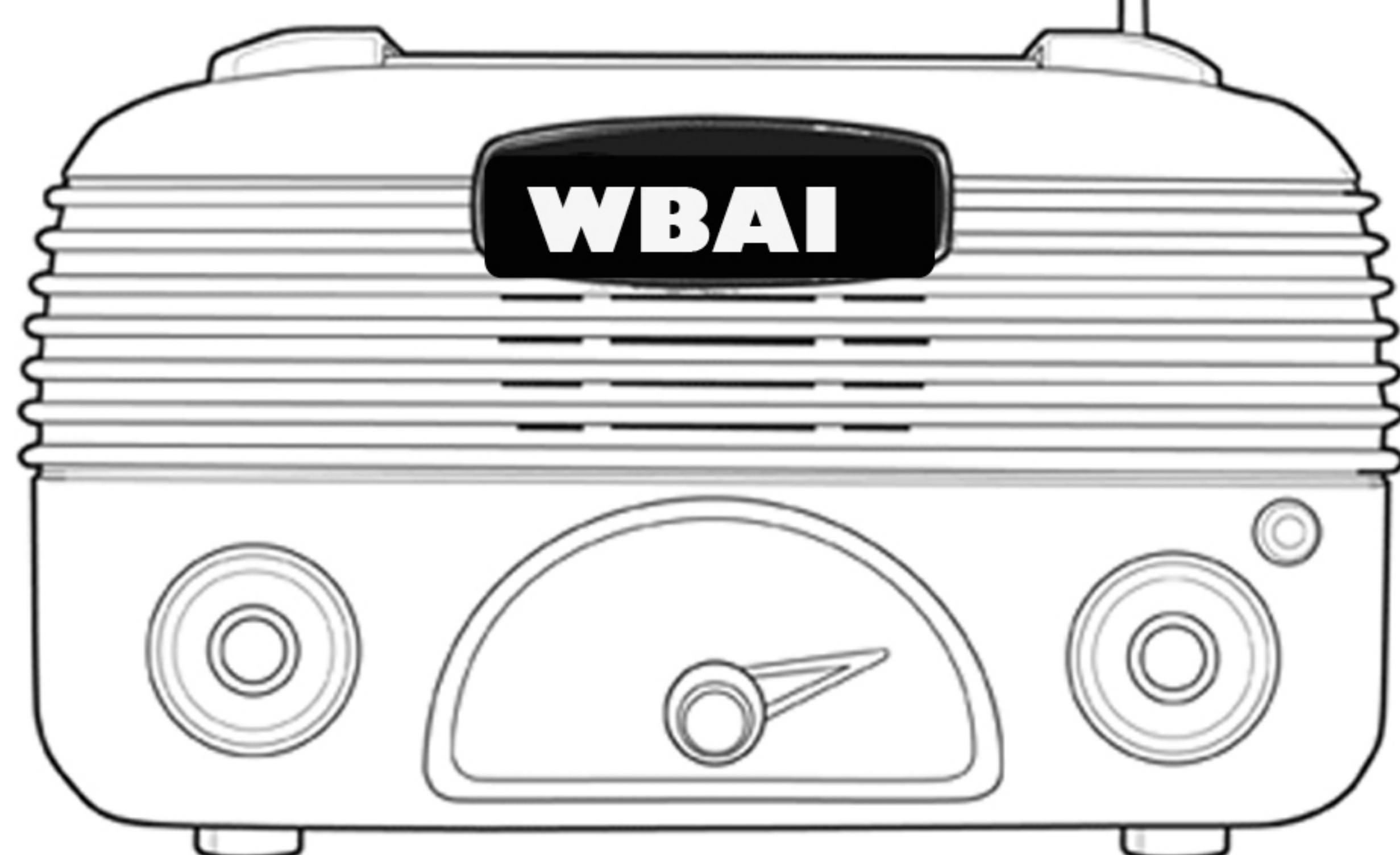


DEMONSTRATION TO TAKE BACK WBAI!!!

KEEP WBAI 99.5

ALIVE AND UNDER LOCAL CONTROL!



**WEDNESDAY
JUNE 17, 5-8pm
@WBAI, 120 Wall St.**

(corner of South Street) Trains: 2,3,4,5 to Wall St.

For decades, New Yorkers have relied on WBAI for radio that provides real news and perspectives not filtered by corporate media.

Now, exploiting a real financial crisis, the station is under attack.

Drastic changes at the station are being imposed by the Pacifica Foundation without community input or due process. In recent months, **Program Director Bernard White was fired and banned** from the airwaves and building, and **General Manager Tony Riddle was removed**. Both have been **replaced with Pacifica staff from California**. There is an eerie silence about the changes on the air, as staff has been warned by Pacifica Interim Director Grace Aaron that they will be removed if they discuss any topic that she deems a "risk" to Pacifica. **Ayo Harrington, a producer of "On the Count"** (criminal justice program) and a critic of new management, was **summarily dismissed** and banned with no explanation. The **morning news broadcasts of Don Debar have been removed** because of his reporting on the WBAI crisis. The new management, backed by the current majority of the Local Station Board, wants to **change programming** to bring in more revenue. They started by **chopping an hour off local morning show, Wake Up Call**. This is just the beginning in what will be **a shift away from the issues of the disenfranchised and towards more well-heeled listeners**.

Amy Goodman and Juan Gonzalez of Democracy Now! Criticize Recent Changes at WBAI

EXCERPTS:

-Regarding the broadcast of Democracy Now! at 8 AM, which shortens Wake Up Call by one hour:
"This **decision disturbs us deeply** and we **ask that it be reconsidered**."

-Regarding the firing of Bernard White by the new regime:

"Given **Bernard's decades of dedication and devotion to 'BAI**, the **way he was treated lacked basic human consideration**. ...we urge that the scheduling of **Democracy Now (should) not be used as a weapon by the current management of WBAI** against its opponents."

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Let's come together to rebuild the station we want.