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The Global Research News Hour is a weekly feature seeking to provide listeners with access to analysis of some of the major issues facing the world today from figures rarely addressed in the mainstream or even much of the alternative media. The show was conceived as a way to bring dissident and alternative viewpoints to a listener-ship that would not otherwise be inclined to visit an alternative news website.

Begun in late 2012, the program is podcast on the Global Research website. It has been picked up by at least four Canadian community radio stations as well as several in the United States, including the Progressive Radio Network.

Among the multitude of topics explored, the radio program has probed the 9/11 Truth movement and the roots of Al Qaeda as a US Intelligence asset, the Euromaidan as a Western sponsored effort to marginalize Russia's influence in the region, the new nuclear danger post Fukushima, US efforts to undermine democracy in Latin America, and trade agreements such as the TPP and CETA which benefit corporations at the expense of people and the planet.

The sample submitted for appraisal features Guy McPherson and his thesis of the near future extinction of humanity.