

# PREVIOUSLY ON “MEDIA EDGE” (January-June, 2016)

## Episode #581 (June 25 – July 1)

### **Segment 1 -- "We Are Not Strangers To This Land: Untold Stories of DREAMERS"**

The documentary "We Are Not Strangers To This Land: Untold Stories of DREAMERS" was filmed and produced by immigrant rights activists who are part of Alianza, a coalition at Sacramento City College. This impactful documentary shares the stories of local Dreamers in order to humanize the ongoing struggle of navigating their lives in the United States while undocumented.

### **Segment 2 – “How College Loans Exploit Students for Profit”**

"Once upon a time in America," says Professor Sajay Samuel, "going to college did not mean graduating with debt." Today, higher education has become a consumer product — costs have skyrocketed, saddling students with a combined debt of over \$1 trillion, while universities and loan companies make massive profits. In his February 2016 TED Talks presentation, Samuel proposes a radical solution: link tuition costs to a degree's expected earnings, so that students can make informed decisions about their future, restore their love of learning, and contribute to the world in a meaningful way.

### **Segment 3 -- "The Real Harm of the Global Arms Trade"**

In some parts of the world, it's easier to get an automatic rifle than a glass of clean drinking water. Is this just the way it is? Samantha Nutt, doctor and founder of the international humanitarian organization War Child, explores the global arms trade in her November 2015 TED Talks presentation. "War is ours," she says. "We buy it, sell it, spread it and wage it. We are therefore not powerless to solve it."

### **Segment 4 -- "Peak Moment"**

"If you look at our DNA, we're meant to be connected.... You can take people out of the tribe, but you can't take the tribe out of the people." In Part 1 of their Peak Moment conversation, Bill Kauth and Zoe Alowan share a model for community where people live in their own homes located "roughly within biking distance." The co-authors of We Need Each Other: Building Gift Community explain that their own tribe, who have met weekly for three years, has committed to staying in place and to being there fully for one another. Countering the pervasive isolation in our culture, their model creates a safe space for men and women to build non-sexual intimacy, honesty, openness and mutual support in a social safety net.

### **Segment 5 -- "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 #580 (June 18-24)

### **Segment 1 -- "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.

### **Segment 2 -- "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.

### **Segment 3 -- "The Story of Broke"**

The United States isn't broke; we're the richest country on the planet and a country in which the richest among us are doing exceptionally well. But the truth is, our economy is broken, producing more pollution, greenhouse gasses and garbage than any other country. In these and so many other ways, it just isn't working. But rather than invest in something better, we continue to keep this 'dinosaur economy' on life support with hundreds of billions of dollars of our tax money. The Story of Broke calls for a shift in government spending toward investments in clean, green solutions -- renewable energy, safer chemicals and materials, zero waste and more -- that can deliver jobs AND a healthier environment. It's time to rebuild the American Dream; but this time, let's build it better.

### **Segment 4 -- "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.

### **Segment 5 -- "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.

## **Episode #579 (June 11-17)**

### **Segment 1 -- "The Story of Bottled Water"**

The story of manufactured demand -- how you get Americans to buy more than half a billion bottles of water every week when it already flows from the tap. This film explores the bottled water industry's attacks on tap water and its use of seductive, environmental-themed advertising to cover up the mountains of plastic waste it produces.

### **Segment 2 -- "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.

### **Segment 3 -- "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.

### **Segment 4 -- "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.

## **Episode #578 (June 4-10)**

### **Segment 1 -- "Green World Rising"**

Green World Rising is the 3rd film in the Green World Rising series. The film shows how we can be 100% off fossil fuels in a few decades. Narrated by Leonardo DiCaprio, presented by Thom Hartmann, directed by Leila Conners and produced by George DiCaprio, Mathew Schmid, Earl Katz and Roe Sharon Peled. Created by Tree Media with the support of the Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation.

### **Segment 2 -- "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 #577 (May 28 – June 3)**

### **Segment 1 -- "2016 High School Scholarship Essay Contest"**

In 2016, the Physicians for Social Responsibility (Sacramento Chapter) received essays that were submitted by more than 130 high school seniors in Sacramento and surrounding counties, reacting to this quotation from the Dalai Lama: "Peace can only last where human rights are respected, where the people are fed, and where individuals and nations are free."

Each of the 10 finalists 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 May 1, 2016 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).

### **Segment 2 -- "We're Going to Change Everything"**

This music video, produced in Sacramento, highlights messages about some of the important issues our country is dealing with today. Short segments of Bernie Sanders' speeches are incorporated into the song.

### **Segment 3 -- "The Story of Stuff"**

"The Story of Stuff" -- an animated documentary about the lifecycle of material goods -- is one of the most widely viewed environmental-themed short films of all time. Since its release in December 2007, The Story of Stuff has been shown in thousands of schools, houses of worship, community events and businesses around the world.

### **Segment 4 -- "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.

## **Episode #576 (May 21-27)**

### **Segment 1 -- "The Inside Story of the Paris Climate Agreement"**

What would you do if your job was to save the planet? When Christiana Figueres was appointed by the UN to lead the Paris climate conference (COP 21) in December 2015, she reacted the way many people would: she thought it would be impossible to bring the leaders of 195 countries into agreement on how to slow climate change. Find out how she turned her skepticism into optimism — and helped the world achieve the most important climate agreement in history.

### **Segment 2 -- "The Hollywood Librarian"**

Using the context of American movies, this film holds surprises for people who think they know what librarians do. American film contains hundreds of examples of librarians and libraries on screen -- some positive, some negative, some laughable and some dead wrong. Dozens of interviews of real librarians are interwoven with movie clips of cinematic librarians and serve as transitions between the themes of censorship, intellectual freedom, children and librarians, pay equity and funding issues, and the value of reading.

### **Segment 3 -- "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.

## **Episode #575 (May 14-20)**

### **Segment 1 -- "We Are Not Strangers To This Land: Untold Stories of DREAMERS"**

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### **Segment 2 -- "Bathing in Poison"**

Since April 2014, the people of Flint, Michigan have been battling a public health emergency due to lead poisoning in the water supply. With the state and EPA ignoring the crisis for the first 18 months, preventing access to clean water, and failing to protect the historically low-income neighborhood, GreenForAll took to the streets of Flint to join residents in taking matters into their own hands. Since then, it has been found that lead is not the only concern - toxic chemicals like chloroform are also damaging the health and safety of everyone in Flint. Governor Snyder and the EPA to this day claim the water is safe; meanwhile, residents of Flint continue to be affected and continue to be exposed to toxic water. In this blatant case of environmental racism, we ask that people come together in solidarity with Flint and make polluters pay.

### **Segment 3 -- "What Does It Mean to Be a Citizen of the World?"**

Hugh Evans started a movement that mobilizes "global citizens," people who self-identify first and foremost not as members of a state, nation or tribe but as members of the human race. In this uplifting and personal talk, learn more about how this new understanding of our place in the world is galvanizing people to take action in the fights against extreme poverty, climate change, gender inequality and more. "These are ultimately global issues," Evans says, "and they can ultimately only be solved by global citizens demanding global solutions from their leaders."

#### **Segment 4 -- "Voices Across the Divide"**

In this powerful documentary and oral history project exploring the Israeli/Palestinian conflict, interviews with Palestinians in the United States are woven together with historical photos and footage to create an intimate picture of one of the most complex conflicts of our time.

#### **Segment 5 -- "The Story of Solutions"**

The Story of Solutions, released in October 2013, explores how we can move our economy in a more sustainable and just direction, starting with orienting ourselves toward a new goal. In the current 'Game of More', we're told to cheer a growing economy – more roads, more malls, more Stuff! – even though our health indicators are worsening, income inequality is growing and polar icecaps are melting. But what if we changed the point of the game? What if the goal of our economy wasn't more, but better – better health, better jobs and a better chance to survive on the planet? Shouldn't that be what winning means?

### **Episode #574 (May 7-13)**

#### **Segment 1 -- "Why Gun Violence Can't Be Our New Normal"**

It doesn't matter whether you love or hate guns; it's obvious that the US would be a safer place if there weren't thousands of them sold every day without background checks. Dan Gross, president of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, makes a passionate, personal appeal for something that more than 90 percent of Americans want: background checks for all gun sales. "For every great movement around the world, there's a moment where you can look back and say, 'That's when things really started to change,'" Gross says. "For the movement to end gun violence in America, that moment is here."

#### **Segment 2 -- "A Prosecutor's Vision for a Better Justice System"**

When a kid commits a crime, the US justice system has a choice: prosecute to the full extent of the law, or take a step back and ask if saddling young people with criminal records is the right thing to do every time. In this searching talk, Adam Foss, a prosecutor with the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office in Boston, makes his case for a reformed justice system that replaces wrath with opportunity, changing people's lives for the better instead of ruining them.

#### **Segment 3 -- "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.

#### **Segment 4 -- "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.

#### **Segment 5 -- "The Poetry of Listening"**

A short documentary featuring Israeli and Palestinian poets and storytellers from Gaza to Tel Aviv.

## Episode #573 (April 30 – May 6)

### Segment 1 -- "Why Your Doctor Should Care About Social Justice " (14 minutes)

In Zimbabwe in the 1980s, Mary Bassett witnessed the AIDS epidemic firsthand, and she helped set up a clinic to treat and educate local people about the deadly virus. But looking back, she regrets not sounding the alarm for the real problem: the structural inequities embedded in the world's political and economic organizations, inequities that make marginalized people more vulnerable. These same structural problems exist in the United States today, and as New York City's Health Commissioner, Bassett is using every chance she has to rally support for health equity and speak out against racism. "We don't have to have all the answers to call for change," she says. "We just need courage."

### Segment 2 -- "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.

### Segment 3 -- "Peak Moment"

This two-part episode features Stephen Jenkinson, who has made keen observations in his decades working with the dying. The author of "Die Wise: A Manifesto for Sanity and Soul," Jenkinson observed that our high-technology medical system often makes things harder for dying people. When a patient or their family bargains for "More Time" through radiology or chemotherapy or drugs, it "bears no resemblance to the More Time they bargained for." Thanks to medical intervention, they're not dying death-free, but living longer with dying. This is a product of our death-phobic culture's intolerance of the reality of dying. How can we do it differently?

In part 2, Jenkinson asserts that our death-phobic culture considers "The best death is the least death" -- basically dying quickly and knowing little about dying. He titled his book *Die Wise* rather than *Die Wisely* to encourage us to learn about dying from those who die before us. He advocates being exposed to dying people from earliest childhood. The subject of the documentary film "Griefwalker," Jenkinson suggests, "Consider that your death is a companion to your life, not the annihilation of your life."

### Segment 4 -- "World Peace is a Local Issue"

What happens when local citizens take on an international issue? OSCAR-nominated, EMMY-winning filmmaker, Dorothy Fadiman, documented the hard work and eventual triumph, of Palo Alto, California residents who move their City Council to change an entrenched position on a critical issue and pass a Nuclear Freeze Resolution. We see Senator Edward Markey introduce the freeze resolution in 1982, and again in recent years, appealing to Congress to reduce nuclear arms. By showing what a determined group of people can accomplish, *WORLD PEACE* highlights the fact that international concerns are also local issues.

## Episode #572 (April 23-29)

### Segment 1 -- "Peak Moment"

Two brief episodes of "Peak Moment" are presented this week:

1. "*Vertical Gardening for Small Spaces.*" Stephen Hindrichs shows three approaches to growing vertically in limited space in his backyard garden. One is a south-facing wall made from a wood pallet filled with soil held in with weed cloth. The second is a tower garden, an aeroponic system alternately drenching the plant roots with nutrient-filled water, and then air. Its yields are 5-6 times that of soil-based plants. The third is a DIY Barrel Garden. Stephen cut the top off a wine barrel, and drilled 40-50 holes in the sides for plants. In the middle is a mesh cylindrical tube where kitchen scraps are added, along with compost worms. Worms migrate into soil packed between the tube and the barrel sides, fertilizing and aerating. A pan below the barrel collects water so nutrients can be recycled.

2. "*What About Veganism?*" Nora Gedgudas, the author of "Primal Body, Primal Mind," considers a short-term vegan diet excellent for detoxifying and anti-aging benefits. She notes, however, that human digestion isn't designed to make optimal use of an all-plant diet for the long term. There can be "significant compromise" to neurological function, because we require high fat levels from animal sources for optimal brain function. She cites studies of brain shrinkage for vegans and vegetarians, and her experience working with them using

neurofeedback. "Many people eating a paleo approach to diet, and a lot of raw food vegans, have more in common than they don't have... We all want a sustainable, healthy, humanely-raised food supply."

### **Segment 2 -- "To Prison for Pregnancy"**

Feticide laws are meant to protect pregnant women and their unborn fetuses against battery and assault while pregnant. Instead, these laws are being used to criminalize pregnant women and worse can often discourage expectant mothers from seeking prenatal care. This short film highlights the problems and unintended consequences of these laws which are harming women and their families. If you live in one of the 38 states that has feticide laws, tell your lawmakers to remove feticide and related laws off the books and out of women's lives.

### **Segment 3 -- "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 last 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).

## **Episode #571 (April 16-22)**

### **Segment 1 -- "Teach Girls Bravery, Not Perfection"**

We're raising our girls to be perfect, and we're raising our boys to be brave, says Reshma Saujani, the founder of Girls Who Code. In this February 2016 TED Talk presentation, Saujani has taken up the charge to socialize young girls to take risks and learn to program — two skills they need to move society forward. To truly innovate, we cannot leave behind half of our population, she says. "I need each of you to tell every young woman you know to be comfortable with imperfection."

### **Segment 2 -- "Border, Inc."**

The same companies that profited from the wars in Iraq are profiteering 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 was not alone in his calls for ramping up "border security." Ben Carson 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.

### **Segment 3 -- "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.

### **Segment 4 -- "The Beauty of Human Skin in Every Color"**

Angélica Dass's photography challenges how we think about skin color and ethnic identity. In this February 2016 TED Talk presentation, Dass describes the inspiration behind her portrait project, Humanæ, and her pursuit to document humanity's true colors rather than the untrue white, red, black and yellow associated with race.

### **Segment 5 -- "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 book, "The Great Divide: Unequal Societies and What We Can Do About Them." Recorded at UC Berkeley on April 29, 2015.

## **Episode #570 (April 9-15)**

### **Segment 1 -- "What do you think when you look at me?"**

When you look at Muslim scholar Dalia Mogahed, what do you see: a woman of faith? a scholar, a mom, a sister? or an oppressed, brainwashed, potential terrorist? In this February 2016 TED Talk presentation, Mogahed asks us, in this polarizing time, to fight negative perceptions of her faith in the media — and to choose empathy over prejudice.

### **Segment 2 -- "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 Carwashers Union!

### **Segment 3 -- "Google and the World Brain"**

The story of the most ambitious project ever conceived on the Internet. In 2002 Google began to scan millions of books in an effort to create a giant global library, containing every book in existence. They had an even greater purpose - to create a higher form of intelligence, something that HG Wells had predicted in his 1937 essay "World Brain". But over half the books Google scanned were in copyright, and authors across the world launched a campaign to stop Google, which climaxed in a New York courtroom in 2011. This film explores the dreams, dilemmas and dangers of the Internet.

## **Episode #569 (April 2-8)**

### **Segment 1 -- "Our Refugee System is Failing. Here's How We Can Fix It"**

A million refugees arrived in Europe this year, says Alexander Betts, and "our response, frankly, has been pathetic." Betts studies forced migration, the impossible choice for families between the camps, urban poverty and dangerous illegal journeys to safety. In this February 2016 TED Talks presentation, he offers four ways to change the way we treat refugees, so they can make an immediate contribution to their new homes. "There's nothing inevitable about refugees being a cost," Betts says. "They're human beings with skills, talents, aspirations, with the ability to make contributions — if we let them."

### **Segment 2 -- "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".

### **Segment 3 -- "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.

### **Segment 4 -- "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.



## **Episode #568 (March 26 – April 1)**

### **Segment 1 -- "The Problem with Race-Based Medicine"**

Social justice advocate and law scholar Dorothy Roberts has a precise and powerful message: Race-based medicine is bad medicine. Even today, many doctors still use race as a medical shortcut; they make important decisions about things like pain tolerance based on a patient's skin color instead of medical observation and measurement. In this November 2015 TED Talks presentation, Roberts lays out the lingering traces of race-based medicine — and invites us to be a part of ending it. "It is more urgent than ever to finally abandon this backward legacy," she says, "and to affirm our common humanity by ending the social inequalities that truly divide us."

### **Segment 2 -- "The Story of Cap & Trade"**

A fast-paced, fact-filled look at the leading climate solution being discussed on Capitol Hill. Host Annie Leonard introduces the energy traders and Wall Street financiers at the heart of this scheme and reveals the "devils in the details" in current cap and trade proposals: free permits to big polluters, fake offsets and distraction from what's really required to tackle the climate crisis. If you've heard about Cap & Trade, but aren't sure how it works (or who benefits), this is for you.

### **Segment 3 -- "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 #567 (March 19-25)**

### **Segment 1 -- "Peak Moment"**

How do you empower an entire metropolis to transition towards more localized living in a post-petroleum era? Founder Ross Moster and board members Ann Pacey and Rand Chatterjee of Village Vancouver (B.C.) Transition Society view Vancouver as a network of neighborhood-sized villages. They encourage neighbors to get to know each other. Projects arise from these connections: recycling depot, dinner groups, seed libraries. Village Vancouver has sponsored, collaborated and participated in a wide range of activities since starting in 2008 — permaculture blitzes, a New Economy summit, street fairs, a neighborhood emergency preparedness project, a film series. Their invitation: "Have a desire to create a happier, more livable future for the next generation...and to have fun while you're at it!"

### **Segment 2 -- "Al Gore: The Case for Optimism on Climate Change"**

Al Gore has three questions about climate change and our future. First: Do we have to change? Each day, global-warming pollution traps as much heat energy as would be released by 400,000 Hiroshima-class atomic bombs. This trapped heat is leading to stronger storms and more extreme floods, he says: "Every night on the TV news now is like a nature hike through the Book of Revelation." Second question: Can we change? We've already started. So then, the big question: Will we change? In this challenging, inspiring TED Talks presentation last month, Gore says yes. "When any great moral challenge is ultimately resolved into a binary choice between what is right and what is wrong, the outcome is foreordained because of who we are as human beings," he says. "That is why we're going to win this."

### **Segment 3 -- "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.

#### **Segment 4 -- "From Danger to Dignity"**

After more than a century of back-alley tragedies, a national movement to decriminalize abortion took root. FROM DANGER to DIGNITY combines rare archival footage with present-day interviews to weave together two parallel stories: the evolution of underground networks to help women find safe abortions outside the law and the intensive efforts of activists and legislators who broke the silence and changed the laws.

### **Episode #566 (March 12-18)**

#### **Segment 1 -- "Carbon"**

A short film narrated by Leonardo DiCaprio, "Carbon" shows how we can keep carbon in the ground through putting a price on carbon.

#### **Segment 2 -- "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.

#### **Segment 3 -- "Feeding Frenzy"**

Over the past three decades, obesity rates in the U.S. have more than doubled for children and tripled for adolescents -- and a startling 70% of adults are now obese or overweight. The result has been a widening epidemic of obesity-related health problems, including coronary heart disease, high blood pressure, stroke, and Type 2 diabetes. While discussions about this spiraling health crisis have tended to focus on the need for more exercise and individual responsibility, Feeding Frenzy trains its focus squarely on the responsibility of the processed food industry and the outmoded government policies it benefits from. It lays bare how taxpayer subsidies designed to feed hungry Americans during the Great Depression have enabled the food industry to flood the market with a rising tide of cheap, addictive, high calorie food products, and offers an engrossing look at the tactics of the multibillion-dollar marketing machine charged with making sure that every one of those surplus calories is consumed.

### **Episode #565 (March 5-11)**

#### **Segment 1 -- "Capitalism Will Eat Democracy -- Unless We Speak Up"**

Have you wondered why politicians aren't what they used to be, why governments seem unable to solve real problems? Economist Yanis Varoufakis, the former Minister of Finance for Greece, says that it's because you can be in politics today but not be in power — because real power now belongs to those who control the economy. He believes that the mega-rich and corporations are cannibalizing the political sphere, causing financial crisis. In this talk, hear his dream for a world in which capital and labor no longer struggle against each other, "one that is simultaneously libertarian, Marxist and Keynesian."

#### **Segment 2 -- "How I Took On the Gene Patent Industry -- and Won"**

Are human genes patentable? Back in 2005, when Tania Simoncelli first contemplated this complex question, US patent law said they were — which meant patent holders had the right to stop anyone from sequencing, testing or even looking at a patented gene. Troubled by the way this law both harmed patients and created a barrier to biomedical innovation, Simoncelli and her colleagues at the ACLU challenged it. In this riveting talk, hear the story of how they took a case everybody told them they would lose all the way to the Supreme Court.

#### **Segment 3 -- "Why Are We Using Prisons to Treat Mental Illness?"**

Instead of helping the mentally ill, police often put them behind bars. See how one police department is making a positive difference. It's simple. Diversion programs work better than incarceration – for everyone. In cities like Seattle, San Antonio, and Salt Lake City, we see that successful solutions are a viable option to help end serious social problems. These services alter the course of people's lives in a positive way and save taxpayers

huge amounts of money. We cannot continue to isolate and imprison people who suffer from mental illness, substance abuse, or homelessness. We must treat them with compassion and care to better serve our communities and our pocketbooks.

#### **Segment 4 -- "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 Gayl 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 #564 (February 27 – March 4)**

#### **Segment 1 -- "Peak Moment"**

"We had a different notion of real wealth...we converted [our paper money] wealth into this land and home," says Steve Unger. Mary Coll adds that they're storing wealth in their knowledge, and by building a low-tech handmade house with no need for outside "experts" for maintenance. With their children Chloe and Finn, we tour the cob house under construction at Inishoge Farm in Sooke, BC, Canada. On the south side, heat from the summer sun is stored in rocks underground, which release heat slowly through winter (called annualized geosolar heating). On the north side, walls are insulated to prevent heat loss, and there's even a cool room (like a cold cellar). Chloe and Finn show us the cob oven and their favorite under-the-stairs room.

#### **Segment 2 -- "Our Campaign to Ban Plastic Bags in Bali"**

Plastic bags are essentially indestructible, yet they're used and thrown away with reckless abandon. Most end up in the ocean, where they pollute the water and harm marine life; the rest are burned in garbage piles, where they release harmful dioxins into the atmosphere. Melati and Isabel Wijsen are on a mission to stop plastic bags from suffocating their beautiful island home of Bali. Their efforts — including petitions, beach cleanups, even a hunger strike — paid off when they convinced their governor to commit to a plastic bag-free Bali by 2018. "Don't ever let anyone tell you that you're too young or you won't understand," Isabel says to other aspiring activists. "We're not telling you it's going to be easy. We're telling you it's going to be worth it."

#### **Segment 3 -- "4 Ways We Can Avoid a Catastrophic Drought"**

As the world's climate patterns continue to shift unpredictably, places where drinking water was once abundant may soon find reservoirs dry and groundwater aquifers depleted. In this talk, civil and environmental engineer David Sedlak shares four practical solutions to the ongoing urban water crisis. His goal: to shift our water supply towards new, local sources of water and create a system that is capable of withstanding any of the challenges climate change may throw at us in the coming years.

#### **Segment 4 -- "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.

#### **Segment 5 -- "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.

## **Episode #563 (February 20-26, 2016)**

### **Segment 1 -- "World Population"**

A graphic video that illustrates how the world population has grown in the past 2,000 years, and how that growth has greatly accelerated since 1900.

### **Segment 2 -- "The Untapped Genius That Could Change Science for the Better"**

Jedidah Isler dreamt of becoming an astrophysicist since she was a young girl. In her August 2015 TED Talk, she shares the story of how she became the first black woman to earn a PhD in astrophysics from Yale — and her deep belief in the value of diversity to science.

### **Segment 3 -- "The Four Fish We're Overeating — And What to Eat Instead"**

The way we fish for popular seafood such as salmon, tuna and shrimp is threatening to ruin our oceans. At his October 2015 TED Talk, Paul Greenberg suggests a few specific ways we can change this, to benefit both the natural world and the people who depend on fishing for their livelihoods.

### **Segment 4 -- "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 last 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).

## **Episode #562 (February 13-19, 2016)**

### **Segment 1 -- "Peak Moment"**

How do you grapple with bigger, deeper issues like catastrophic climate change? Author Carolyn Baker and video producer Ivey Cone join Janaia in a wide-ranging conversation about keeping our hearts open while witnessing the crumbling of industrial civilization. We discuss tools for holding our center, supporting each other, gratitude, and witnessing the powers of the universe at work. For Carolyn, grieving is the most important work now. She sees grieving as the other side of gratitude and love. Ivey constantly asks herself, "what is relevant?" to be doing or being. Janaia ponders what the legacy of the human experiment might be, in the vast story of Earth.

### **Segment 2 -- "My Country will be Underwater Soon -- Unless We Work Together"**

For the people of Kiribati, climate change isn't something to be debated, denied or legislated against — it's an everyday reality. The low-lying Pacific island nation may soon be underwater, thanks to rising sea levels. In a personal conversation with TED Talks Curator Chris Anderson, Kiribati President Anote Tong discusses his country's present climate catastrophe and its imperiled future. "In order to deal with climate change, there's got to be sacrifice. There's got to be commitment," he says. "We've got to tell people that the world has changed."

### **Segment 3 -- "Drug War Alternatives That Work"**

The "War on Drugs" has been a complete disaster since 1971. Now police have alternatives to incarceration that actually help people - and save money for the taxpayers. It's simple. Diversion programs work better than incarceration — for everyone. In cities like Seattle, San Antonio, and Salt Lake City, we see that successful solutions are a viable option to help end serious social problems. These services alter the course of people's lives in a positive way and save taxpayers huge amounts of money. We cannot continue to isolate and imprison people who suffer from mental illness, substance abuse, or homelessness. We must treat them with compassion and care to better serve our communities and our pocketbooks.

### **Segment 4 -- "The Fragile Promise of Choice"**

Through vignettes from cities and rural areas around the country, this documentary examines how restrictive legislation, in an atmosphere of harassment and violence, affects the lives of abortion providers and the women

who seek their services. The film features interviews with community doctors, women seeking services, clinic directors, clergy, and counselors. Their stories illustrate the increasing number of situations in which legal does not necessarily mean accessible.

## **Episode #561 (February 6-12, 2016)**

### **Segment 1 -- "This is What LGBT Life is Like Around the World"**

As a gay couple in San Francisco, Jenni Chang and Lisa Dazols had a relatively easy time living the way they wanted. But outside the bubble of the Bay Area, what was life like for people still lacking basic rights? They set off on a world tour in search of LGBT people who were doing something extraordinary in the world. In 15 countries across Africa, Asia and South America — from India, recently home to the world's first openly gay prince, to Argentina, the first country in Latin America to grant marriage equality — they found the inspiring stories and the courageous, resilient and proud LGBT people they had been looking for.

### **Segment 2 -- "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.

## **Episode #560 (January 30 – February 5, 2016)**

### **Segment 1 -- "To Prison for Pregnancy"**

Feticide laws are meant to protect pregnant women and their unborn fetuses against battery and assault while pregnant. Instead, these laws are being used to criminalize pregnant women and worse can often discourage expectant mothers from seeking prenatal care. This short film highlights the problems and unintended consequences of these laws which are harming women and their families. If you live in one of the 38 states that has feticide laws, tell your lawmakers to remove feticide and related laws off the books and out of women's lives.

### **Segment 2 -- "The US Needs Paid Family Leave For The Sake Of Its Future"**

Why is America one of the only countries in the world that offers no national paid leave to new working mothers? In this incisive TED Talk presentation, Jessica Shortall makes the impassioned case that the reality of new working motherhood in America is both hidden and horrible: millions of women, every year, are forced back to work within just weeks of giving birth. Her idea worth spreading: the time has come for us to recognize the economic, physical and psychological costs of our approach to working mothers and their babies, and to secure our economic future by providing paid leave to all working parents.

### **Segment 3 -- "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.

#### **Segment 4 -- "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 559 (January 23-29)**

#### **Segment 1 -- "We're Going to Change Everything"**

This music video, produced in Sacramento, highlights messages about some of the important issues our country is dealing with today. Short segments of Bernie Sanders' speeches are incorporated into the song.

#### **Segment 2 -- "Bernie Sanders"**

This speech by Vermont Senator and Presidential candidate Bernie Sanders was recorded in Richmond, California. With a focus on Chevron's intrusion into local politics, Sanders takes on Citizens United and the Koch Brothers.

#### **Segment 3 -- "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.

#### **Segment 4 -- "Peak Moment"**

Camille Daum-Lobko and Charlotte Astier are in search of alternative ways to organize Western economies and society, particularly with post-growth, cooperative, worker-owned enterprises which incorporate social justice and environmental sensitivity. They converted a school bus to an environmentally-friendly home, and with their two small children, and have embarked on two journeys in North America. They met community-builders and bio-fuels producers in the Florida Keys, and visited a new Orleans urban farm and educational center. They were impressed by the thriving Twin Oaks intentional community in Virginia. They sought out worker-owned cooperatives in Austin, Texas and California. The search isn't over. After a pause in Denman Island, B.C., they plan to visit more projects in northern California.

### **Episode 558 (January 16-22)**

#### **Segment 1 -- "Peak Moment"**

"I'm not a millionaire but I feel like one," declares Gabriel Pliska. This Vancouver, B.C. urban farmer gives a tour of a residential front yard garden, including planted boxes in the boulevard strip beside the curb. Several homeowners provide him yard space and water for cultivating veggies, flowers, herbs, wildlife habitat and beauty. They receive beautifully tended gardens all year round (and some produce, too!) Gabriel harvests veggies for CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) boxes and sells the surplus at a weekly growers market. Gabriel's "hyper-local" enterprise is achieved almost entirely on bike. We finish with images of his "guerrilla garden" on an unused railway spur, accompanied by a music track of with his own lyrics "Garden Nostalgia."

#### **Segment 2 -- "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.

#### **Segment 3 -- "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."

#### **Segment 4 -- "This Land Is Our Land"**

For more than three decades, transnational corporations have been busy buying up what used to be known as the commons -- everything from our forests and our oceans to our broadcast airwaves and our most important intellectual and cultural works. In "This Land is Our Land," acclaimed author David Bollier, a leading figure in the global movement to reclaim the commons, bucks the rising tide of anti-government extremism and free market ideology to show how commercial interests are undermining our collective interests. Placing the commons squarely within the American tradition of community engagement and the free exchange of ideas and information, Bollier shows how a bold new international movement steeped in democratic principles is trying to reclaim our common wealth by modeling practical alternatives to the restrictive monopoly powers of corporate elites.

### **Episode 557 (January 9-15)**

#### **Segment 1 -- "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.

#### **Segment 2 -- "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 556 (January 2-8)**

#### **Segment 1 -- "When Abortion Was Illegal"**

This Academy Award-nominated film features compelling first person accounts which reveal the physical, legal, and emotional consequences during the era when abortion was a criminal act.

#### **Segment 2 -- "Dakota 38"**

In the spring of 2005, Jim Miller, a Native spiritual leader and Vietnam veteran, found himself in a dream riding on horseback across the great plains of South Dakota. Just before he awoke, he arrived at a riverbank in Minnesota and saw 38 of his Dakota ancestors hanged. At the time, Jim knew nothing of the largest mass execution in United States history, ordered by Abraham Lincoln on December 26, 1862. "When you have dreams, you know when they come from the creator... As any recovered alcoholic, I made believe that I didn't get it. I tried to put it out of my mind, yet it's one of those dreams that bothers you night and day." Four years later, embracing the message of the dream, Jim and a group of riders retrace the 330-mile route of his dream on horseback from Lower Brule, South Dakota to Mankato, Minnesota to arrive at the hanging site on the anniversary of the execution.

This is the story of their journey- the blizzards they endure, the Native and Non-Native communities that house and feed them along the way, and the dark history they are beginning to wipe away.

#### **Segment 3 -- "How Texas Shut Down a Prison"**

Texas saved \$2 billion for taxpayers by cutting prison spending while making the state safer. Now it's time to renew those reforms. This video was produced in partnership with the Texas Criminal Justice Coalition.