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## THE SUBJECT OF THE SECOND EPISODE OF “DEMOCRACY UNCHAINED: A CONVERSATION SERIES:” THE DEMOCRACY OF GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

Episode Two of the State of American Democracy’s new, weekly video series features Arizona State University President Michael Crow, environmentalist Bill McKibben, Yale professor and author Timothy D. Snyder, and former Presidential speech writer Peter Wehner, among others.

(Washington, D.C.)—The State of American Democracy Project—a nonpartisan collective of thought leaders and non-profit organizations and foundations—premieres its second episode of the new series, “Democracy Unchained: a Conversation Series,” on Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 7 p.m. EST/4 p.m. PST. The second episode, streamed on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), [Vimeo](#), Roku and Fire TV, will begin to explore the intersections of American democracy and global climate change.

This episode of the “Democracy Unchained” series, “Unprecedented Challenges,” examines what has been revealed about the American republic’s capacity to respond to the threat of climate change. This second episode includes conversations with:

**Bill McKibben**, author, educator, environmentalist and founder of 350.org

**Timothy D. Snyder**, Levin Professor of History at Yale and author

**Peter Wehner**, writer for *The New York Times* and *The Atlantic*, former Presidential speech writer, and fellow at Ethics & Public Policy Center

**Frances Moore Lappé**, author and co-founder of smallplanet.org

**Michael Crow**, president of Arizona State University

**Bill Ritter, Jr.**, former Governor of the State of Colorado and environmentalist

**Jacob Hacker**, Professor of Political Science at Yale and author

**K. Sabeel Rahman**, president of Demos and Professor of Law at Brooklyn Law School

**Jeremi Suri**, Historian and Professor at the University of Texas at Austin

**Dawn Johnsen**, Professor of Law at Indiana University

**David Orr**, Professor at Oberlin College, environmentalist, and founder of the State of American Democracy project

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### About the State of American Democracy Project

The State of American Democracy initiative began with a conference at Oberlin College in 2017, with a goal to clarify the historic and institutional origins of the election of 2016 and the breakdown in governance, civility, and fairness that transcends party politics. The second phase of the work through the election of 2020 focuses on repairing and strengthening democratic institutions to serve the aims of justice, fairness, prosperity, and resilience.

Today, the State of American Democracy is a nonpartisan collective of individuals and organizations from across the country who are passionate about rebuilding politics and government in America for the benefit of all

Americans. *Democracy Unchained*, the book, edited by David W. Orr, Andrew Gumbel, Bakari Kitwana and William S. Becker (New Press, March 2020), brings together more than 30 contributors, and “Democracy Unchained: A Conversation Series” brings together more than 100 thought leaders from a variety of disciplines. Today, more than 50 organizations have also partnered and/or sponsored this project, as well.

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