



Season 3 of AMERICA REFRAMED with Host Natasha Del Toro continues with THE PERFECT VICTIM by Elizabeth Rohrbaugh

Tuesday, April 14, 2015, on WORLD at 8 p.m.

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“The Perfect Victim ... examines all sides of the issue but ultimately portrays the women as victims of not only their husbands but also the justice system.”

– Nancy Fowler, St. Louis Beacon

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February 15, 2015 -- (New York, NY) – Elizabeth Rohrbaugh’s documentary **THE PERFECT VICTIM** has its national broadcast television premiere on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at 8 p.m. on WORLD as part of the third season of the **AMERICA REFRAMED** series. (Check local listings.) Audiences across the nation can also view the film FREE from April 15th to October 15th on <http://worldchannel.org/>.

Four incarcerated women Shirley, Carlene, Tanya and Ruby were beaten, raped, sold, abused, and nearly killed by their husbands. Collectively, they spent over eighty-five years in Missouri State prison each serving life sentences, convicted for having killed their husbands to save their lives. Through the years, the local press vilified these women, portraying them all as savage murderers without any knowledge of the ongoing abuse they suffered. With the help of impassioned lawyers and law students from the Missouri Battered Women’s Coalition they begin a decade and a half long quest to secure their freedom. But will the judicial system and a notoriously secretive Missouri parole board give them a chance to renew their lives?

“THE PERFECT VICTIM looks at the evolution of permissible defenses in cases of domestic violence, the disparate sentences men and women receive for a similar offense, and the relentless dedication of lawyers who want to seek justice for women who in their view have done more than enough jail time,” says Chris Hastings, Co-Executive Producer, America ReFramed.

“AmDoc is thrilled to collaborate with WORLD Channel and WGBH on the third season of AMERICA REFRAMED presenting the television premieres and encores of important films such as **THE PERFECT VICTIM**. As co-producers, we share a passion for storytellers committed to helping us gain a deeper and more nuanced understanding of America today,” says Simon Kilmurry, Executive Director, American Documentary, Inc.



Film Credits

Director: Elizabeth Rohrbaugh
Producers: Lindsay Nowak and Jerelyn Orlandi
Cinematographer: Kathryn Westergaard
Editor: Sarah Devorkin

About AMERICA REFRAMED

AMERICA REFRAMED is a co-production of the WORLD Channel and American Documentary, Inc. and is hosted by journalist Natasha Del Toro.

Through the lens of independent documentaries, AMERICA REFRAMED brings to national audiences compelling stories that illuminate the changing contours of an ever-evolving America. The 26-week, social-issue documentary series presents an array of personal voices and experiences through which we learn from our past, understand our present and are challenged to seek new frameworks for America's future.

Season three of AMERICA REFRAMED curates a diverse selection of films highlighting innovative and artistic approaches to storytelling from emerging to veteran filmmakers alike. Viewers will be immersed in personal stories from the streets of towns big and small to the ex-burbs and country roads that span the spectrum of American life. The documentaries invite audiences to reflect on topics as varied as culture, healthcare, politics, gun violence, religion and more. Hosted by journalist Natasha Del Toro, several episodes will feature a roundtable discussion with special guest commentators and filmmakers.

AMERICA REFRAMED in its first season won five 2013 CINE Golden Eagle Awards, and recently was nominated for its second national Imagen Award, which honors films featuring Latinos and their culture in television and film.

AMERICA REFRAMED Series Credits

Executive Producers: Chris Hastings, Simon Kilmurry
Series Producer: Carmen Vicencio
Host: Natasha Del Toro

Web and Social Media

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AMERICA REFRAMED Co-Producers

American Documentary, Inc. (AmDoc) is a multimedia company dedicated to creating, identifying and presenting contemporary stories that express opinions and perspectives rarely featured in mainstream media outlets. AmDoc is a catalyst for public culture, developing collaborative strategic engagement activities around socially relevant content on television, online and in community settings. These activities are designed to trigger action, from dialogue and feedback to educational opportunities and community participation.

The WORLD Channel delivers the best of public television's nonfiction, news and documentary programming to US audiences through local public television stations and streaming online at worldchannel.org. WORLD reached 35 million unique viewers 18+ last year (55% adults 18-49) and over-indexes in key diversity demographics.* Online, the WORLD Channel expands on broadcast topics and fuels dialogue across social media, providing opportunities for broad and diverse audience interaction. (*Source: Nielsen Local Buyer Reach Scorecard 01/13-12/13*)

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