

INSTRUCTIONS TO SEND US A STORY

1. Consider the different topics to be addressed each Sunday of the re-broadcast. Following are the episodes and topics:

SUNDAY, APRIL 5th In Sickness and In Wealth (56 min.) How does the distribution of power, wealth and resources shape opportunities for health?

SUNDAY, APRIL 12th When the Bough Breaks (29 min.) Can racism become embedded in the body and affect birth outcomes? And **Becoming American** (29 min.) Latino immigrants arrive healthy, so why don't they stay that way?

SUNDAY, APRIL 19th Bad Sugar (29 min.) What are the connections between diabetes, oppression, and empowerment in two Native American communities? And **Place Matters** (29 min.) Why is your street address such a strong predictor of your health?

SUNDAY, APRIL 26th Collateral Damage (29 min.) How do Marshall Islanders pay for globalization and U.S. military policy with their health? And **Not Just a Paycheck** (30 min.) Why do layoffs take such a huge toll in Michigan but cause hardly a ripple in Sweden?

2. Choose the topic(s) that you think is(are) most relevant to your personal or group experience.

3. Make a plan to watch the show and have a discussion to generate a story. Invite your discussion partners (having partners will help the story telling process even if the story belongs to only one of you).

4. Watch program together.

5. Discuss how the show relates to your personal or group experience, share real life stories.

6. Decide on which story will be shared.

7. Fill out the story format below and send to the address noted below.

SUGGESTED STORY FORMAT

Which episode(s) of Unnatural Causes is your story related to?

What happened? Give your story a one-sentence name or title.

Who was involved?

Describe the people involved in the story by

- 1) sex,
- 2) age,
- 3) race/ethnicity and
- 4) their role in the story

You should not mention any real names of people or organizations or places. Here's an example of how to identify someone: female, middle age (about 50), White, supervisor; or male, 18, Latino, son. You can give people fictitious names if you wish.

Where did it happen?

Identify the place (home, factory, business, clinic, etc.) without mentioning specific locations.

Specify the county in which the story happened.

Specify the setting of the story, for example an office, kitchen, living room etc.

When did it happen? What day of the week, month, year?

How did it happen? Provide your full story here in your own words. Please limit the length to about 200 words. Write as clearly as you can or type.

Why did it happen?

A good discussion really helps answer this question.

Think of the reasons that this event happened.

Relate the reasons to the individual, family, community, public and governmental levels as appropriate (limit to 50 words).

What you think can be done to improve the situation? (limit 100 words).

Would you be willing to become active in your community to improve the situation?

Yes _____

No _____

If you answered yes, and would like to be contacted please give your information:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Send your stories via email to:

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or via regular mail to:

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The stories will be summarized and analyzed with results made available in the future.