracynow.org/2010/8/20/iraq_war_vet_camilo_mejia_us

Iraq War Vet Camilo Mejía: US Withdrawal Plan Marks “Privatization of Military Occupation”

Staff Sergeant Camilo Mejía, the first US combat veteran to publicly resist the war, joins us to give his reaction to the so-called US withdrawal of combat troops from Iraq. Mejía served six months in Iraq in 2003 with the Florida National Guard. While on a two-week leave in the United States, he decided never to return. In May 2004, a military jury convicted him of desertion, and he was sentenced to one year in prison. He served nine months behind bars, prompting Amnesty International to declare him a prisoner of conscience.

3. **How Are Things In Cuba? Interview With Bob Price**

<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2010/08/15/18656120.php>

Interview on current conditions in Cuba. Bob Price, a chemistry professor at City College and a member of the Freedom Socialist Party, visited Cuba several months ago on behalf of his party. Bob had previously visited the country in 1997. He compares and contrasts what he observed 13 years later with observations with information and his overall sense of things in Havana. The economy is flat and struggling and there may be an upsurge in government repression, including obvious attempts to legally separate visitors from residents. He also discusses Cuban LGBT issues.

4. **Shortwave Report**

<http://www.outfarpress.com/outfarpress/shortwave.shtml>

This week's show features stories from China Radio International, Radio Netherlands, Radio Havana Cuba, the Voice of Russia, and Radio Deutsche-Welle.

From China - Mudslides continue in China which is experiencing extreme rain, leaving more than 1300 people dead. China denies US accusations of increased military strength and developing cyber warfare capabilities. China is reviewing its use of the death penalty.

From Netherlands - Greenpeace is on a mission called "Go Beyond Oil" to challenge the most dangerous off-shore oil drilling and the Danish Navy are in pursuit. Then a report from Russia on the state of the fires, the drought, and the impending rise in food prices.

From Cuba - Colombian courts ruled that the US military and mercenaries do not have rights to use Colombian military bases. The Financial Times reported that President Obama personally warned Turkey that unless it changes its position on Israel and Iran the US will not sell it weapons, specifically drone aircraft. Wikileaks will publish the remaining 15,000 Afghan war documents, despite warnings from the US government.

From Russia - An update on the fires in Russia. Iran is moving forward with enriching uranium for fueling a research reactor. NATO has rejected a Taliban proposal for a joint probe into civilian deaths in Afghanistan.

From Germany - In Germany there are several controversies about the elimination and taxation of nuclear power plants. Then a report on the unprecedented disaster from extreme rainfall in Pakistan.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 8.14-15.2010

1. Democracy Now!

<http://www.democracynow.org/2010/8/13/headlines>

Headlines

- Prop 8 Backers Given 6 Days to Block Resumption of Gay Marriages
- Poll: Most Americans Back Same-Sex Marriage
- Jobless Claims Reach Six-Month High; Foreclosures Rise 9%
- Report: Wall St. Bonuses to Increase for Consecutive Year
- BP Fined \$50.6M for Safety Hazards at Texas Refinery
- Alabama AG Sues BP and Other Firms over Spill
- Congress Approves \$600M Border Militarization Bill
- Israel Rejects Palestinian Offer for Peace Talks
- Pentagon Warns WikiLeaks on New Document Release
- Congress Members Seek to Reduce US Compensation for Iraqi Victims of US Attacks
- Pakistani Province Faces New Round of Flooding
- Canadian Navy Seizes Tamil Migrant Ship
- Haitians Hold Sit-in to Protest Forced Evictions

2. Democracy Now!

http://www.democracynow.org/2010/8/13/after_over_four_decades_justice_still

After Over Four Decades, Justice Still Eludes Family of 3 Civil Rights Workers Slain in Mississippi Burning Killings Neshoba

As the Justice Department announces it has closed nearly half of its investigations into unresolved killings from the Civil Rights era, we look back at the 1964 murders of civil rights workers James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner, the subject of the new documentary "Neshoba: The Price of Freedom." Although dozens of white men are believed to have been involved in the murders and cover-up, only one man, a Baptist preacher named Edgar Ray Killen, is behind bars today. Four suspects are still alive in the case. We play excerpts of Neshoba and speak with its co-director, Micki Dickoff. We're also joined by the brothers of two of the victims, Ben Chaney and David Goodman. And we speak with award-winning Mississippi-based journalist Jerry Mitchell of the Clarion-Ledger, who's spent the past twenty years investigating unresolved civil rights murder cases, as well as Bruce Watson, author of the new book *Freedom Summer: The Savage Season that Made Mississippi Burn and Made America a Democracy*.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 8.07-08.2010

1. **Democracy Now!**

http://www.democracynow.org/2010/8/2/andrew_bacevich_on_afghanistan_war_the

Retired US Army colonel and historian Andrew Bacevich asks: "Who is more deserving of contempt? The commander-in-chief who sends young Americans to die for a cause, however misguided, in which he sincerely believes? Or the commander-in-chief who sends young Americans to die for a cause in which he manifestly does not believe and yet refuses to forsake?"

2. **Democracy Now!**

http://www.democracynow.org/2010/8/3/end_of_iraq_combat_operations_or

Independent journalist Jeremy Scahill says current US military troop drawdown in Iraq marks the beginning of a downsized and rebranded occupation that will rely heavily on private military forces.

3. **Democracy Now!**

http://www.democracynow.org/2010/8/4/i_have_no_regret_to_anybody

Lt. Dan Choi, a West Point graduate, an Arabic linguist and an Iraq war veteran, was fired under the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. He talks about his life, his coming out, and his military service.

4. **The Shortwave Report**

<http://outfarpress.com/outfarpress/shortwave.shtml>

This week's show features stories from Radio Netherlands, Radio Havana Cuba, Radio Deutsche-Welle, and the Voice of Russia.

- **From China** - Again, more flooding and more rain in the forecast in Northeast China. The government in China controls the cost of natural resources and has plans to place caps on those prices. South Korea began more military exercises despite threats from the North. Ban Ki Moon will be the first United Nations Secretary-General to attend the annual peace memorial ceremony in Hiroshima. The Mexican government revealed that 28,000 have died in drug violence since President Calderon came into office in 2006. Pakistan has been hit by huge floods, submerging villages and killing more than a thousand, while the President is visiting the UK.
- **From The Netherlands** - An on the ground report from the flooding in Pakistan, where aid from the government is inadequate. Meat and milk from the offspring of a cloned cow is in the market in Britain. Another bomb in Northern Ireland is again threatening the peace accord, with dissident Republicans the prime suspects.
- **From Cuba** - Brazilian President Lula de Silva says that dialogue rather than sanctions will solve the Iranian nuclear issue including the fuel exchange with Brazil and Turkey. President Obama announced that the combat phase of the war on Iraq ends this month although tens of thousands of troops will remain, along with untold mercenaries. Colombian troops are accused of making civilian

deaths look like guerilla fighters to get more money from the US government. A treaty banning cluster bombs went into force this week- the US has refused to sign the treaty and continues to be the largest producer and stockpiler of the munitions on this planet.

- From Russia - A report on the devastating fires in Russia along with the worst heat wave there in history- the fires just missed reaching two nuclear power plants. Russia is worried about the escalation of fighting between Israel and the Gaza Strip. An analysis on President Obama's recent statements that the US has very modest objectives in Afghanistan.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 7.24-25.2010

1. Democracy Now!

<http://www.democracynow.org/2010/7/23/headlines>

Headlines

- Tropical Storm Bonnie Forces BP to Suspend Relief Well Drilling
- Two BP Managers Named as Potential Targets of Fed Probe
- BP's Hiring of Prison Labor Cleanup Scrutinized
- US Lifts Ban on Training Indonesian Special Forces Unit
- Peruvian and Ugandan Contractors Killed in Attack on Green Zone
- Rep. Rangel to Face Ethics Violations Trial
- Obama Apologizes to Shirley Sherrod
- Report: Bailed-Out Banks Paid Out \$1.6B in Excessive Bonuses
- Venezuela Cuts Ties to Colombia
- IMF Cancels Haiti's Debt But Gives Haiti a New Loan
- Traftura Fined for Exporting Toxic Waste to Ivory Coast

2. Democracy Now!

http://www.democracynow.org/2010/7/23/reclaiming_the_democratic_majority_progressive_activists

Many progressives helped to elect Democratic majorities in Congress in 2006 and 2008 and helped Obama win the presidency. But with the Democrats in power, the feeling now among many grassroots activists is that most Democratic lawmakers have not acted on behalf of their progressive constituencies. We speak with two progressive activists: Ilyse Hogue of MoveOn.Org, and Adam Green, co-founder of the Progressive Change Campaign Committee.

3. New Yorker Weekly Political Scene

http://www.newyorker.com/online/2010/07/19/100719on_audio_politicalscene

Ryan Lizza and Robert Stavins, the director of the environmental economics program at Harvard, on the Senate's surprising new push for climate-change legislation.

4. Dirty Electricity and Diabetes

<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2010/07/17/18654111.php>

Documentary on the link between electromagnetic radiation and diseases, especially diabetes. Cutting edge research is uncovering a Type 3 diabetes, which can coexist in the body with Types 1 and 2. The cause of Type 3 appears to be a staple of modern life: Dirty Electricity. The people who have this Type 3 diabetes are hypersensitive to the electromagnetic fields—EMF—they encounter in everyday life.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 7.17-18.2010***

Friday Drivetime

<http://www.indymedia.org.uk/en/2010/07/455564.html>

Interview with journalist and former “Leveler” Ian Henshall, author of *9/11 - The New Evidence*. His book gives us the latest developments in the tangled web that is 9/11. Homicide cases usually fall into place the more evidence that is gathered, but in the six years that have elapsed since the tragic events, the case is still a mystery, wrapped in a riddle, shrouded in an enigma.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 7.10-11.2010

1. Democracy Now!

<http://www.democracynow.org/shows/2010/7/9>

- **Report:** Concerns are being raised about the hazards posed by thousands of abandoned oil and gas wells throughout the Gulf Coast. An Associated Press investigation found more than 27,000 abandoned sites are in danger of leaking, with about 13 percent said to be particularly worrisome. Regulations forcing companies to plug the wells have been routinely ignored with no government intervention. We speak with Jeff Donn, the AP reporter who broke the story.
- **ProPublica:** Just over three months ago, thousands of pounds of toxic chemicals begin spewing into the skies from BP's massive oil refinery in Texas City. The release began on April 6, two weeks before the explosion on the Deepwater Horizon oil rig, but it took BP weeks to even realize there was a problem. BP now estimates 538,000 pounds of chemicals escaped from the refinery over a 40-day period. We speak with reporter Ryan Knutson of ProPublica and Frontline who traveled to Texas City to investigate what happened.
- **Photographer Harassed by BP Security, Detained by Police While on Assignment at BP Texas Refinery.** We speak with Lance Rosenfield, a freelance photographer who was hired by ProPublica to take pictures of BP's Texas City refinery that had spewed thousands of pounds of toxic chemicals into the skies. While on assignment Rosenfield was followed by BP Security and then detained by local police.

2. Radio Ecoshock with Alex Smith

After the Oil Rush

http://www.ecoshock.org/transcripts/ES_100702_Script.htm

Doubt rises that BP relief wells won't work. Beyond oil, is transition to a clean economy - if we don't crash first. Dr. John Kessler of Texas A&M U, just back from the Gulf, talks methane. Did the BP spill damage the climate? Alex wraps up the big picture - including heat, floods, record ice melt, & the economy.

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***News Hour:
World Week in Review
Weekend of 6.12-13.2010***

Beyond Gay Marriage
<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2010/06/10/18650400.php>

This new radio documentary looks at the Gay Marriage Movement and asks: Why is gay marriage the primary issue of the gay community? Is it really the issue most Queers are interested in? What effect does the funding and emphasis on gay marriage have on displacing other crucial gay issues? This documentary presents the voices of Queer scholars and activists seldom heard in the media who provide a cutting edge critique of the Gay Marriage Movement—and the mainstreaming of gay politics—, and looks at what progressive Queers are working on instead.

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News Hour: World Week in Review Weekend of 6.05-06.2010

Democracy Now!

<http://www.democracynow.org/shows/2010/6/4>

Survivors Recount Shootings, Beatings Aboard Mavi Marmara

While the Obama administration has refused to condemn the Israeli flotilla raid outright, survivors of the assault continue to challenge Israeli military claims that soldiers acted in self-defense after rappelling onto the lead vessel, the Mavi Marmara. We speak to two passengers who were aboard the ship: Kevin Neish of the Coalition Against Israeli Apartheid and Kevin Ovenden of Viva Palestina.

43 Years After Surviving Israeli Attack on USS Liberty, US Veteran Joe Meadors Seized by Israeli Forces on Gaza Aid Flotilla

Joe Meadors was on one of the other Free Gaza boats that was seized early Monday morning. For Meadors, this marks the second time he has been aboard a ship attacked by Israeli forces in international waters. In 1967, Meadors was a signalman aboard the USS Liberty, a US Navy electronic intelligence gathering ship that was attacked by Israeli planes and torpedo boats in 1967. Thirty-four Americans were killed and more than 170 were wounded in the attack. [includes rush transcript]

Nearly 5 Years After Katrina, African American Fishing Community in Louisiana's Plaquemines Parish Faces New Struggle in Oil Spill Devastation and BP Obstruction

Democracy Now!'s Anjali Kamat visits the town of Phoenix, Louisiana on the east bank of Plaquemines Parish, an area that was devastated by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. She speaks to Reverend Tyronne Edwards, a pastor and longtime community activist who spearheaded efforts to rebuild the largely African American fishing community after Katrina. In the aftermath of the BP oil spill disaster, Rev. Edwards is at the forefront of getting Washington, DC to pay attention to the needs of his community, whom he calls the "forgotten people" of Plaquemines Parish. [includes rush transcript]

Family Members Fear for Life of Jailed US Attorney Peter Erlinder in Rwanda

The US State Department is calling on the Rwandan government to release attorney Peter Erlinder, the past president of the National Lawyers Guild. Erlinder has been imprisoned for the past week after being charged with denying the Rwandan genocide. The Rwandan government has been accused of using laws barring genocide denial to silence opposition critics.

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News Hour:

World Week in Review

Weekend of 5.22-23.2010

1. **Democracy Now!**

<http://www.democracynow.org/shows/2010/5/21>

- Audio from 1998: Rep. Mark Souder (R-IN) Hangs Up on Amy Goodman When Asked If He Has Ever Had an Affair
- Senate Passes Sweeping Financial Reform Bill; Lobbying Frenzy Expected as Measure Moves to Committee
- GOP Senate Nominee Rand Paul of Kentucky Faces Firestorm After Suggesting Opposition to Civil Rights Act
- BP Acknowledges Oil Spill Is Larger Than Previous Estimates

2. **The New Yorker: The Political Scene**

<http://www.newyorker.com/online/podcasts/campaigntrail>

Evan Osnos and Barbara Demick discuss North Korea and the school killings in China.

3. **The Economist – A Special Report on Water**

http://www.economist.com/specialreports/displaystory.cfm?story_id=16136302

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News Hour:

World Week in Review

Weekend of 5.15-16.2010

1. **The New Yorker: The Political Scene**

<http://www.newyorker.com/online/podcasts/campaigntrail>

Jeffrey Toobin and Ryan Lizza discuss Obama's Supreme Court pick, Elena Kagan.

2. **Rachel Maddow Show**

http://www.today.msnbc.msn.com/id/37149270/ns/msnbc_tv-rachel_maddow_show/

Interview with Senator Maria Cantwell (D-Washington State) about the BP oil spill disaster in the Gulf of Mexico, and the prospects of drilling on the American West Coast.

3. **The Economist - Special Report - Banking in Emerging Markets**

http://www.economist.com/specialreports/displaystory.cfm?story_id=16078452

4. **National Public Radio Foreign Dispatch - Dispatches from Pakistan, France, China and Kenya**

http://www.npr.org/rss/podcast/podcast_detail.php?siteId=6661111

5. **The Shortwave Report**

<http://outfarpress.com/outfarpress/shortwave.shtml>

5/14/2010 show features stories from China Radio International, Radio Netherlands, Radio Havana Cuba, the Voice of Russia, and Radio Deutsche-Welle.

From CHINA - On Monday Thailand's Redshirt protestors agreed to the offers made by the Prime Minister to dissolve Parliament and hold elections, but insisted on staying in the streets until the Deputy Prime Minister surrenders to the police—on Wednesday the government cut power and water to the protestors. Russia signed an agreement to build Turkey's first nuclear power plant. 5 Colombians face sabotage charges in Venezuela for tampering with the nations power grid.

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In light of the worsening Gulf oil spill, a salmon fisher from Kodiak Island describes what happened to the community following the Exxon oil spill 21 years ago. A report says that Europe will become irrelevant globally unless it creates a united political front. In a controversial move, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development has formally invited Israel to join it. An explanation from Monday of how the Euro was saved by loan guarantees of 500 billion Euros.

From CUBA - US Senators are trying to push President Obama to sign an international treaty banning land mines. The International Atomic Energy Agency has tentatively announced plans to discuss Israeli nuclear weapons. BP is using toxic chemicals to disperse the toxic oil spill in the Gulf- the owner of the oil rig that exploded, Trans Ocean, has made a \$270 million profit from an insurance pay out for the disaster. The International Red Cross reports that the US is operating a "secret prison" at an airbase in Afghanistan despite US government denials. Seymour Hersch reports that US forces are carrying out "battlefield executions" of prisoners in Afghanistan. Deadly drone attacks have been increased in Pakistan since US officials accused the Taliban of involvement in the failed car bomb in New York. McClatchy news agency says that Pakistani investigators are unable to find evidence linking the Time Square bombing suspect with the Taliban or other militant groups. Despite bad economic conditions, the leading US banks made profits every single day in the first three months of this year.

From RUSSIA - A commentary on a new US/Russia agreement on the civilian uses of nuclear energy. A commentary on the immigration law in Arizona, comparing it to the US Civil War over slavery.

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Weekend of 5.08-09.2010

Radio Ecoshock with Alex Smith

BP Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill Special

<http://www.indymedia.org.uk/en/2010/05/450722.html>

The Gulf of Mexico “spill” is really a man-made underwater volcano of oil. This accident taps a primeval fear in the human mind. Something dark and uncontrollable rushes out of the Earth, poisoning the global oceans. Could that really happen?

In this Radio Ecoshock report you’ll hear from the activists who knew this was coming:

* Riki Ott, marine biologist, fisherwoman, and the conscience of Valdez, Alaska, checks in from New Orleans.

* Antonia Juhasz, oil researcher from Global Exchange, introduces us to BP—and it’s lobby in Washington. Antonia wrote *The Tyranny of Oil: The World’s Most Powerful Industry and What We Must Do To Stop It*.

* Peak Oil guru Richard Heinberg looks at the big picture impact. His famous books are *The Party’s Over*, *Peak Everything*, and *Blackout*. Richard is a founder of the Post Carbon Institute.

* And former Shell Oil executive Anita Burke finds the inside track, and the real culprits.

Please spread word of this program via your web sites, blogs, Facebook and Twitter. Contains news and the big picture not conveyed by most mainstream media.

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News Hour:

World Week in Review

Weekend of 5.01-02.2010

1. **BBC Global News**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/globalnews>

- Oil spill reaches US coast
- Belgium bans the Burqa
- New cancer treatment
- Chinese world expo

2. **60 Minutes**

<http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=6430933n&tag=cbsnewsMainColumnArea.3>

Jihadists And “The Narrative”

A former member of a Muslim extremist group tells Lesley Stahl the reason for the increase in home-grown jihadists like the U.S. Army major accused of shooting 13 at Ft. Hood is an ideology called “the narrative,” which states America is at war with Islam.

3. **The New Yorker: The Political Scene**

<http://www.newyorker.com/online/podcasts/campaigntrail>

Hendrik Hertzberg and Ryan Lizza on why immigration reform won't happen this year.

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News Hour:

World Week in Review

Weekend of 4.10-11.2010

1. **Democracy Now!**

<http://www.democracynow.org/shows/2010/4/9>

4/9/2010 War & Peace Report

- Rescue Effort Continues at W. Va. Mine; More Safety Violations Revealed
- Kyrgyz President, Opposition Claim Control of Gov't
- US Troops Killed in Afghan Helicopter Crash
- Israeli PM Withdraws from US Nuke Summit
- Iranian Minister Hints at Espionage Trial for Jailed US Hikers
- Spanish Judge Faces Trial for Franco Probe
- Fmr. Citigroup Execs Appear Before Financial Crisis Panel
- EPA Faults California Waste Plant for Chemical Disposal
- Protesters Demand Firing of SF Officer in 2009 Shooting
- ACORN Staffer Reported Prostitution Claims to Police
- Virginia Gov. Apologizes for Excluding Slavery from Confederate History Month Proclamation

2. **Democracy Now!**

http://www.democracynow.org/2010/4/9/once_banned_muslim_scholar_tariq_ramadan

Once-banned Muslim scholar Tariq Ramadan on his first visit to the US in six years, President Obama, and why Muslims should make their voices heard.

3. **The Economist**

<http://www.economist.com/>

Economist editors Adam Roberts and John Parker discuss the week ahead in news and politics around the world.

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News Hour:

World Week in Review

Weekend of 4.03-04.2010

1. **Democracy Now!**

<http://www.democracynow.org/shows/2010/4/3>

4/3/2010 War & Peace Report

- EPA Places New Limits on Mountaintop Removal
- U.S. Limits Greenhouse Emissions in Cars
- Murderer of Abortion Provider Dr. George Tiller Sentenced to Life Term
- Israel Threatens New Assault on Gaza Strip
- Karzai Accuses Ex-UN Official of Steering Electoral Fraud
- Amazonian Land Activist Killed in Brazil
- Report: Africa Lost \$1.8T to Illegal Outflows
- U.S. Alters Airport Screening Rules
- Justice Dept. Sues KBR For Security Billing
- Army Secretary: No Easing of Don't Ask, Don't Tell
- U.S. Bankruptcies at 4-Year High
- California Probe Clears ACORN of Unlawful Activity
- Haitian Earthquake Survivors Freed from Immigration Jails

2. **The New Yorker: Political Scene**

<http://www.newyorker.com/online/podcasts/campaigntrail>

David Remnick on the improbable career of Barack Obama.

3. **The Shortwave Report**

<http://outfarpress.com/outfarpress/shortwave.shtml>

4/3/2010 show features stories from China Radio International, Radio Netherlands, Radio Havana Cuba, and the Voice of Russia:

From CHINA- Experts from China and Taiwan are meeting to expand cross-strait economic ties. Democrat and Republican party leaders met with Chinese political party leaders in a high-level exchange. The US has reaffirmed its commitment to the "One China policy." China's need for imported oil continues to increase at a rate that is alarming to economists and politicians. A US drone attack killed 6 people in Pakistan on Wednesday. Israeli forces fired on demonstrators along the fence in Gaza. A Chechen militant is said to have claimed responsibility for the deadly attacks on the Moscow subway.

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A woman from Human Rights Watch discusses how the rights abuses in Chechnya fueled the suicide bombings in Moscow and Dagestan. Belgium may be the first European country to implement a ban on

burkas. Pope Benedict referred to priest sex scandals as “petty gossip.” In Italy, Berlusconi’s coalition party surprised everyone by gaining more regions in recent elections. French President Sarkozy has warned the US that it cannot run the world alone. The US Bureau of Prisons is being sued for discriminating against Muslims.

From CUBA- Bolivian President Morales announced oil exploration will be carried out in the Amazon region near the border with Brazil. A Viewpoint on the resolution by the European Parliament concerning human rights violations in Cuba. North Korea warned the US to stop allowing journalists inside the demilitarized zone.

From RUSSIA- Russia mourned the deaths in the subway bombings on Tuesday and made threats against the perpetrators. On Wednesday a second pair of suicide bombings occurred in the northern Caucasus. A group of British Parliamentarians has urged the government to make the UK foreign policy less dependent on the US.

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News Hour:

World Week in Review

Weekend of 3.27-28.2010

1. **Democracy Now!**

<http://www.democracynow.org/shows/2010/3/26>

3/26/2010 Headlines | Healthcare legislation update with *Huffington Post*'s Ryan Grimm.

2. **The Rachel Maddow Show on MSNBC**

http://maddowblog.msnbc.msn.com/_news/2010/03/25/4070278-tonight-on-trms

Rachel Maddow discusses healthcare reform passing the US Congress this week. Guests include: Chris Hayes, Washington editor, *The Nation*; and Ezra Klein, staff writer, *The Washington Post*.

3. **The Shortwave Report**

<http://outfarpress.com/outfarpress/shortwave.shtml>

03/26/10 show features stories from China Radio International, Radio Netherlands, Radio Havana Cuba, and the Voice of Russia:

From CHINA - Google has moved some of its search engine servers out of China to Hong Kong in the ongoing dispute over censorship. The US and Russia have reached an agreement on nuclear weapons reduction. An Israeli diplomat has been expelled from Britain because of forged passports in the plot to kill a Hamas leader in Dubai.

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David Cronin, a reporter from Brussels, issued a citizens arrest on Tony Blair for war crimes but was pushed away by bodyguards. Hillary Clinton offered further aid in the war on drugs in Mexico, including social development in border towns.

From CUBA - Another Guantanamo prisoner has been released without charges after 8 years. The Obama administration is looking at Afghanistan as a site for holding foreign prisoners without charges, to replace Guantanamo. The US military confirmed that they no longer eradicate opium production in Afghanistan, saying "we don't trample the livelihood of those we are trying to win over." This week was the 30th anniversary of the assassination of Bishop Oscar Romero in El Salvador. Many Haitians protested the arrival of former US Presidents Clinton and Bush. Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu renewed his vow to keep expanding Jewish settlements in occupied East Jerusalem.

From RUSSIA - Iraqi citizens went to the streets to protest election results, demanding a recount. Protests continue in Greece with people demanding the wealthy be taxed to make up for the economic collapse. France and Germany will help bail out Greece if they agree to purchase new weapons. The Earth Hour

Action is taking place this Saturday March 27th at 8:30 p.m. local time—the plan is to not use electricity for one hour to consider how we could all conserve resources.

4. **KPFA-FM San Francisco**

<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2010/03/22/18642573.php>

Gabrielle Wilson interviews Sumbul Ali-Karamali, author of *The Muslim Next Door: The Qur'an, The Media and That Veil Thing*.