



RADIO IN THE 21st CENTURY

Today the radio has been to a large extent supplanted by the television as the primary means of communication in the United States. Nevertheless, American radio at the beginning of the 21st century remains an important political, social, and entertainment medium with an audience of millions daily.

Now with the ability to broadcast over the Internet, radio has escaped the limitations of radio waves and there truly are no borders or boundaries - the entire world is your audience! Moreover, you don't need millions in infrastructure monies nor government licenses. You can just access the Internet and broadcast over your personal computer!

RADIO BROADCASTS OF PUBLIC INTEREST:

The **BBC** ("British Broadcasting Service") has a long and mostly distinguished history of news and entertainment broadcasting. The BBC is not funded by advertising but through a government tax on every radio sold in Great Britain. Currently the BBC has several various radio broadcasts.



National Public Radio is perhaps the premiere radio news and commentary program in the United States. The two flagship programs are "All Things Considered" broadcast in the afternoons and "Morning Edition" in the mornings.



"This American Life" is the brainchild of Ira Glass. He takes the individual stories of Americans and lets their owners tell them over the radio. Many of the stories are gripping and poignant. Definitely worth checking out!

Joe Frank's rambles over the radio are hard to classify, but he has been doing it for decades. A very different and creative format that resembles "stream of consciousness" thought.

Democracy Now is perhaps the premiere alternative radio broadcast from Pacifica Radio Station (90.7). If you like your politics radical-left and feel all alone in an indifferent America, you can find kinship and sympathetic views at "Democracy Now" hosted by Amy Goodman.



Youth Radio gives a definite teenage voice to public radio. High school age students from various backgrounds opine about school, politics, music, violence, and many other topics. If you want the adolescent view, this is the place!



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