

# PREVIOUSLY ON “MEDIA EDGE” (July-December, 2015)

## Episode #555 (December 26, 2015 - January 1, 2016)

### "How Martin Luther King's Dream Became A Nightmare"

When Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave the "I Have a Dream" 50 years ago, he had no idea Jim Crow would be replaced with another oppressive system: mass incarceration and the drug war. Nixon started the drug war just 8 years after King's "I have a Dream" speech. Both Reagan and Clinton continued it.

In 2013 a study found that more black men were incarcerated than were enslaved in the 1850. It's our turn to dream how to end mass incarceration. If you have a felony on your record, it's harder to get a job and you also cannot get many forms of public assistance.

In Dothan, Alabama, T.O.P.S. is offering support for people just getting out of jail-everything from clothes to GED. This is one way to end mass incarceration. It is important to see the links between civil rights, voting rights, and the drug war.

### "Unmanned: America's Drone Wars"

This documentary investigates the impact of U.S. drone strikes at home and abroad through more than 70 separate interviews, including a former American drone operator who shares what he has witnessed in his own words, Pakistani families mourning loved ones and seeking legal redress, investigative journalists pursuing the truth, and top military officials warning against blowback from the loss of innocent life.

### "Hedge Fund Billionaires vs. Kindergarten Teachers: Whose Side Are You On?"

The top 25 hedge fund managers make more than all kindergarten teachers in the country combined. These investors make millions - sometimes billions - of dollars investing borrowed money in hopes of realizing large capital gains. But what is most absurd is that these millionaires and billionaires pay a lower tax rate than kindergarten teachers -- and very likely a lower rate than YOU!

New York Mayor Bill de Blasio, filmmaker Robert Greenwald and other panelists discuss this issue at a screening of this Brave New Films production.

## Episode #554 (December 19-25, 2015)

### "How We Can Make the World a Better Place by 2030"

Can we end hunger and poverty, halt climate change and achieve gender equality in the next 15 years? The governments of the world think we can.

Meeting at the UN in September 2015, they agreed to a new set of Global Goals for the development of the world to 2030. In this September 2015 TED Talks presentation, social progress expert Michael Green invites us to imagine how these goals and their vision for a better world can be achieved.

### "An Evening with Angela Davis"

Social equality activist Angela Davis spoke to a capacity crowd at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Sacramento on December 5, 2014. With events in Ferguson and New York on everyone's mind, Ms. Davis spoke eloquently about these and related concerns. A Media Edge crew was on hand to record this inspirational event.

Ms. Davis, 70, is a political activist, scholar, and author. She emerged as a controversial leader in the 1960s, associated with the Communist Party USA, and the Black Panther Party. Ms. Davis was arrested, charged, tried, and acquitted of conspiracy in the 1970 armed takeover of a Marin County courtroom— four people died in the incident.

Ms. Davis is the founder of Critical Resistance, an organization working to abolish the prison-industrial complex. She is a retired professor with the History of Consciousness Department at the University of California, Santa Cruz, and a former director of the university's Feminist Studies department.

## **Episode #553 (December 12-18, 2015)**

### **"The Secret US Prisons You've Never Heard of Before"**

Investigative journalist Will Potter is the only reporter who has been inside a Communications Management Unit, or CMU, within a US prison. These units were opened secretly, and radically alter how prisoners are treated — even preventing them from hugging their children. In his August 2015 TED Talks presentation, Potter shows us who is imprisoned here, and how the government is trying to keep them hidden. "The message was clear," he says. "Don't talk about this place."

### **"Professors in Poverty"**

Meet Dr. Wanda Evans-Brewer. She has been teaching for 20 years, has a bachelor's degree, a master's degree, and a PhD in Education. She is also living in poverty.

The corporate model of higher education is pushing professors into poverty. More than half of college faculty are adjunct – or part-time - professors. College tuition is rising at twice the rate of inflation. By hiring more adjuncts and less tenure track professors, colleges and universities are diminishing the quality of education for students and professors. Adjunct professors have limited access to resources like technology, office space, resources and they receive no benefits. 1 in 4 part-time faculty receive public assistance, 31% of part-time faculty live near or below the poverty line, \$22,500 is the average salary of adjunct professors, and 60% of part-time professors have additional jobs. Any professor living in poverty is unacceptable – especially when you consider the rising cost of tuition and the amount of money colleges and universities are taking in.

### **"Hands in Peace"**

Hands in Peace builds peace among diverse communities by adapting the ancient Greek Olympics for children. The children celebrate our common humanity and cultural diversity through non-competitive festivals like this one held in Sacramento.

### **"The Story of Change"**

This short video urges viewers to put down their credit cards and start exercising their citizen muscles to build a more sustainable, just and fulfilling world.

### **"The Ghosts of Jeju"**

A shocking documentary about the struggle of the people of Jeju Island, S. Korea. Set in the context of the American presence in Korea after World War II, the film reveals horrible atrocities at the hands of the U.S. Military Government of Korea.

## **Episode #552 (December 5-11, 2015)**

### **"Peak Moment"**

Transition McCaskill Street started as a pilot project of Transition Victoria and followed Transition Streets guidelines. Transition Streets are happening in the US, Canada, the UK and elsewhere. It all started with neighbors meeting to save money and share information around energy, water, food and more. It has grown into shared projects, shared tools and deepened friendships. Residents joined in with brushes to paint a wall mural with unique neighborhood themes, spearheaded by artist Lori Garcia-Meredith.

"Eggnabler" Janet Riddell hatched a Chicken Coop Co-op to encourage others to raise chickens, and they now host an annual "Tour de Coop." Patti Parkhouse and friends planted a community orchard and several veggie beds on the boulevard (street-side city-owned land). After meeting with an energy auditor, several families purchased heat pumps to save on heating costs (shown by Jack Meredith and Warren Walsh). And that's just the beginning.

### **"The Story We Tell About Poverty Isn't True"**

As a global community, we all want to end poverty. In her May 2015 TED Talk, Mia Birdsong suggests a great place to start: Let's honor the skills, drive and initiative that poor people bring to the struggle every day. She asks us to look again at people in poverty: They may be broke — but they're not broken.

### **"Why Gender Equality Is Good for Everyone - Men Included"**

Yes, we all know it's the right thing to do. But in his May 2015 TED Talk, Michael Kimmel makes the surprising, funny, practical case for treating men and women equally in the workplace and at home. It's not a zero-sum game, but a win-win that will result in more opportunity and more happiness for everybody.

### **"Catching Fire"**

Catching Fire tells a compelling story of how a small but committed group of local, tribal, state and federal land managers are bringing back the use of prescribed fire as a tool to protect communities and ecosystems across Northern California. It examines the use of fire by the Karuk Tribe of California, and the connection between the rise of megafires across the West and the last century of fire suppression. Drawing on interviews with fire scientists, tribal and federal land managers, and fire savvy residents from across the North State, this film provides insight on how our relationship to fire can be restored through strategic use of fire as a powerful management tool.

## **Episode #551 (November 28 - December 4, 2015)**

### **"Preventing Gun Violence – An International Perspective"**

On October 25, 2015, the Joint Annual Dinner of the Sacramento Chapters of Physicians for Social Responsibility and the United Nations Association featured keynote speaker Rebecca Peters, the founding director of the International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA). Following the 1996 Port Arthur massacre in Australia, Ms. Peters led a grass roots gun control campaign that led to prompt action by the Australian government to ban all assault weapons in their country. For her work on gun violence prevention, she received the Australian Human Rights Medal, the Australian equivalent of the U.S. Presidential Medal of Freedom.

During her keynote address, Ms. Peters described how she and her Australian colleagues were able to get the nationwide ban on assault weapons passed. She noted that following the ban, over a million firearms were removed from circulation, overall rates of firearm related deaths and injuries, already much lower than in the United States, declined even further, and there hasn't been a single additional mass shooting.

Ms. Peters challenged Americans to take similar action to stop the epidemic of gun violence in our country.

### **"Border, Inc."**

The same companies that profited from the wars in Iraq are profiting from the militarization of our own border. Time and time again on the campaign trail, Donald Trump has called for building "the great wall of Trump" on the U.S./Mexico border. This would require the construction of almost 2,000 miles of wall in hostile desert terrain. And Trump is not alone in his calls for ramping up "border security." Ben Carson, the other leading Republican candidate, has called for using drones at the border. This is all to block out a country that we are not at war with -- and who is our third largest trading partner in the world.

In this new short documentary, Brave New Films exposes how the last three decades of immigration politics in this country have created a massive payday for military contractors and wasted millions of taxpayer dollars in this business operation fueled by xenophobia and greed. Should any of these new ideas of presidential candidates become reality, the jackpots for companies will soar even higher, as taxpayers see a larger portion of their checks going to this effort.

### **"Wealth Inequality in America"**

This short video features infographics on the distribution of wealth in America, highlighting both the inequality and the difference between our perception of inequality and the actual numbers. The reality is often not what we think it is.

### **"The Story of Electronics"**

The high-tech revolution's collateral damage: 25 million tons of e-waste and counting, poisoned workers and a public left holding the bill. Host Annie Leonard takes viewers from the mines and factories where our gadgets begin to the horrific backyard recycling shops in China where many end up. The film concludes with a call for a green 'race to the top' where designers compete to make long-lasting, toxic-free products that are fully and easily recyclable.

### **"Seeds of Freedom"**

This film, narrated by Jeremy Irons, details how seeds, which have been the heart of traditional farming and natural biodiversity since the beginning of agriculture, are being transformed into an expensive, patented commodity used to monopolize the global food system.

## **Episode #550 of "Media Edge" (November 21-27, 2015)**

### **"Climate Change is Happening. Here's How We Adapt"**

Imagine the hottest day you've ever experienced. Now imagine it's six, 10 or 12 degrees hotter. According to climate researcher Alice Bows-Larkin, that's the type of future in store for us if we don't significantly cut our greenhouse gas emissions now. In this June 2015 TED Talk, she suggests that it's time we do things differently—a whole system change, in fact -- and seriously consider trading economic growth for climate stability.

### **"Why Climate Change is a Threat to Human Rights"**

Climate change is unfair. While rich countries can fight against rising oceans and dying farm fields, poor people around the world are already having their lives upended — and their human rights threatened — by killer storms, starvation and the loss of their own lands. In this May 2015 TED Talk, Mary Robinson asks us to join the movement for worldwide climate justice.

### **"Last Hours"**

"Last Hours" was written by Thom Hartmann and co-produced by Leonardo DiCaprio's father, George. This short documentary leaps far ahead of immediate issues of oceans rising to take away coastland. Frequent extreme weather events are happening in unusual places, causing record breaking destruction. Hurricanes, tornados, ice, hail and snow storms, floods, droughts, wildfires all over the planet are happening nearly every week. Even the Department of Defense and the CIA have identified global warming as a threat to national security, as people around the world become climate change refugees, driven from their homes by the ensuing loss of food, water, livestock, shelter and employment.

Narrated by Thom Hartmann, "Last Hours" is tightly focused on the macro view of geologists, and scientists interested in the Permian Period, in which global warming resulted in the extinction of 95% of all life on Earth. The event was started by a massive volcano in Siberia, which raised the temperature 6 degrees. Then, warming of the oceans melted frozen methane at the bottom, so when it bubbled up and turned into gas, it entered the atmosphere and triggered the planet catastrophe. There have been Five Mass Extinctions since life began on Earth.

The purpose of "Last Hours" is to start looking at the possibility of a Sixth Mass Extinction, triggered by the burning of fossil fuels. The film examines situations like the melting of the Arctic Ice Sheet. In July 2013 it melted at the rate of the size of Kansas, every two days.

Endorsements for "Last Hours": Al Gore; Robert Kennedy, Jr; Michael Brune, Sierra Club; Lester Brown, Earth Policy Institute; Denis Hayes, founder of Earth Day; and others too numerous to mention.

### **"Over Troubled Waters"**

The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, the largest estuary on the west coast of the Americas, is a national treasure being squandered by greed. In this visually rich documentary, Ed Begley, Jr. narrates the story of the battle being fought by the people of the Delta to protect the region they love and encourage saner water policies for all of the people of California.

### **"Wild Versus Wall"**

The Sierra Club border film, Wild Versus Wall, details the unique and diverse natural areas along the southern borders of California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas, and explains how they have been and will be affected by current and planned federal border policy and infrastructure, as well as the danger to our rights and safety imposed by sweeping new powers granted to the Department of Homeland Security.

## **Episode #549 (November 14-20, 2015)**

### **"My Road Trip through the Whitest Towns in America"**

As America becomes more and more multicultural, Rich Benjamin noticed a phenomenon: Some communities were actually getting less diverse. So he got out a map, found the whitest towns in the USA — and moved in. In this TED Talk, he shares what he learned as a black man in Whitopia.

### **"Jimmy Carter: Mistreatment of Women is the Number One Human Rights Abuse"**

With his signature resolve, former US President Jimmy Carter dives into three unexpected reasons why the mistreatment of women and girls continues in so many manifestations in so many parts of the world, both developed and developing. The final reason he gives? "In general, men don't give a damn."

### **"Peak Moment"**

When Dave Pollard started his blog "How to Save the World" over a decade ago, he believed he might actually play a role in changing the world. After studying the three major systems of civilization — energy & resources, ecology, and economy — he finds all three unsustainable and out of control. Rather than trying to prevent the end of industrial growth civilization, Dave suggests four things we can do. Live a joyful life, while acting sustainably. Learn essential skills our grandparents knew — growing food organically, sewing clothing, fixing things, and mentoring young people in how to learn. Learn to live in community, where "we'll have to live with and maybe even love people we don't particularly like. That's what people do in community."

### **"The Great Divide with Joseph Stiglitz and Robert Reich"**

Economist Joseph Stiglitz and former Labor Secretary Robert Reich reminisce about opposing "corporate welfare" during their days in the Clinton Administration and talk here about problematic trade deals, income inequality and Stiglitz's new book, "The Great Divide: Unequal Societies and What We Can Do About Them." Recorded at UC Berkeley on April 29, 2015.

## **Episode #548 (November 7-13, 2015)**

### **"Peak Moment"**

At the Jefferson County (Washington) ReCyclery, people of all ages are fixing and assembling bikes. Founder Chauncey Tudhope-Locklear and Board President Kees Kolff explain how opportunities exploded when the Recyclery became a non-profit organization. There's a youth Earn-a-Bike program where kids can volunteer a number of hours and then build their own bike from donated parts. The Borrow-a-Bike program lets anyone pay what they can afford to borrow a bike, helmet and lock. The ReCyclery partnered with the school district to offer a "Step On It" campaign in the schools to promote safe walking and biking, and leads two mountain bike teams for young people.

Chauncey advises "For anyone who has a dream that can benefit their community — breathe life into it.... It only takes one person to start something that has far-reaching influence." Chauncey has done just that.

### **"Grounds for Resistance"**

This documentary film is about Coffee Strong, a coffee shop located outside the gates of the U.S. Army base Fort Lewis in Washington: its importance for its most active members, active duty soldiers and their families, veterans of recent and past conflicts, and regional and national political movements. At the center of the film are the men and women whose experiences in the military and war compel them to commit themselves to help others who are serving or have served in the past. Each individual featured in the film exists within a nuanced tangle of conflicting emotions tied to pride, dedication to service, friendship, anger, disillusionment, sadness, and guilt. The film examines each one's stories from their decisions to join the military, their experiences of war, and their motivations for devoting themselves to Coffee Strong. It explores how their relationships with one another and their activist efforts to make a more peaceful and just world help them cope with their own experiences.

### **"Legacy of Torture: The War Against The Black Liberation Movement"**

This video documents the torture of activists John Bowman, Hank Jones and Harold Taylor by New Orleans police in 1973, and the assassinations, police brutality, and abuse suffered by the Black community during the 1960s and 1970s.

## **Episode #547 (October 31 - November 6, 2015)**

### **"The Story of Citizens United vs. FEC"**

An exploration of the inordinate power that corporations exercise in our democracy.

### **"Guns with History"**

States United to Prevent Gun Violence opens a "gun store" in New York City as a hidden camera social experiment to debunk safety myths. Every gun has a history. Let's not repeat it.

### **"An Evening with Senator Marie Chappelle-Nadal"**

Missouri State Senator Marie Chappelle-Nadal, a leading voice and advocate during the community unrest in Ferguson, Missouri, spoke at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Sacramento on September 18, 2015. A Media Edge crew recorded this event.

## **Episode #546 (October 24-30, 2015)**

### **"How This FBI Strategy Is Actually Creating US-Based Terrorists"**

There's an organization responsible for more terrorism plots in the United States than al-Qaeda, al-Shabaab and ISIS combined: The FBI.

How? Why?

In an eye-opening March 2015 TED Talk, investigative journalist Trevor Aaronson reveals a disturbing FBI practice that breeds terrorist plots by exploiting Muslim-Americans with mental health problems.

### **"Henry A. Wallace National Security Forum"**

This series of 11 short videos from Brave New Films features journalists, historians, scholars, and authors -- each offering alternative perspectives on foreign policy and national security issues. Guests include:

- Glenn Greenwald on America's Surveillance Society
- Linda Bilmes on the True Cost of War
- Noam Chomsky on American Empire
- Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz on Domestic Imperialism
- Anand Gopal on Occupied Perspectives
- Heidi Boghosian on Privatized Security
- James Bamford on the NSA
- Stephen Kinzer on Regime Changes
- John Tirman on Civilian Casualties
- William Blum on Covert Wars
- Andrew Bacevich on American Exceptionalism

## **Episode #545 (October 17-23, 2015)**

### **"Returning Fire"**

Video games like "Modern Warfare", "America's Army", "Medal of Honor" and "Battlefield" are part of an exploding market of war games whose revenues now far outpace even the biggest Hollywood blockbusters. The sophistication of these games is undeniable, offering users a stunningly realistic experience of ground combat and a glimpse into the increasingly virtual world of long-distance, push-button warfare. Far less clear, though, is what these games are doing to users, our political culture, and our capacity to empathize with people directly affected by the actual trauma of war. For the culture-jamming activists featured in this film, these uncertainties were a call to action. In three separate vignettes, we see how Anne-Marie Schleiner, Wafaa Bilal, and Joseph Delaphe moved dissent from the streets to our screens, infiltrating war games in an attempt to break the hypnotic spell of "militainment." Their work forces all of us -- gamers and non-gamers alike -- to think critically about what it means when the clinical tools of real-world killing become forms of consumer play.

### **"War on Whistleblowers: Free Press and the National Security State "**

This film highlights four cases where whistleblowers noticed government wrong-doing and took to the media to expose the fraud and abuse. It exposes the surprisingly worsening and threatening reality for whistleblowers and the press. The film includes interviews with whistleblowers Michael DeKort, Thomas Drake, Franz Gahl and Thomas Tamm and award-winning journalists like David Carr, Lucy Dalglish, Glenn Greenwald, Seymour Hersh, Michael Isikoff, Bill Keller, Eric Lipton, Jane Mayer, Dana Priest, Tom Vanden Brook and Sharon Weinberger.

## **Episode #544 (October 10-16, 2015)**

### **"Hedge Fund Billionaires vs. Kindergarten Teachers: Whose Side Are You On?"**

The top 25 hedge fund managers make more than all kindergarten teachers in the country combined. These investors make millions - sometimes billions - of dollars investing borrowed money in hopes of realizing large capital gains. But what is most absurd is that these millionaires and billionaires pay a lower tax rate than kindergarten teachers -- and very likely a lower rate than YOU! New York Mayor Bill de Blasio, filmmaker Robert Greenwald and other panelists discuss this issue at a screening of this new production of Brave New Films.

### **"Immigrants For Sale"**

Immigrants For Sale is a ground-breaking documentary that goes inside the private immigrant detention industry, through the lens of those most impacted, the players behind the trade and the multi-billion dollar profits that fuel it all.

### **"The Big Picture"**

Former U.S. Labor Secretary Robert Reich and MoveOn.org Civic Action teamed up to create this new multi-video series of 12 short videos that focus on advancing bold, progressive policy solutions—such as expanding Social Security and making public higher education free.

## **Episode #543 (October 3-9, 2015)**

### **"This is Crazy: Criminalizing Mental Health"**

America is "treating" mental illness through incarceration - and the price we are paying both in dollars and human capital is enormous. This film focuses on the problems with criminalizing mental health, told through first-hand accounts.

### **"Outfoxed: Rupert Murdoch's War on Journalism"**

Outfoxed: Rupert Murdoch's War on Journalism is a 2004 documentary film by filmmaker Robert Greenwald that criticizes the Fox News Channel and its owner, Rupert Murdoch, claiming that the channel is used to promote and advocate right-wing views. The film says this pervasive bias contradicts the channel's claim of being "Fair and Balanced".

### **"Outfoxed Effect -- Ten Years Later"**

Ten years after the film "Outfoxed: Rupert Murdoch's War on Journalism" was released, "Outfoxed Effect" looks back in time and shows how things have not really changed.

## **Episode #542 (September 26 – October 2, 2015)**

### **"Second Chance Citizens"**

What if you committed an offense and served your time in prison - now what? Unfortunately, there are enormous challenges to re-entry. One of the hardest is finding a job. The vast majority of employers won't even let a person with a criminal record apply. Parole requires a steady residence, but affordable housing requires background checks. There's a catch-22 at every turn. It's no wonder that approximately two thirds of prisoners are projected to be rearrested within the first three years of release. This vicious cycle makes our community less safe, greatly affects children of incarcerated parents, and gives a life sentence to men and women who's sentence is already over. "Second Chance Citizens" illustrates that this doesn't have to be the case. It's a success story of a man who re-enters society and supports his family due to an employer giving him a chance. This story can be re-created. This can happen all over America. Do you believe in second chances?

### **"From a Silk Cocoon"**

This film tells Dr. Satsuki Ina's family's story of the tragic outcome resulting from the wartime hysteria and racial profiling that occurred during WW II in the name of "military necessity." The film is followed by a panel and Q & A that includes Dr. Ina, Harry Wang, MD (Physicians for Social Responsibility, Sacramento Chapter) and Basim Elkarra (Council on Islamic Relations). "From a Silk Cocoon" received a Northern California Emmy for Outstanding Achievement in Historical/Cultural Programming.

## **Episode #541 (September 19-25, 2015)**

### **"Peak Moment"**

"My worms are my hardest working critters...along with all my other critters. "Brian Kerkvliet shows the mobile chicken house area where chickens scratch, eat bugs and plant seeds, spread the compost pile, and fertilize the soil. As they clear one region, they're moved to another, surrounded by a portable electric fence. In spring they plant potatoes by burying potato pieces Brian tosses onto the compost pile. When moved back in fall, they scratch up the new potatoes ready to harvest! The pigs are "natural rototillers" who get placed where Brian wants soil worked up. They eat anything that would otherwise go to waste, and their manure fertilizes the soil. Pouncer the cat keeps down the rodent population. Plus most of the animals provide food for the family.

### **"Restoration"**

RESTORATION is the fourth film in Green World Rising, a series of films aimed at moving the climate debate forward. The film focuses on how nature can protect the Earth from the harmful effects of climate change and how industrial design and science researchers can learn valuable lessons from natural systems.

"When we plug into the wisdom of nature and work alongside Earth's ecosystems, we discover new and exciting innovations. Many are already underway. It is this partnership with nature that will solve our most pressing climate concerns and create the building blocks of a civilization that works alongside nature, not against it," said Leonardo DiCaprio, Narrator of RESTORATION.

### **"What Does My Headscarf Mean to You?"**

Unconscious bias is a prevalent factor driving culture, causing us all to make assumptions based on our own upbringings and influences. Such implicit prejudice affects everything, and it's time for us to be more thoughtful, smarter, better. In this funny, honest TED Talk last December, Yassmin Abdel-Magied uses a surprising way to challenge us all to look beyond our initial perceptions.



### **"Getting Out"**

This documentary shows the impact that the Rehabilitation Through the Arts program had on former prisoners trying to reestablish their lives. Filmed inside the walls of the notorious "Sing Sing" prison in New York, this video documents the 15-year incarceration and subsequent release of two inmates. It also highlights the difficulties many former prisoners experience trying to reestablish life outside of prison walls.

## **Episode #540 (September 12-18, 2015)**

### **"Peak Moment"**

Chris Brown founded Growing Veterans to help returning veterans like himself break their isolation, gain job skills and support each another in their transition back into society. Their 3-acre farm produces organic vegetables for their partner Growing Washington's CSA (community supported agriculture) boxes. In the greenhouse, farm manager Chris Wolf talks about farming operations. Veteran Glenn Clark, on staff with both organizations, describes how supportive it is for vets to be with one other, along with finding other programs to match their interests. Justin Power (JP), a Transition Specialist for the federal government, notes the healing in being outdoors with hands dirty, watching creation from planting seed to harvesting healthy food.

### **"The 800 Mile Wall"**

The 800 Mile Wall highlights the construction of the new border walls along the U.S.-Mexico border as well as the effect on migrants trying to cross into the U.S. This powerful 90-minute film is an unflinching look at the failed U.S. border strategy that many believe has caused the death of thousands of migrants and violates fundamental human rights. Since border walls have been built, well over 5,000 migrant bodies have been recovered in U.S. deserts, mountains and canals. Some unofficial reports put the death toll as high as 10,000 men, women and children. As a direct result of U.S. border policy, migrants are forced to cross treacherous deserts and mountains in search of low skill and low paying jobs in the United States.

## **Episode #539 (September 5-11, 2015)**

### **"Koch Brothers Exposed"**

This documentary shines a light on billionaires David and Charles Koch, who were handed the ability to buy our democracy in the form of giant checks to the House, Senate, and soon, possibly even the Presidency. It investigates where their money went and who their money hurt during the process leading up to the 2014 elections.

### **"Peak Moment"**

"It's pretty clear by now the methane gun has been fired in the Arctic Ocean, so we're headed for very abrupt warming. What does that mean in terms of how we live? I think it means we live with urgency. We live with love. We live passionately." More people are paying attention when professor emeritus Guy McPherson names recent scientific observations pointing to abrupt climate change in the next few decades. This will quickly reduce habitat for humans and the plants we depend on. The co-author of "Extinction Dialogues: How to Live with Death in Mind" shares his recent journey in grief recovery work and meditation. A recent visit to the emergency room gave him a chance to share in some gallows humor while being mindful to appreciate each moment.

### **"Peak Moment"**

"Back in the 1930s on the Olympic peninsula, people were paying their taxes in alternative money...The banks shut them down. This is an example of the monopoly the banks have, and the level of control they have over peoples' economic lives... People need to know [local currency] is a possibility, an option, a realistic tactical and powerful way to take back your economic power from the bankers." Fourth Corner Exchange co-founder Francis Ayley says the current debt-based global money system is an unsustainable Ponzi-scheme that will crash. By contrast, local currencies are unlimited, based on whatever members want to exchange. He and director Lia Ayley share the nuts and bolts for new members starting to exchange, how values are set, and exchanges involving both Life Dollars and US dollars. The biggest challenge, they say, is changing our mindset from the scarcity built into the existing monetary system to one based on relationships, cooperation and plenty.

## **Episode #538 (August 29 – September 4, 2015)**

### **"2015 High School Scholarship Essay Contest"**

In 2015, the Physicians for Social Responsibility (Sacramento Chapter) received 170 entries from high school seniors in Sacramento and surrounding counties, describing their thoughts on the words of United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, who said, "The world is over-armed, and peace is under-funded."

Each finalist in this year's contest, chosen by a panel of distinguished judges, received a \$1,000 scholarship.

After each finalist read their essay at this April 26, 2015 event and responded to a question from one of the judges, the panel selected the First Place winner (\$3,000 scholarship), Second Place winner (\$2,500 scholarship), and Third Place winner (\$2,000 scholarship).

### **"F-35: The Jet That Ate The Pentagon"**

This video, produced by Brave New Films, sheds new light on the waste and failures of the Pentagon's F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program, including the extraordinary costs of the F-35 (the most expensive weapons system in history), critical design failings, "concurrent development," and extreme technical and performance issues. The video also highlights the role political contributions given to select members of Congress by Lockheed Martin and other defense contractors have played in keeping the F-35 off the budget chopping block.

### **"To Prison for Poverty"**

To Prison for Poverty documents the system that enables private probation companies to profit from charging excessive fees to low income people who can't pay small fines like traffic tickets. If they can't pay, they go to jail.

### **"Let's Save the Last Pristine Continent"**

2041 will be a pivotal year for our planet. That year will mark the end of a 50-year agreement to keep Antarctica, the Earth's last pristine continent, free of exploitation. Explorer Robert Swan — the first person to walk both the North and South Poles — is on a mission to ensure that we extend that treaty. In his October 2014 TED Talks presentation, he pleads with us to choose the preservation of the Antarctic for our own survival.

## **Episode #537 (August 22-28, 2015)**

### **"Glenn Greenwald - Why Privacy Matters"**

Glenn Greenwald was one of the first reporters to see -- and write about -- the Edward Snowden files, with their revelations about the United States' extensive surveillance of private citizens. In his October 2014 TED Talks presentation, Greenwald makes the case for why you need to care about privacy, even if you're "not doing anything you need to hide."

### **"Bernie Sanders"**

Vermont Senator and Presidential candidate Bernie Sanders spoke in Richmond, CA in November 2014. With a focus on Chevron's intrusion into local politics, Sanders takes on Citizens United and the Koch Brothers.

### **"Eating Mercifully"**

This short film from the Humane Society of the United States explores Christian perspectives on factory farming. A growing number of Christians are changing their diet and consumer purchases because the way animals are treated in factory farms is inconsistent with their beliefs. Some are demanding better treatment of farm animals, while some are simply leaving animals off their plates altogether.

### **"Street Corner Sweatshops...How the Car Wash Industry Abuses Workers"**

The car wash industry in Los Angeles consisted of over 10,000 workers - mostly Latino - who report widespread abuses by management -including wage theft, denial of water, and sexual assault. In response, they formed the very first Bonus Carwasheros Union!

## **Episode #536 (August 15-21, 2015)**

### **"Deport Hate"**

Our current immigration system is broken. Deportations are at a record high, families are being separated, immigrant workers exploited, human lives are being lost at the border, there is rampant persecution and discrimination of immigrants and a continuation in the perpetuation of negative stereotypes and the criminalization of migration.

How did we get here? How did we sacrifice basic human and civil rights in the name of political posturing, agendas and money interests? What can we do to reverse this?

### **"Vanessa's Eight Year Sentence"**

This film follows a Bay Area teen with an incarcerated parent who is on the precarious edge of the system herself. When they took her mom away, Vanessa stopped caring. She acted out in school, got in trouble with the law, and ended up in a group home. When her mom only had a year left in her sentence, Vanessa was one small mistake away from violating her probation and ending up in juvenile hall. Imagine the mother walking out of the walls of prison, only to see her child step in.

### **"An Evening With Angela Davis"**

Social equality activist Angela Davis spoke to a capacity crowd at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Sacramento on December 5, 2014. With recent events in Ferguson and New York on everyone's mind, Ms. Davis spoke eloquently about these and related concerns. A Media Edge crew was on hand to record this inspirational event.

Ms. Davis, 70, is a political activist, scholar, and author. She emerged as a controversial leader in the 1960s, associated with the Communist Party USA, and the Black Panther Party. Ms. Davis was arrested, charged, tried, and acquitted of conspiracy in the 1970 armed takeover of a Marin County courtroom— four people died in the incident.

Ms. Davis is the founder of Critical Resistance, an organization working to abolish the prison-industrial complex. She is a retired professor with the History of Consciousness Department at the University of California, Santa Cruz, and a former director of the university's Feminist Studies department.

## **Episode #535 (August 8-14, 2015)**

### **"John Tirman on Civilian Casualties"**

When the United States attacks another country, whether through all-out invasion, or so-called precision drone strikes, there is an always collateral damage. Let's call it what it is: civilian casualties. How do we convince the world we're trying to help, when we kill so many people in our military operations?

### **"William Blum on Covert Wars "**

The CIA began as a spy agency after World War Two, but soon the CIA was planning and executing covert operations across the globe without proper congressional oversight. From the removal of the democratically elected leaders of Iran and Guatemala, to the attempted invasion of Cuba, to the removal of every secular government in the Middle East, the influence of the agency is insidious. How can a democratic society tolerate such a secret and lethal institution that works against the very values America seeks to uphold around the world?

### **"Andrew Bacevich on American Exceptionalism"**

The most basic assumptions that most Americans make about their national security system is that it will make us all safer, but is this really true? Our goals are to achieve stability, win over friends, and export democracy. However, we've been at this a long, long time and achieved none of these things. Is it time to rethink our view that America is an "exceptional" country that needs to save the world?

### **"TED Talks -- Gail Reed: Where to train the world's doctors? Cuba"**

Big problems need big solutions, sparked by big ideas, imagination and audacity. In this talk, journalist Gail Reed profiles one big solution worth noting: Havana's Latin American Medical School, which trains global physicians to serve the local communities that need them most.

### **"An Evening with Dr. Joycelyn Elders"**

Dr. M. Joycelyn Elders, 15th Surgeon General of the United States and first African-American woman Surgeon General, spoke to a Sacramento audience on September 5, 2014. Her presentation was made possible by the Bob & Dorrie Moon Lecture Series at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, and was recorded by a Media Edge crew for later telecast.

## **Episode #534 (August 1-7, 2015)**

### **"Heidi Boghosian on Privatized Security"**

The CIA, NSA and the Pentagon rely on outside contractors to much of their work, but what if big corporations could use them as well to spy on activists opposed to their actions? Corporations aren't bound by the constitution like government agencies and therefore aren't required to honor the same rules when it comes to surveillance. How will free speech suffer if corporations can ally themselves with government spy agencies and private security firms to intimate and silence those who questions them?

### **"James Bamford on the NSA"**

The disclosures about the NSA's secret surveillance programs shocked the nation. But how did the NSA get so powerful in the first place? The NSA began in absolute secrecy and has remained that way most of its life. How does an institution like exist within the framework of an open society and is it a threat to the very values it claims to be protecting?

### **"Stephen Kinzer on Regime Changes"**

The invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan are fresh in our memories. However, the list doesn't end there, invasions and overthrows are more common than we think, stretching from Panama to Kosovo. The United States has long held the view that the world is mess and we need to "fix it." But do we really know what's best for the rest of the world, or even have the means to change it effectively?

### **"The Great Divide with Joseph Stiglitz and Robert Reich"**

Economist Joseph Stiglitz and former Labor Secretary Robert Reich reminisce about opposing "corporate welfare" during their days in the Clinton Administration and talk here about problematic trade deals, income inequality and Stiglitz's new book, "The Great Divide: Unequal Societies and What We Can Do About Them." Recorded at UC Berkeley on April 29, 2015.

### **"TED Talks: Bryan Stevenson"**

In an engaging and personal talk -- with cameo appearances from his grandmother and Rosa Parks -- human rights lawyer Bryan Stevenson shares some hard truths about America's justice system, starting with a massive imbalance along racial lines: a third of the country's black male population has been incarcerated at some point in their lives. These issues, which are wrapped up in America's unexamined history, are rarely talked about with this level of candor, insight and persuasiveness.

## **Episode #533 (July 25-31, 2015)**

### **"The Big Picture"**

Former U.S. Labor Secretary Robert Reich and MoveOn.org Civic Action teamed up to create this new multi-video series of 12 short videos that focus on advancing bold, progressive policy solutions—such as expanding Social Security and making public higher education free.

### **"OverCriminalized -- Alternatives to Incarceration"**

Homeless Hate Laws are spreading throughout the country. There are alternatives. OverCriminalized focuses on the people who find themselves being trafficked through this nation's criminal justice system with little regard for their humanity and zero prospects for actual justice. They are victims of unwillingness to invest in solving major social problems, and the consequent handling off of that responsibility to the police, the courts, and the prisons. They are the mentally ill, the homeless, and the drug addicted. Sometimes they are all three.

### **"Jerusalem...The East Side Story"**

A feature-length documentary about Israel's policy to gain supremacy over the City of Jerusalem and its inhabitants. It also touches on the future of the city: Jerusalem is the key to peace; without Jerusalem, there is no peace.

## **Episode #532 (July 18-24, 2015)**

### **"Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz on Domestic Imperialism"**

From the earliest colonies, the US has been expanding its domestic empire and conquering native people. In our wake, we have left a bloody trail of tears, wars, relocations, epidemics and broken treaties. How has this tragic history shaped the way the US interacts with the rest of the world? Has this imperialist urge been institutionalized beyond repair, or can we learn from our mistakes and redefine the way we interact with native people around the world.

### **"Anand Gopal on Occupied Perspectives"**

When the US invades a country, we often only hear about it through the stories of our soldiers, but what do the people we invade and occupy think? If we talk to Afghans, for example, how do they feel about the war we brought to their country? Have we really improved their lives, or simply brought more violence and carnage to the situation.

### **"The Race for What's Left"**

Renowned energy expert Michael T. Klare provides an invaluable account of the new and increasingly dangerous competition for the world's dwindling resources.

### **"The Next American Revolution"**

An illustrated presentation of distinguished historian and political economist Gar Alperovitz, who shows how bottom-up strategies can check corporate power, democratize wealth, and empower communities.

### **"The Story of Cosmetics"**

An examination of the pervasive use of toxic chemicals in our everyday personal care products, from lipstick to baby shampoo. This film by The Story of Stuff Project reveals the implications for consumer and worker health and the environment, and outlines ways we can move the industry away from hazardous chemicals and towards safer alternatives.

## **Episode #531 (July 11-17, 2015)**

### **"2015 High School Scholarship Essay Contest"**

In 2015, the Physicians for Social Responsibility (Sacramento Chapter) received 170 entries from high school seniors in Sacramento and surrounding counties, describing their thoughts on the words of United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, who said, "The world is over-armed, and peace is under-funded."

Each finalist in this year's contest, chosen by a panel of distinguished judges, received a \$1,000 scholarship. After each finalist read their essay at this April 26, 2015 event and responded to a question from one of the judges, the panel selected the First Place winner (\$3,000 scholarship), Second Place winner (\$2,500 scholarship), and Third Place winner (\$2,000 scholarship).

### **"Treatment vs. Jail"**

David Moss was arrested 14 times for drug possession and never offered treatment. He finally got clean on his own. How much taxpayer money got wasted arresting this guy instead of helping him fix the problem? Can California afford to keep spending so much on criminal justice while getting so little in return? This video was produced by Brave New Films in partnership with the ACLU of California.

### **"Glenn Greenwald on America's Surveillance Society"**

Perhaps no one has stirred the pot on the reach of the national security state than journalist Glenn Greenwald when he released information about the NSA from whistleblower Edward Snowden. A "surveillance society" is a society where people become much more afraid and cautious to speak out against their own government. In our quest to defeat terrorism, are we sacrificing free speech and creating a conformist society?

### **"Linda Bilmes on the True Cost of War"**

War is expensive, both in human and financial costs, but how much money are we actually spending? The pentagon budget, not counting wars has increased by about a trillion dollars over the last decade. We're not even sure how much money the pentagon spends because it's flunked its annual audit year after year. How much will our "War on Terror" actually cost us in the decades to come and can we afford to keep solving international crisis through military action?

### **"Noam Chomsky on American Empire"**

Many Americans are not accustomed to the idea that America sits atop a global empire, but with military bases and forces spread out across the world, interventions in dozens of countries – there's simply no other way to describe our "empire." Expansion is the path to security, and to achieve security you have to control everything of value. This is the blueprint that has guided US leaders for decades, but is this empire worth building – and at what cost?

## **Episode #530 (July 4-10, 2015)**

### **"How This FBI Strategy Is Actually Creating US-Based Terrorists"**

There's an organization responsible for more terrorism plots in the United States than al-Qaeda, al-Shabaab and ISIS combined: The FBI. How? Why?

In an eye-opening March 2015 TED Talk, investigative journalist Trevor Aaronson reveals a disturbing FBI practice that breeds terrorist plots by exploiting Muslim-Americans with mental health problems.

### **"The Internet's Own Boy: The Story of Aaron Swartz"**

The feature film follows the story of programming prodigy and information activist Aaron Swartz. From Swartz's help in the development of the basic internet protocol RSS to his co-founding of Reddit, his fingerprints are all over the internet. But it was Swartz's groundbreaking work in social justice and political organizing combined with his aggressive approach to information access that ensnared him in a two-year legal nightmare. It was a battle that ended with the taking of his own life at the age of 26. Aaron's story touched a nerve with people far beyond the online communities in which he was a celebrity. This film is a personal story about what we lose when we are tone deaf about technology and its relationship to our civil liberties.