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[00:00:06] Del Bigtree

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**[00:00:49] Del Bigtree**

Good morning. Good afternoon. Good evening. Wherever you are out there in the world, it's time for us all to step out onto The HighWire. Well, if you've turned on the news, I don't know why you do anymore, just to be lied to or confused, but if you watched the news just over the last week, it is clear that we now live in a time, especially here in the United States of America, where nothing is adding up, nothing is making sense. No one is telling us the truth. And now we are starting to seriously have questions whether or not we're free, whether the press is on our side, whether our government is on our side. I know you're having those questions, and if you're watching around the world, this must be very disconcerting to think that, this beacon of light and hope, for free press and the truth and all of the things that America has at least prided itself in is slowly collapsing. If that can happen to the United States of America, what happens to the rest of the world?

**[00:01:44] Del Bigtree**

Well, we have a huge show today. We're going to be venturing into places we don't often go because it all is starting to collide together. Many of the rabbit holes we've been down on this show, have taught us that we should be looking at everything from an outside perspective, with total objectivity, and really start questioning the narrative that's being handed to us. One of the biggest stories this week, and is breaking news every single day, even today, is this story:

**[00:02:16] news clip**

It was like something out of a disaster movie. A massive train derailment led to an explosion causing ominous plumes of smoke to billow over the quiet village of East Palestine.

**[00:02:26] news clip**

Five of the train cars were carrying vinyl chloride, a highly combustible chemical linked to a higher risk of some kinds of cancers. Crews conducted a controlled release of the carcinogen to reduce the risk of an explosion.

**[00:02:43] news clip**

The vinyl chloride, in particular, is highly flammable, and crews ignited it to burn it off in what they called a "controlled environment". That, in turn, produced a huge plume of smoke and, with it, serious health and environmental concerns.

**[00:02:57] news clip**

Now residents are reluctantly returning, with deep anxiety about the lasting impact of the chemical leak on their health.

**[00:03:03] news clip**

Ashley McCullum, who shot this video of the February 3rd accident, says she's afraid to move back home.

**[00:03:09] eye witness**

You can smell it in the air, even this morning when I took my kids to school.

**[00:03:13] news clip**

People are complaining about health issues, and there are urgent questions about how their concerns were handled.

**[00:03:18] Gov. DeWine**

I would be drinking bottled water, and I would be continuing to find out what the tests were showing as far as the air.

**[00:03:30] eye witness**

That's ain't a <bleep> storm cloud! That's <bleep> from East Palestine. They're <bleep> controlled burn!

**[00:03:38] eye witness**

You could have <bleep> waited! You could have <bleep> Cooled the tanks!

**[00:03:44] eye witness**

You could have transferred the contents. You didn't have to do this! You did it because of time, and money.

**[00:03:50] news clip**

The State's Department of Natural Resources reports nearly eight miles of waterways in the Ohio River are contaminated.

**[00:03:57] eye witness**

You guys scooping out all the dead ones. Right.

**[00:04:01] news clip**

At least 3,500 fish have died. And some residents say their cats and chickens have died.

**[00:04:06] news clip**

Amanda Breshears was going to feed her five hens and rooster this morning when she discovered them all lifeless, practically in the same position with no signs of a predator entering their enclosure.

**[00:04:19] eye witness**

I'm beyond upset and quite panicked. If you can do this to chickens in one night, imagine what it's going to do to us in 20 years.

**[00:04:26] news clip**

There's been no independent testing, yet things are dying and this community just doesn't feel they're being seen, they're being heard.

**[00:04:35] Gov. DeWine**

I would be alert and concerned, but I think I would probably be back in my house.

**[00:04:43] Del Bigtree**

As I was watching that, and I think a lot of the questions around this story right now is this idea of a "controlled release" or "controlled burn". They obviously decided to light all of these toxic chemicals on fire to somehow burn them out, then putting it into the atmosphere, so not only that one space, but now surrounding states have got to be concerned about what's happening. And then when we look to our government, why is it you decided to burn? Why can't we get answers? Who made this decision? What was the rush? All of these are the questions that are taking place and causing town hall meetings that were going on. But I am done listening to the news and their perspective. I'm not sure what it's at. Luckily, because of your support, we now are able to send in our own people. We sent Ben in, one of our reporters, and our favorite cameraman on the team, full PPE. We even reached out to professionals to ask what he should be doing when he went there. This is some of the footage that he brought back, and this story from our perspective. Take a look at this.

**[00:05:51] eye witness**

I do live here in East Palestine.

**[00:05:53] eye witness**

I've lived here all my life.

**[00:05:54] eye witness**

I am from East Palestine, Ohio. I live about 0.67 from ground zero, is what I'm calling it.

**[00:06:01] eye witness**

I live just across the street from the intersection where all this took place, so I washed it off of my front window.

**[00:06:07] eye witness**

I was in my house. I was cooking dinner. It was like any regular night, and I heard all the sirens and I went outside and we seen the big plume of smoke.

**[00:06:16] eye witness**

The police came through at 11:00 that night and told us we could evacuate. It wasn't that important. So we stayed home that night.

**[00:06:25] eye witness**

Most of us residents didn't know that it was toxic hazardous materials and we're out there, watching what was going on, with our kids on our hips and whatever, and to find out, days later, that we were standing in basically a cloud of toxic material. It's just, it's scary.

**[00:06:42] eye witness**

When the controlled release happened, I was sleeping in my bed and they said, you've got an hour and a half, 2 hours, to grab everything and leave.

**[00:06:51] eye witness**

We were told to emergency evacuate because something was about to explode

**[00:06:55] eye witness**

And that you had to leave, or risk dying. That's when the grim nature of the problem really sunk in and for the first time since it started, I was actually scared.

**[00:07:04] eye witness**

I have a limited background in environmental management. I have a degree in it, but I have, a little knowledge that it's a dangerous thing sometimes because I realize what happened here, and some people may not understand the scope and magnitude, especially of the controlled release.

**[00:07:18] eye witness**

I think there's a lot of uncertainty right now for a lot of people. People just aren't sure what's in their water, what's in the air, and it causes a lot of anxiety. People just want to know if it's safe to be in their homes.

**[00:07:33] eye witness**

I'm a mom of five boys and I actually have a one- and a two-year old and they are just brand new and I'm just so terrified. I can't even give them a bath since this has happened.

**[00:07:43] eye witness**

My little sister has horrible asthma. She's been struggling, she had to use her inhaler over 20 times in the last couple of days. That's a lot for her.

**[00:07:50] eye witness**

I've had a terrible headache. Me and four of my family members are all covered in rashes.

**[00:07:54] eye witness**

Respiratory symptoms, sinus symptoms, headaches, blurred vision. Hearing is probably related to the sinus issues that they're having. And it started the day after the derailment, so February 4th.

**[00:08:07] eye witness**

It could be anything, but it also could be the 100,000 gallons of hazardous material that was spilled out not even a half a mile from my home.

**[00:08:15] eye witness**

Something that's alarming for me is the change in narrative that we've been seeing from different officials.

**[00:08:23] eye witness**

They're backtracking every day. It's safe, it's not safe, it's safe, it's not safe. So, that's concerning.

**[00:08:29] eye witness**

What I'm most worried about is this being brushed under the rug by Norfolk.

**[00:08:34] eye witness**

Norfolk. They're the big company, they should be leading the way. You haven't heard sight nor hair of them. They ghosted us.

**[00:08:40] eye witness**

The cleanup, the water, the supplies for everyone. They should be paying out of pocket for this, especially with how much the company is worth.

**[00:08:48] eye witness**

It's supposed to be cleaned up before they leave, there's no way in hell it's going to be cleaned up.

**[00:08:51] eye witness**

I guess one of my biggest concerns for East Palestine is if people do get sick down the road, are they going to have the help that they need to get better?

**[00:08:59] eye witness**

Who is going to start paying the medical bills, and when are we going to find out what exactly is causing the kids to be sick, and how long is this going to last? Is it going to be a forever thing? Is she going to have perfect hearing again? Is her vision going to stay blurry?

**[00:09:12] eye witness**

I had my camera with my daughter and was threatened to be arrested by the National Guard. When I was in a public place on a public easement. The one reporter here was hauled off in handcuffs by the National Guard and Columbia and the County Sheriff's Department.

**[00:09:28] eye witness**

We're supposed to have a town hall this evening. I just found out that the format for that is changing. It's not going to be a town hall, it's going to be a table set up to where you can go and ask questions. That doesn't fly.

**[00:09:40] eye witness**

I don't see it going into a positive direction. I see what they were offered tonight: a \$1,000 payoff for people who were in a one-mile radius.

**[00:09:48] eye witness**

As residents, we should be made aware every day of what's going on. You can see this line is almost a half a mile down the road. What does that tell you? People don't know what's going on.

**[00:09:58] eye witness**

I'm questioning everything because I wonder if the evacuation was lifted so the trains could run more, because less than an hour after that evacuation was lifted, the trains were coming through nonstop. They couldn't come through here because it was an evacuation zone. It wasn't our benefit, that was for the railroad.

**[00:10:17] eye witness**

All we want is we want answers. We want it taken care of, cleaned up, and we want to know 100% without a doubt that it is safe for us and our children.

**[00:10:26] eye witness**

It's important not to listen to everything that the media is putting out. This isn't a poor vote on white trash town. It is a very well put together town that is here for each other, that is trying to make the best of a bad situation.

**[00:10:39] eye witness**

I just think it's going to be devastating to this town for decades. I hope I'm wrong, but I don't think I am.

**[00:10:47] Del Bigtree**

It's really upsetting to hear residents talking, and saying things like, "We are not being told what's really going on. They started the burn outside of my house before they asked me to evacuate". Are you kidding me? And then we hear stories about one of those people saying "I was shooting video of it and they threatened to arrest me". They did arrest a reporter who was trying to report on this. Folks, do we live in China? Is this the United States of America? We have freedom of speech. We have freedom of the press. And if I can't pull out a videocamera, standing on a street, and show what is happening, I don't care if the President of the United States is in the shot, that is our freedom. That is the First Amendment right. We have got to start really calling every representative we have and say this idea, that people cannot be documenting what is happening here in the United States of America; are not allowed to put it on social media spaces or tell whoever they want what they see and what their opinion is. We are falling apart here as far as the dream is concerned of the United States of America and what our founding fathers dreamed this nation was supposed to be.

**[00:11:55] Del Bigtree**

And remember, they promised us, and the said: look, if you ever lose a free press, if you ever lose your right to free speech, if you lose that fourth branch of government, which is the press, which is allowed to ask any uncomfortable question they want, if you start arresting reporters, then this is game over. It's over. The dream of this country is falling apart. So many of the stories that are happening this week, and really obviously over the last couple of years, really has got to make us think it is time to get in and get our government back to where it belongs, which is, working for us. On our leash. I'm not on your leash. You don't get to tell me what I do with my life. You don't get to tell me what I get to shoot with my video camera. I tell you what you're allowed to do. You work for me. And that's the truth. We've got to get back to it.

**[00:12:42] Del Bigtree**

Now, there's a lot to this story, but I want to get to the part of it I'm not hearing a lot about, which is, what about these toxic chemicals? What are they? What would be the best way to protect these people? And are they protecting themselves appropriately? Is it time to go back to their homes? Should they be, as you see it in those videos, just standing in line, walking around, without any mask or whatever? Obviously, our reporter was one of the only ones there with full protective gear. So to get to the bottom of many of the questions that I have, I am joined now by our favorite OSHA specialists, Tammy Clark and Kristen Meghan, thank you two for joining me for this very important conversation.

**[00:13:22] Tammy Clark**

Yes. Well, hello and thank you, Del, for having us. It's always a pleasure to be with you.

**[00:13:26] Kristen Meghan**

Yes, thank you. This is a topic that we've been very vocal the past three years about. Again, improper messaging, improper control measure, and lack of conveying a proper risk. At this point, we're starting to realize these alphabet agencies either need to be privatized, or stop allowing themselves to be controlled by lobbyists and bureaucrats.

**[00:13:45] Del Bigtree**

Yeah, it's outrageous.

**[00:13:46] Tammy Clark**

Basically, they've been captured. Just like the medical systems that we watched over COVID. It's regulatory capture.

**[00:13:53] Del Bigtree**

It's amazing as I watch this footage, and I think that we couldn't get on planes without masks, couldn't walk into restaurants, all these inane things you've been on the show to talk about before. Going to restaurants, take it off; now you can sit down, all of this circus going on. Now you have toxic chemicals floating in the air and, as far as I can see in all of that video footage, no one is even wearing a simple mask or a respirator of any kind. My understanding is that even the people cleaning up the site aren't wearing PPE, which makes me think about Chernobyl, or even when we saw the nuclear meltdown in Japan at Fukushima. These governments, I think, actually say to the workers, "Don't wear any protective gear because you're going to scare everybody else." We see that happening in communist nations. I'm wondering, is that happening now? From your perspective, should these people be out there without any protective gear? Let's just start with those who are working the site, and digging through this rubble, and pulling dead fish out of the river. When I see footage of them not wearing any protective gear, as OSHA specialists that designed and knowing when someone should be wearing protective gear, what is your opinion on that?

**[00:15:06] Tammy Clark**

Yeah, well, I'll start because Ben, actually your camera person on the ground there, reached out to me yesterday and we had a good conversation about PPE. And he told me there is nobody wearing any PPE, even the people who are doing the cleanup. He said they're not even wearing a handkerchief over their mouth and nose, which, as we know, wouldn't do anything. But the point is, nobody is wearing any protective equipment, and we know, as experts who teach, train, educate, you can't even put a shovel in the ground and unearth any contaminated soil unless you have been through 40 hours of what's called HAZWOPER training, Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response. No contractor can even clean anything up, any EPA contaminated sites or brownfields or anything like that, unless they've had 40 hours of training. And then it's a full HazMat suit and respirator, Tyvek suits, everything. So there's no decontamination process, there's no PPE. Even those doing cleanup are not being properly protected. But we know that this is a very dangerous area, and we have heard from people on the ground, we've been doing a couple of Twitter spaces and things like that, and we know from those in the area that their eyes are burning, their throats are dry. We've heard, in the segment that you showed, the rashes, people having rashes and coughs and things like that.

**[00:16:25] Tammy Clark**

We know that they're being exposed and yet nobody is in PPE. Now, this is the thing: Ben actually sent us a photo of the respirator that he was wearing and we looked it up and it's protective for him. It's protecting him, dual purpose protection, not exactly what we would want him to be in, but it is protecting him sufficiently to be there on the ground doing camera work and things like that. But what these cleanup professionals need to be wearing is a fully encapsulated SCBA, which is a self-contained breathing apparatus, full enclosure. They would actually look like they were walking on Mars if they were wearing the appropriate equipment. But what would that do? That would terrify the people who have been told that they can go back into their homes and it's safe. To begin with, they weren't evacuated before they were exposed. Then they were told to shelter-in-place, but they were not told how to shelter-in-place. They have no education or information. It is just egregious. Again, more violations, more revisionism, more, like Kristen said, of these alphabet soup agencies that are not following their own standards and protocols for liability issues. It's actually mass negligence and it's going to lead to great harm.

**[00:17:39] Del Bigtree**

I don't know how much you've looked into it, but we hear about one of the major chemicals, vinyl chloride, I believe it's called. But my understanding is that there were other train cars with other chemicals. Are you aware of any other chemicals? Do you have a sense of what these chemicals are, and what types of health concerns they carry with them?

**[00:18:04] Kristen Meghan**

Del, the biggest issue that I had is that it's multiple. We've got to zoom out for a second and look at any timerrail cars are transporting hazardous materials, they're supposed to make sure that the areas, based on population that they're going through, the local community, the fire department --because not every fire department has a HazMat-respondant-trained team-- so they have to be aware of the hazard that's coming through their town. Based on the amount of cars and the amount of cars that had hazardous materials, they somehow thought they did not have to label this in the proper hazardous classification. That's issue number one. The second is, is I'm so incredibly infuriated. I understand the inability for a lot of people to understand the decision-making of why they did a controlled burn. I wasn't there so I can't Monday-morning quarterback, but I can tell you, doing in-situ burning response for nine years in the military, I responded to these issues. I managed the decontamination line with Norfolk Southern in the city of Chicago as a civilian working for the federal government. So you have to look at not just instantaneous dose, but if there's going to be a greater hazard, if that thing was going to be pressurized and explode outward, you would have had shards of metals and the plume would have gone outward and created a greater hazard. So of course, in a situation where you have an event like this, in a perfect world, you want people to evacuate.

**[00:19:22] Kristen Meghan**

But at a minimum, with the technology we have, there should have been an emergency system broadcasted over phones. like an Amber Alert and the TV, to shelter in place, seal up your windows, turn off your HVAC system, give people an idea to use wet cloths and not put them on their face but, you can get wet blankets and put them over you. This is what we do in war theater. But what I really want to in this time that we have, Del, is address the lack of proper response. I am seeing that people are saying that they're using direct reading instrumentation like multi rays and different things do through rovers. You have to do upstream, downstream, upwind, downwind, soil sampling. You don't just test instantaneously. You have to calculate a TWA, a time-weighted average, and we are talking about cumulative dose and synergistic toxicity. The best way for me to convey that to the average person is in an occupational setting when we're dealing with hazardous noise, say there'd are four employees. One is using a hammer, one is doing something, and they're all creating noise, but it's not necessarily at the actual limit of 85 DBA. BUt cumulatively, they're going over 112 and you can have hearing loss in that moment. This is the same thing. We are dealing with chemicals that came out days later. Ten days later. These chemicals are mutagenic. Teratogenic.

**[00:20:39] Kristen Meghan**

If you are expectant mother, pregnant or nursing, this is extra hazardous to you, and they are not talking about how these chemicals have the same target organs. If they're saying that's below the threshold, which they're conflating terms, because they don't expect you to have resources like us to explain this to you, there are action levels, permissible exposure limits, and then there are, at five parts per million at any dose, that is instantly IDLH, that is, immediately dangerous. You can die. And we saw that through dogs, cats, foxes, chickens, and through aquatic life.



**[00:21:14]**

So I am irate that we are not having the community be had conveyed information, if you are pregnant, nursing, using a tap water to create bottles with formula, you are the most at-risk, COPD-Asthma. Again, exposure groups. Just like we talked about through the pandemic, it's not one-size-fits-all, you have to do individual health risk assessments. This is absolutely criminal. I am irate because I trained for this for 12 years. I have extensive response. I'm the person out there with a piece of equipment called the HAPSITE that can do direct-reading instrumentation. Until these levels are actually continuously, you test until you get to the answer you want, then you come back. These people are in grave risk. I'm not trying to over inflate this, but people in my profession, aside from us, today, are finally speaking up.

**[00:22:02] Del Bigtree**

Tammy, for those people that are in Ohio right now and anywhere near this site, what would be your recommendation for them right now as far as how they should be handling their home, if they're in it; should they be wearing a mask of some sort? From an OSHA perspective and where you're at, what would you advise right now? Because this whole thing seems so early. The fact that within, inside of two weeks, we are sending people back to what is clearly an open investigation site. As you're saying, multiple different chemicals. My question is always, what is the synergistic effect of these chemicals mixing with each other, burning with each other? Okay, they're in different train cars. Have we ever put all of these elements together in one place? What is that doing?

**[00:22:51] Del Bigtree**

At the very basic, I'm not here to try, we don't want to overly alarm people, I don't want to stress them out. But I also think, what would be the minimum that I should be doing? Let me just put the government aside and the news that's lying to me and not warning me of anything. What is it that I should do right now to take care of myself in this situation until they really do have the answers?

**[00:23:15] Tammy Clark**

Well, that's a great question, Del. To be honest with you, the exposures have already happened. Not that cumulative exposures down the road will not continue, because that cumulative buildup from the exposures is going to cause the long-term issues. The acute exposure has already happened. I don't want to scare people, but what's happened has already happened. Moving forward, if you are able, I would tell people, this is ground zero. If you are at all able, I would completely relocate. Now, I know that is not possible for some people. If you are not able to relocate, and that's just absolutely not a possibility for you, you need to begin proper cleanup and that requires proper PPE. They need to be wearing gloves when they're touching surfaces.

**[00:24:03] Kristen Meghan**

Butyl gloves.

**[00:24:04] Tammy Clark**

Butyl gloves. And let's remember, too, that the air that they're breathing is still contaminated. We are still getting reports from people who are saying their eyes are burning, their throats are scratchy.

**[00:24:13] Del Bigtree**

Our own reporter Ben said exactly that. He was at a place where they were churning the water, I guess, trying to oxygenate the water. He said while he was shooting that, at that moment he left because he did feel burning in his eyes.

**[00:24:26] Tammy Clark**

Yes, yes. And people just walking down the street are saying that, this is why I told Ben he needs to be wearing chemical goggles, and the respirator cartridges that he's wearing, we looked it up and it is protecting him from multiple volatiles, gases, things like that. But people need to be decontaminating, and they still need to be sheltering in place by turning off their HVAC systems, and they need to be covering their vents. When they're indoors, they need to try to seal, like this is what has irritated us and angered us from the beginning. People were not evacuated. Then they were told to shelter in place, but they weren't told how to shelter in place and what that means and what that looks like. So, covering vents, proper cleaning, proper decontamination using proper PPE, the butyl gloves, and proper respirators and things like that. Now the problem is, you can't just slap a respirator on people. You've got to go through --and you've heard us talk about this on this show, you've got to go through the medical clearance, the fit testing, the fit factors and all of that. And sometimes people are not clean-shaven. That's one thing I told Ben: make sure you're clean-shaven every day before you wear that respirator or you're not going to get a proper seal. So if you're not wearing the proper PPE, you're not properly protected.

**[00:25:33] Tammy Clark**

And now we've got a lot of contaminants on all surfaces in all homes, because people were not told how to shelter-in-place properly, and all of that is inside of everybody's homes, at this point. So, babies crawling on the floors, I would absolutely not allow babies crawling on floors. I would absolutely make sure that you are properly, vacuuming with a HEPA vacuum, if possible.

**[00:25:54] Del Bigtree**

I was just going to say that. When you're vacuuming, most vacuums just atomize this stuff back out of your carpets, into the air, your blankets. I've had a fire in my house. Jenn Sherry just had her house burn down on Christmas Day. When you go through those events, you realize even the things you think are safe and okay, everyone tells you you've got to get it professionally cleaned by people who know what they're doing. Your clothing has it in it, your wallpaper. If Your kids are touching the walls, they're touching these contaminants that may have been contained at the site until these buffoons decided to light it on fire. Or maybe that was the right move. Let me ask you that, really quickly, Meghan, because you were in the military. You said there are moments in where you have been involved in the decision to actively burn. Why is that decision made? Because to me, this looks like BP oil spill: the first thing you want to do is hide it and drop it to the bottom of the ocean. We can't do an investigation once there, once it's burned. I don't know who is making this decision, but why within three days? That seems awfully quick. There must be some benefits to it. I mean, are they worried about groundwater? But why so quickly, and why before you could even get it evacuated? What are the thoughts that go into deciding to burn chemicals in a situation like this? What is the thinking behind that?

**[00:27:17] Kristen Meghan**

Well, my first thought is, the lack of communication to the public is not allowing me to provide a proper answer. But I can tell you that, I wasn't there. But we're dealing with a very, very volatile chemical makeup here.

**[00:27:31] Del Bigtree**

Actually, really quickly, I think we have a list of some of the chemicals we know. Let's just bring up that list so we know what we're talking about. This is from the EPA. Here is the list. "Materials related to the incident were observed entering storm drains. Multiple railcars, tankers were observed. Derailed, breached and/or on fire, that included but not limited to the following materials: vinyl chloride, ethylene glycol monobutyl ether, ethylhexyl acrylate, isobutylene and butyl acrylate". I have no idea what these things do. It doesn't sound good. Alright, so they decided, if all those elements are there, let's just light them on fire!

**[00:28:09] Kristen Meghan**

Yeah. So, a air sample for these different type of contaminants, and that's another thing is there's too many doctors speaking about this and saying it's not bad. Well, unless you're an occupational health doctor, please take a seat, because you don't study this in the average community. But we deal with this in a military and industrial setting. So these chemicals were very wherewith, but what I'm saying is they're very volatile. And if you think about when you drop a canister or a pop, how it kind of can explode if you shake it. So, I need to know how pressurized these were. And the fire departments and the HazMat teams are trained to do and figure out, what is the risk here? Because again, in a perfect world, you want to cool them down, use sand, all these things. We are not always afforded that luxury to do things safer, and that is very honest, I'm not defending what they did, but I'm saying I don't have the data of the direct reading instrumentation and how pressurized that was. But if those had combusted outward, you would have seen massive loss of life because this would have been not created in a plume with perfect air conditions.

**[00:29:08] Kristen Meghan**

It would have been an outward burst with an explosion with shrapnel, and at the exact breathing zone, so you have instantaneous exposure.

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But one thing I want to say, Del, and I totally get you that we don't want to alarm people, but we also want to be honest in conveying the risk. Until proper information is shared on the type of sampling--which I've already noted, that they have made mistakes on the sampling--you have to treat as IDLH. But if you are in your home, please take out --be very careful--take out your HVAC filters. One, they could be highly flammable. I don't know what the weather is in Ohio, but if you turn your heat on, this is going to recirculate through your house. Put them in a trash bag, and when the time comes, if there are funds that are afforded or there's companies that offer discounts, you want to have these tested. The known chemicals are known, so they can run panels. But they use GC-MS, it's a gas chromatograph mass spectrometer. They can tell you the levels. So down the road, if this is like an Erin Brockovich situation or there is litigation and settlements, attorneys, hear me.

**[00:30:07] Del Bigtree**

This is your evidence. You're talking about, you are bagging up your evidence right now.

**[00:30:12] Kristen Meghan**

Right. Yes. Bag your HVAC filters, because that is the only representative instantaneous data on exposure that we have.

**[00:30:20] Tammy Clark**

And you need to get those filters out of your home anyway, because they're just recirculating the highest concentrations of contaminants that happened early on. I would also tell people, in addition, change those filters pretty much every day if you can, for a little while.



**[00:30:36] Del Bigtree**

That's all really important information. Again, I don't see what the rush is to get these people back into their homes. This is what drives me crazy, we are sinking billions of dollars into wars that have nothing to do with our nation at all, and we can't take care of our own? We are not capable of putting people within a mile, or for a five-mile radius there to say, "We're going to put you in hotels all around the country, we're going to take care of you, fund you?" If my tax dollars can't do that in a situation like that, then I don't know what the point of being taxed at all is. It just seems so egregious to me, the things that we care about, and the things that we don't. Hotels all over the country are filled with illegal aliens, I don't care what your perception is of that conversation, but we can't take care of American citizens that are sitting in a blast zone of known toxic carcinogens and chemicals? The whole story just reeks. And again, where is our government explaining what is going on here? Last thoughts, as you were watching this take place, how do we deal with these things better? What is that needs to happen in this country and in our government, our regulatory agencies?

**[00:31:50] Tammy Clark**

That's been something that we've been really blowing the whistle on for the last three years. The inept and corrupt, basically fascist collusion between our government, our corrupt government officials and agencies, with the media, with Big Tech, with Big Pharma, all for profit. Putting the American people and our citizens at great risk of harm, and violating the number one rule in our profession is: do not create a greater hazard. We were just listening, as we were going over some new information, trying to keep up on everything that's happening with this, we were just listening to one of the top experts of the EPA tell a CNN reporter that, when it is safe, they will send their scientists and their cleanup experts in to do the cleanup.

**[00:32:35] Del Bigtree**

I have that video ready to go. Let's go ahead and watch it. I want to set this up just for a second, because, I was in New York when 9/11 happened I was in New York City. My parents raised me -- probably the reason I'm doing this show-- my parents raised me to question authority. I already had a gas mask that I keep with me wherever I live. I threw it on, I didn't know what was burning in the buildings. I called everyone. I was supposed to be working in a restaurant that night. I called the local rental car place because I didn't own a car at the time and said, could I rent a van right now, and I was shocked to find that they were cheap, and so I rented two, called all my friends. "I'm leaving New York City. I don't know what's burning there." In the end, I was gone all week. I went to Newport to hang out and watch and see what was all about, because my instincts are, get out of there, figure out what's going on, watch it from afar. See how it all plays out. Now, when I came back to the restaurant, a lot of my friends were making fun of me. In fact, one guy was writing a comic strip, "Del's Apocalypse", that I'm just panic-driven, and "what were you worried about?" I said, I'll tell you what I'm worried about, I'm worried about there being a biological weapon on those planes, there's some sort of chemical warfare, we don't know. If we're being bombed --which is what that situation seemed like to me at the time-- I don't know what's in there. And everyone was laughing. Every documentary I've watched, in interviews with the EPA now, what's the first thing they say? "In all honesty, we didn't know what was in those planes. We didn't know if there were biological weapons. We didn't know if there were chemical weapons. We didn't know what it was." But you never told the people that. And so I'm wired to get the hell out of there.

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And when I see all of these people lined up to go to a town hall meeting not wearing any masks at all, it just shows how complacent, how much we're trusting our government. And so, to really bust it here in this story, go ahead, be overly fearful, be overly anticipating about what could possibly be wrong because our EPA lies to us, our government lies to us. And they're going to prove -- by what you just said-- they lied to you based on what we know yesterday. They're sending you back to your homes saying, "Oh, drink the water, hang out, lay on the couch, let your kids crawl across the carpet because there's no problem". But here's what the EPA is thinking when it comes to their own staff. Watch this, folks. This is a mindblower.

**[00:34:53] CNN**

Do you have any sense, given that, in your words, this is an ongoing cleanup, can you give them any sort of a timeline when you believe you can say to them, definitively, it's safe?

**[00:35:06] EPA**

You know, Erica, what I'd say is this is a fresh accident. We understand the community's angst. We are on the ground, we will conduct the cleanup, but we have to be able to get in and do the assessment. As the conditions on the ground become safe so that we can put our scientists and engineers not in harm's way but in a position where they can do their work, we will be then in a position to provide those updates to the public as soon as we can. We're going to keep the public updated. We have people on the ground now, and so we want to be transparent, Erica.

**[00:35:39] CNN**

So a couple of other really quick questions before I lose you for timing, here. You just said that as the conditions become safe, you'll send in your teams. Are there any areas at this point in time which you believe are still unsafe?

**[00:35:51] EPA**

Well, you know, it's an emergency response. And so obviously, we want to be sure that we do not put anyone in harm's way, including our staff.

**[00:36:00] CNN**

So, is that a "yes"?

**[00:36:02] EPA**

As we investigate and as we look at the site, we will determine when and how we can get the appropriate staff in to do the appropriate testing.

**[00:36:12] Del Bigtree**

Oh, my God. It's safe enough for you to go home and hang out next to the site, but not safe enough for us to send in our government staff to look into it while we tell you it's safe. We at the EPA have not proven that to a level that we would feel safe with our staff. Folks, this is the United States of America right now. These are your regulatory agencies. They should be risking their lives to protect you. Instead, they're protecting their lives and risking your life. Final thoughts from you two, because I'm just going to get too heated if we stick on this subject much longer.

**[00:36:45] Kristen Meghan**

I just want to say, I saw that, and, I'm not shocked, but, this is what we train for. When they said "the scientists and engineers", they're talking about people like Tammy and I. We train for this. We do tabletop exercises. We have fake triage patients come through and have to decon them from chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear attacks. We do that. And this is what we said from day one. When people said, "Where's the EPA?", I said, "They cannot come into your town because when you see them in full SBAs or Tyvek suits with 3M 7800 Organic Vapor/Acid Gas Cartridge/P100 filters, you're going to go, 'What in the apocalypse are these people wearing, and why am I walking outside?'" This is improper risk communication, and this is a massive tenet of public health and occupational safety and health. And it was all abandoned, and this is the real epidemic that we're seeing in this country is improper response, and we are no better because we train and set the regulations to ensure these responses are conducted properly and the risk is being conveyed.

**[00:37:50] Tammy Clark**

I would just say, any time we don't know, Kristen referenced a term called IDLH, that means it's Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health. We don't know what we were dealing with, so it should have been treated as an IDLH situation, which means everyone is evacuated and you do not go in unless you are wearing IDLH protective equipment, period. They know this. We know they know this, because they've trained us on this. These are the things that we trained for, that we practiced for, that we educate on. So it was a huge, huge red flag when we saw this and it was very angering to realize we are bringing hundreds of thousands of people across the border. We are sheltering them, housing them, feeding them, clothing them, letting them go to college for free, for crying out loud. We don't do that for our own citizens. The government is not housing me and sending me to college for free. And yet we cannot take a town that is ground zero where there is probably the worst environmental disaster of our lifetime, and evacuate those people? That's a small town. We could have easily moved those people, evacuated them, put them up, and provided proper communication and proper supplies and food and water for them. Instead, they're allowing them go right back into an IDLH situation, because it is unknown. It's horrible. This is why we need to privatize these agencies. They've proven that they're inept, they've proven that they're corrupt. They've proven that the very things they were designed to protect us from, they are now actually doing. They are now guilty of revisionism, violating their own standards, putting the public at great risk of harm, creating greater hazards. So we need to take the power away from these people who have proven that they cannot handle it.

**[00:39:30] Del Bigtree**

I agree.

**[00:39:30] Kristen Meghan**

One last quick thing. I know we're short on time. I unfortunately, have seen for decades people making snow cones out of snow. There's a weather system that's going right through this area. Folks, that weather is not going to help this issue. It can further leach these contaminants into the groundwater faster, into the aquifers and all the navigable waters. Do not eat the snow and do not let your children play in the snow right now. The good thing about it is, what is in the air, it's going to be brought down to the ground, but now we're dealing with a possible down-the-road Superfund site. So I just have to say that, because somebody will try it.

**[00:40:07] Del Bigtree**

Alright. Very important information, thank you for taking the time to join us and really alerting us to many of these inconsistencies. I would just say, I thought we were supposed to always err on the side of caution. Let's overreact and then find out what's going on. We just went through three years of an overreaction to a virus that has a death rate of 0.35% at the very highest. So that's what we do, let's overreact. At the very least, why don't you tell the people to react exactly how the EPA is reacting, which is, you're not going near the site yet and you're not going into anyone's home. And Pete Buttigieg, I don't want to hear you talking about this from the White House or the Capitol. I want you on the ground, I want you drinking the water that everyone is telling us to drink, and show me that you care and you're standing with the people and you think it's safe enough to stand on that smoldering pile of insanity. Alright. Thank you so much for joining us. Obviously, we're all heated on this, as we should be. We will continue to check in with you as more and more develops in this story. Take care. Thank you.

**[00:41:12] Kristen Meghan**

Great. Thanks, Del.

**[00:41:14] Del Bigtree**

Alright. Well, to get deeper into this and some other very alarming issues that are happening around the world, it's time for The Jaxen Report. Jefferey, just so disconcerting. I think what's terrible is we all say to each other well we're not shocked that this is the response; that the EPA would protect itself better than it is protecting our own people. You know what it is, Jefferey, and this is what I think people really have to realize, that our government decides the most important thing is to not inspire panic. I've said this to my children and all those around me, they will never tell you what's actually going on, because their number one priority is to make sure that everybody stays calm. Now, you may be calm until your death, but that is their top priority. It was during 9/11 and every other event we've seen like this. And they have a public that waits to be told, I've said it before, I'm not joking, if a mushroom cloud went up in downtown Los Angeles, most people would go to their television sets and say, "I'm waiting for the news to tell me that that's what I thought it was."

**[00:42:27] Del Bigtree**

And folks, by the way, I want to let you know this because I did leave New York, the roads were completely clear. I was literally the only one on the road when the towers were burning in 9/11 and crashing down. If you think the movies set up, that there's like these highways packed with people and no one can get anywhere, that's about 13 hours or even days after the reality sets in, or days. If there is ever an event like this, get in your car immediately. You should always have things packed and ready for any type of ridiculous incident like this, given the world we live in. But if you get on the road, you'll be out just fine. Don't trust Hollywood. Most people are sitting by their television sets and then believing whatever they're told. Which is, I think, almost consistently, a lie.

**[00:43:10] Jefferey Jaxen**

Right. And Del, it's important to get to the facts and move past the fear, and look at reality for what it is. Just before coming on air here, we have some breaking news out of Detroit, Michigan. There's been another train derailment, this one outside of Van Buren Township. Here's the headline. "Train derails outside Detroit, Michigan, with one car carrying hazardous materials". Helicopter footage shows at least six cars were off the track. One has been carrying hazardous materials, has not been breached, we are told. That's the latest news. It has been set upright and moved away from the area. I think the roads are still closed there, but there is no leak at this time. EPA officials are on the site. That is the breaking news, just to add to this story before we get into this.

**[00:44:00] Del Bigtree**

Jefferey, how often does this happen? It's sort of like, we watch this whole balloon story and you get the sense that, once we all got attention to it, this is happening all the time. How many trains are derailing in America? Do we have any stats on that?

**[00:44:15] Jefferey Jaxen**

Yeah, I looked up some of the numbers. The Federal Railroad Administration Safety Reporting shows over 1,000 each year. Train accidents are over 1,600 each year, that includes derailments as well. So we're looking at well over a thousand each year, it's pretty consistent for the last, maybe 20 years, is what we're looking at. So this isn't something that's an anomaly. They do seem to be happening a lot more. Now, the question we ask ourselves is, because of the Ohio train derailment, is everyone keeping an eye on every single derailment at this point or is there an increasing amount that's been happening recently? There's obviously two ways to look at this, but we're just going to look at the facts here and try to keep this as factual as possible. Del, last year, we reported on a story. When the COVID restrictions were lifted, the railroad systems had a surge of shipping. Out of nowhere, now everything moves again, after this artificial stopping point, and the fertilizer shipments were not getting out for the planting season. What our reporting uncovered at that point, we uncovered some weak points within the railroad industry. Take a look.

**[00:45:23] Jefferey Jaxen**

Just yesterday, digging into this story, there were over 8 hours of testimony in front of what's called the Surface Transportation Board. That's the United States government independent agency which that governs over the rail systems and maritime shipping lanes. Again, over 8 hours, here's just a slice of what was discussed at this board meeting. Take a look.

**[00:45:46] Greg Regan, TTD**

The workers represented by TTD affiliated unions have been sounding the alarm on the state of the freight rail industry for years. It is deeply unfortunate, but also completely predictable that we would find ourselves here today. As both railroad employees and customers sit before you to express a shared, simple fact: that today's freight rail network is simply not working for anyone other than railroad investors. We hope that the board embraces this opportunity to put the freight rail industry on a new path. The forces that brought us here today are not the result of the pandemic, the supply chain crunch or the so-called great resignation. Rather, Class I carriers adopted precision scheduled railroading and shrank the workforce and equipment needed to effectively operate a railroad without care for impacts on service or customers. As Chairman Oberman pointed out, the Class I's collectively have reduced their workforce by 29% over the last six years. That is about 45,000 employees cut from payroll. The railroads laid off thousands of engineers and conductors over the last few years. In fact, in the five years prior to the pandemic, BNSF cut its train and engine workforce by 27%, NS by 24%, UP by 32%, and CSX by a whopping 43%. It is no mystery why the railroads can't provide flexibility or surge capacity right now. They eliminated those employees in the pursuit of an operating ratio and higher profits, and have now been caught with their hand in the cookie jar.

**[00:47:12] Jefferey Jaxen**

So what we're seeing here, what was being said there, he says, this isn't a result of the pandemic. It's not a result of this great resignation. But what's interesting is it's happening right in the middle of this thing, against the backdrop of the war. This is why this is going to be, I believe, researching this, a problem that's going to ripple out in the United States and be a major discussion point.

**[00:47:31] Del Bigtree**

Boy, you called that, Jefferey. Man. Look where we're at now.

**[00:47:35] Jefferey Jaxen**

This is where we're at now. So the railways, in the United States, the infrastructure is somewhat antiquated, from my understanding. And then we have this, five years prior to the pandemic and that surge issue, we have a system, a rail system that is cutting employees like hotcakes. And we're not getting the maintenance on the tracks. You're probably having people working double shifts, triple shifts, just really don't have the people power on these railroads. So that is a major data point here as these train derailments are happening. Another point too, we're looking at hazardous materials, gas, transportation. What's more dangerous, we're talking pipelines or rails? That's always been the question.

**[00:48:17] Del Bigtree**

Jefferey, I'm glad you brought that up, because I still say I am an environmentalist, although I want to change that word because it's been commandeered by a bunch of lunatics that want to enslave us. But I want protections. I want healthy air. I want clean air, I want clean water, I want my children to be able to fish in a river and eat it, and not just look at it like something from outer space and say, don't touch it, honey. It's deadly to you like a pufferfish. I want a clean world. But when we see these discussions, when it was the Keystone pipeline, the argument was like, oh, this is dangerous. Pipelines leak. Well, what the hell is this? Are train cars any safer? We've really got to be honest in these risk/reward benefit ratio conversations. So, are train cars safer than pipelines?

**[00:49:10] Jefferey Jaxen**

I pulled some stats on that just to look at it, and this is what it says right here now. We're basically looking at, rails or pipelines, which mode of transporting hazardous liquids or gas is better? It says: "In general, the information we've reviewed leads us to the following conclusions. Pipelines spill more, both based on sheer volume and a per-ton-mile or per-barrel-mile basis. Rail transport accidents cause more injuries to humans on a per-barrel-mile per-ton-mile basis". But it also says, "The probability of a spill from rail is greater on a per-barrel-mile or per-ton-mile basis, though the majority of spills" -- ready for this-- "tend to be quite small in volume". I guess they didn't include the Ohio one in that one, but that may change their reporting. So that's kind of what we know on that piece, but I want to jump into another angle of this story coming out of Ohio, and that's the water quality. Obviously, the issue was the air and water, those are the two things pretty important to human beings. And now we're dealing with the water issue as this thing settles on the ground, as it hits the watersheds and the waterways, all this material is going in there.

**[00:50:11] Jefferey Jaxen**

We talk about water quality, so we look at this, this is a map by looking at the water sampling locations. The big cluster in the middle is where the incident happened. You can see out in the periphery they're doing some water sampling testing. But take a look at this, at the top right. You see here. Private firm, CTEH. It's the Center for Toxicology and Environmental Health. This company was hired by Norfolk Southern. Norfolk Southern is an over \$12 Billion revenue company as of 2022. This company that they hired, this private firm, has a history of minimizing environmental disasters. They were the firm that was at the center of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in 2010, so these are not neutral players that have come in here. This is an important data point piece to this story. When we're looking at the water, and then you see headlines coming out this, even more questionable, "East Palestine drinking water 'safe to consume'." This is an officials saying that. They're still giving out water within a short radius of the incident.

**[00:51:18] Del Bigtree**

One mile, I understand. You get water if you're one mile. If you're one mile and five feet, they're not handing you water, as though that's some great expense that a multibillion dollar company can't handle. And I know where we're going. I heard one of them saying that they're being offered \$1,000. Can I just throw it out here, to those of you that are watching that are living there. Don't take the thousand dollars. I don't know what they've got you signing. I'm assuming you're going to sign away all liability for a peanut compared to what this could all end up being in the future. Hold on to those filters. I believe you will see a massive class-action lawsuit, and maybe ICAN will be helping with that. But please, \$1,000. I know these are hard times, but that is a ridiculous offer to anybody, and signing things at this moment, under duress, is not always the best idea. I would just, do what you can. Call relatives. This is where we reach out to our community and families to get through situations like this.

**[00:52:23] Jefferey Jaxen**

Right. And the Governor of Ohio, Mike DeWine, he went out and did a press conference just days ago with the scientific head there, in Ohio, talking about specifically the water. This is what it looked like, take a look.

**[00:52:36] Ohio DoH**

By the time we were at the decision point for potentially bringing the people who had evacuated back into the impacted area, we had, on hand, air testing that told us that the air really looked pretty much like it did before this event ever happened. The majority of people who live in the East Palestine community are, in fact, on municipal water. Those municipal sources are deep wells that they were able to intentionally reserve using the most distant ones only for feeding the water supply. But nevertheless, there are quite a number of people who are on private water systems, mostly private wells. We have strongly encouraged all of those people on private wells to get their wells tested, and that will be done at no cost to them. We are strongly recommending those who have not yet had their water source checked to use bottled water, and bottled water is being made available. Again, same phone number that you can call if you need access to that. This is going to be particularly important if you are pregnant, if you are breastfeeding, or if you are preparing formula for an infant.

**[00:54:01] Del Bigtree**

I just sit here thinking, yet it's not safe enough for our EPA to go in, which is how did you come to a conclusion like this? And when I imagine this water testing--and I haven't seen anyone do a report this long in this issue--but Jefferey, it's just a mirror of everything we've been through with COVID. This is the entire corruption of our government and how this whole thing works. They are siding with industry. All of our regulatory agencies, their kneejerk reaction is to protect the industry against the citizens. And that is the problem. They're no longer doing their job. They are absolutely being controlled by the very industries they're supposed to be protecting us from, because anybody with half a brain knows that they would be saying stay back. And instead, we look at, "Oh, we've tested it." Who's tested it? As you pointed out, an environmental group that works for industries to make it look like it's not that big a deal. You were showing me earlier, if we have it, the release form for people to get their water tested, and the people that that release form is being protecting by. Can we bring that up really quickly? This is the release form that if you want to get your water tested for free. And look what it indemnifies: "The legal and rightful owner or occupant hereby authorizes Norfolk Southern, its affiliates, subsidiaries, parents, contractors, associated environmental professionals and any of their personnel monitoring team to access the property for air monitoring or environmental sampling. Landowner agrees to indemnify, release and hold harmless Unified Command from and against any and all legal claims, including for personal injury or property damage arising from the monitoring team's performance of air monitoring or environmental sampling at the property on the date of signature below." This is literally the company that just poisoned your city is now doing. I don't think that these tests, and this is how I would be looking at it, if Northfolk Southern is sending in their people, they're not testing to see if you're safe, they're testing to build their argument to say, the water is clean here, the water is clean here. They don't care about you. They are walking into your house and onto your property to put together their legal case to fight you, to make sure that you aren't able to prove that you got sick from this thing. I hate to be that pessimistic about it, but this is not our first rodeo. That's what this is all about.

**[00:56:22] Jefferey Jaxen**

No, not at all. In fact, watching this story reminds me of one of the first stories I investigated as a journalist in 2014, 2015, was the Flint water crisis. Obviously much different circumstances: that was corroded pipes that were leaking lead in there. But 12 died. Many children at that time were exposed to lead, and the former health director in Michigan was charged with involuntary manslaughter. Several others were charged with criminal offenses. So when I see that health director in Ohio step up there and say, the water looks like it's pretty safe to drink. If you have a private well, you might want to test it. That reminds me of when Obama stepped up on the podium and said, this water is safe, and he took a big drink of the water to show that the water from Flint, Michigan, was safe when it actually was not at that point. So this is what we're talking about here. Water is a big issue, and when the government is involved and private firms are involved with questionable histories, we really have to look at the entire picture here.

**[00:57:15] Jefferey Jaxen**

And like you said, you have to look after yourself first and not trust the first statements from them. Researching this story, some other stories came up regarding water. This was one of them, just to cap this segment off. This is "Holtec to release radioactive water." It goes into this information in this article, "Holtec International, the company decommissioning the Indian Point nuclear power plant near Peekskill" --that's right north of New York City--"announced at the February 2nd meeting of a state board overseeing its work that it plans to release radioactive water into the Hudson River before autumn. Although filtered" --now this is where it ties in right with Ohio. Listen to the language-- "Although filtered, the water will contain tritium, a radioactive form of hydrogen difficult to remove. The firm says the release will cause minimal problems because the water will disperse, and an engineer on the Indian Point Decommissioning Oversight Board said it may be the least-worst option to empty the plant's cooling pools."

**[00:58:15] Del Bigtree**

Wow. I love that "least-worst." I think that should be the next presidential campaign. "America leading the least-worst decisions in the world." It's really unbelievable. And by the way, this is where, I know in the movement and around the vaccine conversation, there seems to be this divide over being an environmentalist. Folks, we should all want our rivers to be clear. It shouldn't be Republican or Democrat or Libertarian or from Mars. I don't care. We should all agree: we don't want radioactive materials --even if they disperse--to be dropped into our rivers. We have got to be able to be in control of that.

**[00:59:02] Del Bigtree**

We have such an ability with modern technologies to start making sure that things are cleaner. Is it perfect? No. But we also can't be fighting progress here. I don't believe in enslaving people. I don't believe in carbon credits, but I do believe in holding industries accountable at all costs. You don't get to just sell your property, say, Oh, sorry, we contaminated it, and now it's everybody else's problem as we dump it into the river. I'm not down with that and I'm always going to fight for the health of humanity. That's what this is about. There's got to be better ways forward.

**[00:59:35] Jefferey Jaxen**

And another issue we talk about at The HighWire, an overarching issue that crosses the aisle between Democrat and Republican, is not forcing medicine, no mandatory medicine on populations, at any cost. One of the people who has been really a champion for mandatory medicine has been Tony Fauci. And Tony Fauci has recently authored a paper. It's getting a lot of circulation in Cell, and it's titled "Rethinking next-generation vaccines for coronaviruses, influenzaviruses and other respiratory viruses." I'm going to go through this paper and talk about this because he slapped his name on this paper. It just came out. There are some admissions in here that sound like he's been watching The HighWire for three years, because he's really coming clean. Let's dig into this. He says in the paper, "Influenza A, SARS-CoV-2, endemic coronaviruses, RSV and many other 'common cold' viruses cause significant mortality and morbidity and are important public health concerns. Because these viruses generally do not elicit complete and durable protective immunity by themselves, they have not to date been effectively controlled by licensed or experimental vaccines." Whoa! Okay. So, they're not being controlled. It goes on to say.



**[01:00:46] Del Bigtree**

Let's be clear that to date, meaning, after we just forced this product on you. He didn't write this two years before COVID. He's saying, after I forced that product on you, I am saying now, on this date, this crap doesn't work.

**[01:01:01] Jefferey Jaxen**

Yeah. And I'm putting it in scientific papers, and that's going to resonate out into the entire world scientific community, and now they're all going to get it. He doesn't stop there. Reading this paper, my jaw dropped because then he went on to talk about flu vaccines. You know, that other annual shot that we have to take every year. "Over the years, influenza vaccines have never been able to elicit durable protective immunity against seasonal influenza virus strains." Okay, why are we taking them? He goes on to say, "Their effectiveness against clinically apparent infection is decidedly suboptimal, ranging from 14% to 60% over the past influenza seasons." He says, "As of 2022, after more than 60 years of experience with influenza vaccines, very little improvement in vaccine prevention or infection has been noted. As pointed out decades ago, and still true today, the rates of effectiveness of our best approved influenza vaccines would be inadequate for licensure for most other vaccine-preventable diseases."

**[01:01:57] Del Bigtree**

Oh, my God.

**[01:01:59] Jefferey Jaxen**

It gets better, Del.

**[01:02:00] Del Bigtree**

I'm waiting for Tony Fauci to ask if he can come work for The HighWire now that he's taking on the language that we've been exposing for years. Now all of a sudden, what are you, Team HighWire? I mean, this is crazy.

**[01:02:13] Jefferey Jaxen**

May I suggest if he starts at The HighWire, he starts cleaning the toilets first and work his way up, maybe.

**[01:02:17] Del Bigtree**

I think that's a good place for him. You have to prove yourself around here.

**[01:02:19] Jefferey Jaxen**

That's right. Now he talks about, now he starts comparing, remember those headlines saying, The COVID vaccine and the flu vaccine are very similar.

**[01:02:27]**

We're going to put them both in the same shot, maybe you can get just one shot a year and have the both of them. So he starts to talk about the differences and the comparison between the COVID vaccine and the flu vaccine. He says this: "The vaccines for these two very different viruses have common characteristics. They elicit incomplete and short-lived protection against evolving virus variants that escape population immunity. Considering that vaccine development and licensure is a long and complex process"-unless you have a pandemic--"requiring years of preclinical and clinical safety and efficacy data, the limitations of influenza and SARS-CoV-2 vaccines remind us that candidate vaccines for most other respiratory viruses have, to date, been insufficiently protective for consideration of licensure". What the heck am I reading? Let's go to the last line here, he says this, and this is where he just throws it all out there for ya. "It is not surprising that none of the predominantly mucosal respiratory viruses have ever been effectively controlled by vaccines. This observation raises a question of fundamental importance: if natural mucosal respiratory virus infections do not elicit complete and long-term protective immunity against reinfection, how can we expect vaccines, especially systemically administered non-replicating vaccines, to do so?" There you go. We've been asking that since day one, in 2019.

**[01:03:49] Del Bigtree**

Unbelievable. Folks, this is The HighWire, right? You knew this. If you've been watching all the way through, we have shared all the science with you. It may be time to reach out to Geert Vanden Bossche and get deeper into this. But I remember, Jefferey, one of the conversations, and this is scientists playing God, and really overriding a natural system. And by the way, whether you believe in God or you believe in evolution, the results are the same. One of the things that I remember Geert talked about, is there is a reason why our bodies do not develop this sort of long-term immunity. We know when we catch measles, we're immune for life. No vaccine has ever achieved that for any disease, but there are certain childhood illnesses that you have lifelong immunity, but these respiratory diseases, you tend to have more of a quick response. You have an immediate innate immune response, which is very powerful, usually wipes it out, and then it dumps over into a little bit of a short-lived memory. What Geert shared with us back when we were talking about all this, was you don't want to have a long-term memory because these types of diseases mutate very quickly, and if you had a long-set immunity, your body, your immune system would be blind to the new variants and now you're just going to be under attack and not fighting back, whereas you want to sort of regress back into your innate immune system and back to that response. So they're messing with nature. And by the way, I think one of the concerns that we're going to looking at of those who got the vaccine, they bragged about how much antibodies it created. They may have forced a long-term respiratory immune response that is now going to get in the way of their ability to recognize future variants. That's some of that increased infection that we're seeing amongst those that got vaccinated. All of this is the science that we're looking at. I just wanted to touch on it there. But they're messing with nature, they don't know what they're doing, and now, one of the head gods of this insanity is telling you, Yeah, we messed up. It's not working.



**[01:05:52] Jefferey Jaxen**

And recognize the timing. This was the first big paper that Fauci has put his name on since he stepped down from NIH as the director. So you're seeing one of the biggest people pushing this thing has now backed away from this. Journalist Jordan Schachtel wrote about Bill Gates prior to Fauci doing this, Bill Gates stepping back in 2021 and his foundation. Here's the article, "Bill Gates secured hundreds of millions in profits from mRNA stock sales before suddenly changing tune on vaccine technology." Backed away from the shots, started admitting it was inferior after like a 15-time return. That's what the report says. But it also goes in there, and it says this, "In reviewing SEC filings, the Dossier has found that the Gates Foundation's holdings in BioNTech went from 1,038,674 shares to 148,674 shares over the course of the third quarter of 2021, downsizing the Gates position in the mRNA vaccine manufacturer by 86% of shares he held." So recognize that, in 2021, Gates pulls out of this thing, basically gets his money, and everyone else follows suit. 2022 was perhaps the biggest year where people really questioned the vaccine. You saw media begin to get soft on the vaccine, you see op-eds being written saying, these vaccines don't stop transmission. It was kind of like, Okay, we can admit it now. And here comes Fauci, putting an end, a little tail on this. Perhaps before he starts getting into congressional hearings, he can say, well, I wrote a paper on this, and said it like that. So, we have to keep an eye on this story.

**[01:07:27] Del Bigtree**

Absolutely. All these people that literally forced us into it, got in front of television cameras, said this is the only way to protect each other. Gates cashes in at the very peak of that vaccine sale after pushing it on everybody, well-invested, pulls out tons of money. Tony Fauci now admitting, now that he's not got the job, to probably protect his own butt. And this is why we have the perspective we do on this entire train crash right now, which is what, I think the best way to describe the government right now. The government of the United States of America is the biggest train wreck I have ever experienced in my lifetime. I say that as a once-voting Democrat. I am disgusted. This is an embarrassment, not just of a political party, of a nation. And it has to stop, folks. Start thinking very hard about who you're going to vote for, and let's start asking the right questions of all these people. We don't need any more shills in office. We have plenty to overcome as it is. Jefferey, great reporting, as always. Thank you for bringing that to us. I know we've pushed a couple of stories we wanted to talk about this week, but I'm sure they will be just as relevant next week. So take care.

**[01:08:36] Jefferey Jaxen**

Absolutely. We'll see you then.

**[01:08:37] Del Bigtree**

Alright. Well, alright let me just take a breath here. It's just shocking what we're seeing in the world. And if at this point, you still turn on any news channel and expect to be getting any information you can trust, then there's a few bridges I would like to sell you. There's only one place I think you can trust. We have proven ourselves here at The HighWire. I want to get into a topic that is difficult, this is difficult one to talk about because it involves, I think, good people making very strange decisions. We don't know why they're making them, and I can only speculate. I like to bring a lot of facts, but something happened this week that I think demands an answer, and it demands the question from all of us. To begin with, we remember Damar Hamlin who, during a Monday night football game ended up having a serious cardiac event. This is what happened there. As we said, stepped up and then ultimately had a heart attack. Some differing reports on whether that was the only heart attack he suffered over a couple of days, but nonetheless found himself in the hospital. Well, the question that we all had, the number one question is, had you gotten the vaccine? Because we are seeing the CDC and the FDA and the entire world has reported on a known side-effect called myocarditis, or pericarditis, along with blood clots and thrombocytopenia, but all these cardiovascular issues have been reported as known side-effects. So, question number one, Damar, did you get the vaccine? We haven't had an answer to that. And then the second question: do you know what caused your heart attack? I know this is sensitive. We have a guy that is staring at a very difficult time in his life and a question of whether the career that he was promised and believed he would have, whether that is going to be available to him in the future. But he sat down for an interview and, as they say, silence is worth a thousand words. Take a look at this.

**[01:10:45] news clip**

After Hamlin was discharged from the ICU, the question on so many minds: what caused his heart to stop beating?

**[01:10:53] interviewer**

You're 24, peak physical condition, can run circles around me right now. How did your doctor describe what happened to you?

**[01:11:03] Damar Hamlin**

That's something I want to stay away from.

**[01:11:19] interviewer**

I know from my experience in the NFL, they do more tests than anything, and in the course of you having your physical, did anybody ever come back with any, say you had a heart issue or anything that was abnormal?

**[01:11:32] Damar Hamlin**

Honestly, no. I've always been a healthy, young, fit, energetic human being, let alone athlete. It was something that was just, that we're still processing and I'm still talking through with my doctors just to see what everything was.

**[01:11:52] Del Bigtree**

After a very long pause of the most obvious question to be asked and should have been prepared for it, That's something I want to avoid. I don't know where you go with that, except into the obvious. First of all, when I look at this beautiful man. Damar Hamlin, he's done such great work with his non-profit for children. You can feel his heart, he's caught in the middle of something. But that pause, as we look into it. I'm a reporter. What I do for a living is study human beings and if I was sitting across from him, what you saw there is there a real internal conflict. A man who knows what the answer to this is and decides, for some reason, to not state it. I can only guess and assume, given the fact this is the first game that was ever shut down because someone was carted off a field. We have had other players die during football games. It's an intense sport. Why did they shut this down, never to play it again. My assumption was to try and have damage control over this issue. I want to think about what is at stake. What I do, and what we do as reporters, maybe you don't do this at home, it's not what you do for a living, but you have to look at motive. What is going on here?

**[01:13:09] Del Bigtree**

What happens if Damar Hamlin, in this moment, says, I have myocarditis. My heart is swollen. The very next question would have to be, did you get the vaccine that we know causes that? You get to the other question, you had to have had all, and we've talked with Dr. Peter McCullough on this. These athletes are tested all the time. We know that you were perfectly healthy prior to something happening, and all of a sudden myocarditis comes out of nowhere, if that's the case. We don't know. We're left speculating. People say, you don't have the right to speculate. I'm a journalist. I have the right to ask and speculate anywhere I want. And right now, I want you to think to yourself. What happens if he says it's myocarditis. My doctors believe it was caused by the vaccine. Can you imagine? Can you imagine the lawsuit against the NFL, to begin with. How many star athletes and professionals that all they do is think about their health, can you imagine how terrified they are in that moment? Can you imagine what that lawsuit would cost the NFL right there to begin with? And forget about our regulatory agencies and what it does to our confidence in this vaccine and humanity. Damar, I have to assume you were offered a large amount of money to not answer that question.

**[01:14:25] Del Bigtree**

I imagine that they told you, it's for the good of humanity, that you can't answer it because there are people that need this lifesaving product, and though you're one of the very rare ones that have had this experience, the overall benefit of this vaccine, even though Tony Fauci is walking away from it and Bill Gates is walking away from it, and athletes are collapsing all around the world, trust us, and then trust this check and sign this contract. This is my assumption, by the way. I have no proof that this is the case. This is one of the rare moments where I'm stepping out right now with a theory. It's a theory, it's not a fact. I'm all about facts and what I can prove. I cannot prove this. But staring at that silence, there is something unnatural going on because I do not see in Damar Hamlin, a beautiful person, why there would be any difficulty answering this question. It does not make sense. What's so sensitive about that? I've shared stories about my hemorrhoids. As a public figure, there are things that you've just got to go there if people are asking the question. Why can't he answer this question? I think, because they know, if he does, an entire system is brought down.

**[01:15:33] Del Bigtree**

And lastly, Damar, if you are holding back this very important information, if you have suffered from damage to your heart caused by the COVID-19 vaccine, you need to tell the truth now. This isn't just about you. This is about the future generations of this world. This is about our children, because while they may be paying you to not tell us the truth, they are passing laws to force the very product that may have ruined your career, we will only know when you finally tell us, they're now passing laws to give this to our children. This just in: the CDC has now added the COVID-19 vaccine immunization to the schedules for children and adults. It is now officially on the CDC schedule. There it is. This thing couldn't be a bigger disaster. Highest death rates ever reported to VAERS, all of the stories that we've reported here, and yet nothing is going to stop these insane people. It's absolutely criminal what's happening here. If you have heart problems, it's still recommended. There's nothing that keeps you safe from this vaccine. This is what Rochelle Walensky had to say when asked, why would you add, honestly, the first experimental, unapproved and unlicensed vaccine to the childhood schedule, as far as we could tell when we investigated? This is what she had to say.

**[01:16:58] Rep. Crenshaw**

How do you view the cost/benefit of scheduling brand-new bivalent booster shots for this age group, considering the children are at a very low risk from COVID-19, 75% of children have already caught the virus, and the vaccine is known to do pretty little to prevent transmission in this age group?

**[01:17:14] Rochelle Walensky**

I'm really grateful that you asked that question, so I can correct the record here so that everybody understands. First of all, we've had 2,000 pediatric deaths from COVID-19, it's the number one respiratory and infectious killer. That was just published last week in JAMA. Less deadly to an 80-year old, but still deadly for a pediatric infection. The important thing I think that we need to recognize is the reason that ACIP recommended and CDC put forward getting the COVID-19 vaccine on the pediatric schedule is, it was the only way it could be covered in our Vaccines for Children program. It was the only way that our uninsured children would be able to have access to the vaccines. That was the reason to put it on the schedule. It can't be eligible for Vaccines for Children's program, to be available to the uninsured, unless it is on that schedule. That was the reason to put it there. Thank you for allowing me to correct that.

**[01:18:07] Del Bigtree**

Yeah. By the way, Rochelle, it is just as ineffective and unnecessary for the underserved and minority communities as it is for any of our children. This is absolutely not an argument. And two, the 2,000 deaths: I wish someone in politics would ask the next question which was, could you show us exactly where those deaths happened, what the health of those children were? I'm going to assume that most of them were very, very sick, if this 2,000 number even exists, and how many of them were actually vaccinated? How many of them are experiencing what we're seeing all around the world, which is enhanced infection frequency amongst those that have had the vaccine. So many answers we need from these questions. And we've shown you over and over again, all these people are doing is lying to us. Here's the actual death rate as we know it. The risk of the kids that are now looking at possibly having to get this vaccine, 0.0027%. Folks, that's a zero. It's a zero. He's right. She's wrong. I don't know what we're talking about. And just to add to the problem, because this is what we do at The HighWire, you now also have the Gardasil vaccine. This is California, folks, they're moving on us. "California bill would mandate HPV vaccine for all students entering 8th grade." If you've watched The HighWire prior to COVID, the Gardasil HPV vaccine is probably the worst vaccine ever made prior to the COVID vaccine. It is so detrimental, causes paralysis, I've done thousands of interviews and seen them around the world, and Gardasil comes up all the time as having destroyed lives, and now they're going to mandate it in California.

**[01:19:43] Del Bigtree**

I say all of this, I say all of this, to say we need your help, alright? I need your help. I need my legal team preparing for this onslaught, because they know we're on their heels. They know the momentum is on our side, which they're going to grasp at this last-ditch moment before everyone wakes up enough, to try and push these laws down our throats and start injecting our kids. and putting them on a path we will not be able to return from. There will be no return. Once your child gets these vaccines, and if they get away with what I pointed out last week, which is the right to inject your children with these vaccines without your consent, which is right on the backs and being brought to the state capitals all around the country at the same time, laws like this, then it's over. This is it. This is the moment of impact. So let me say this. For all of you that are donating to The HighWire, you are making all that you've seen possible. All the incredible legal wins, more than any non-profit has ever achieved in this space, and I am eternally grateful. But you, those donors who are doing that, you are a tiny, minuscule percent of the amount of you that we know are watching this show. You're watching every single week and you love the information.

**[01:20:58] Del Bigtree**

I know you're going, wow, I didn't get that truth anywhere else, but you're going to pay that cable bill. You're going to make sure that MSNBC and CNN and FOX keep lying to you. Meanwhile, you're watching us for free. How fair is that? And when you complain about the world, when your kids can't go to school without being injected with products you can't control, when we all have vaccine passports tracking us everywhere we go, when we are being locked down in our homes because we're supposed to be worried about some alien in the sky or whatever it is, you are the only one that will have yourselves to blame, because you had a resource here. We have built something that has never existed before, an agency that not only brings you all the facts and the truth, but then goes and fights for those issues for you in the courts of law with one of the greatest legal teams, now over 20 people working in Aaron Siri & Glimstad, for all that we're bringing against the governments of the United States, and for citizens across this country. It is very expensive. If you've ever had a lawyer, let me tell you, this is not cheap, but we're winning. We're winning every day. I need your help. Please. Can you, today, decide to be a different type of person? Can you say, I'm tired of sitting back and watching everybody else take care of me and complain that nobody is going to anything about it? Why don't you change your reality? As they say, change starts with you.

**[01:22:19] Del Bigtree**

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**[01:24:05] Del Bigtree**

Alright. Thank you for all that make all of this possible. It really is so exciting to see what we've achieved, I can't even tell you what we have in the cards as more of you decide to help out. Alright. I think enough of the fire and brimstone or the darkness and all the insanity that we see in the world. Every once in a while, I have the opportunity, we in this world, all of us, have an opportunity to witness a miracle. And this next story is nothing short of a miracle. This is about autism and something that we've known very little about for so long, and an opportunity to see that there is a future for these children and these adults that have been trapped in a silent cage, unable to communicate their thoughts and feelings. This is a story we covered over a year ago. This is the story of Jamie and JB Handley; Jamie being a child with autism. I don't want to say completely non-verbal, did have some words, but I want to reflect on where we were at with this story, because where it's gone is so incredibly beautiful. It's amazing. This is the story of JB and Jamie Handley.

**[01:25:35] JB Handley**

Jamie developed normally until about 15 months, and then he had a real regression. Jamie went from talking and doing normal things to very unusual mannerisms, he stopped talking, he started spinning around in circles and running along walls in funny patterns. So we knew that something was seriously, seriously wrong. At 18 months of age, Jamie was diagnosed with autism. As he got older, those mannerisms got worse because aggression and frustration started to be baked into his day. He's severely disabled. He is unable to speak, but for a handful of words. It's a 24/7 job. Just going through a normal day, we were left to guess about everything. We could walk into Chipotle and I wouldn't know what he wanted. I would just guess what he seemed to like. We had to guess how he was feeling, how he wanted to spend his time. When he became frustrated, he couldn't answer if we said, was it this, was it that? And so just getting through a day was a ton of guesswork and walking on eggshells that something doesn't set him off. He would go into what felt like almost a trance of aggression and anxiety, where he would stomp up and down, hit himself in the head.

**[01:26:52] JB Handley**

Over the years, we've tried everything in biomedical, from the most mainstream to the most hippie and crunchy idea. Anything that might help Jamie, we've given a try to. The truth was, none of that had allowed him to get his communication back or his speech back. It was starting to feel super dark, like, where is this all going? I get a text from Honey Rinicella. She's this mom who I describe as an autism pen pal. She has two sons on the spectrum. Many of us share ideas about how to help our kids, and she said something to the effect of, you will not believe all the things that Vince is saying. That didn't make sense to me, because he's a non-speaker, just like Jamie. And she basically explains to me that four months ago we thought the height of Vince's cognition was, I want juice, and he started this thing called Spelling to Communicate, and now he's cranking out these sophisticated paragraphs. She was bridging just enough to be willing to say to myself, fine, fine. We'll give this a try.

**[01:27:57] Del Bigtree**

It is estimated that there are roughly 50 million people with autism now in the world. The rates have skyrocketed, for whatever reason. We now believe autism to be somewhere in the neighborhood of one in 25 to one in 44, depending on what site you're looking at. Autism is more prevalent in boys, so those numbers are diminished down to roughly one in 18 to one in 20 boys being diagnosed with autism, which makes this probably the most important story in the world today. When we think about health and we think about our brothers and sisters out there, can you imagine if you've been silent, unable to communicate, trapped in this jail cell, and somebody figures out a way for you to communicate? It's Spelling to Communicate, and this is just a little bit of how it works.

**[01:28:51] S2C practitioner**

I'm an S2C practitioner, which means Spelling to Communicate. Basically, I teach non-speaking people to point to letters on a letter board as a means of communication. We call it the brain-body disconnect. Apraxia, that's layman's terms for Apraxia. We had to help them connect their brain to their body. So these behaviors become more under their purposeful motor control instead of impulsive or reflexive or just happening sort of automatically. We're learning that autism is more likely a sensory motor processing disorder than anything else. We're seeing that when we address the sensory and motor differences of non-speakers, they're capable of things that nobody realized they were capable of. Changing everything about how we teach and raise children with autism. Great job, Maddie. I'm really proud of you.

**[01:29:42] Del Bigtree**

Truly a miracle. We did a show on this, if you didn't see it, Jamie and JB and their family decide they're going to try it out. You understand, it's got to be difficult, after a lifetime of trying so many different things. The opportunity to be let down is palpable. But they ventured forward, and this is what that looked like.

**[01:30:09] Del Bigtree**

As you were going to this first meeting, this S2C, what was your perspective of where Jamie's learning was at? You'd had him in school. So, if you were going to describe him at that moment, what were you thinking his education level was, or if someone had asked you?

**[01:30:31] JB Handley**

I think we didn't know. I really didn't know. We measured his cognition by his words. And on that measure, there weren't a lot of words and therefore wasn't a lot of cognition. That was kind of the giant, giant mistake that we made.

**[01:30:54] Del Bigtree**

Alright, Jamie. As you were walking up for that first S2C meeting, were you aware of what was happening there, or did you know why you were going there?

**[01:31:09] JB Handley**

Hmm. Go ahead.

**[01:31:19] Jamie Handley**

Yes, I knew my life would change.

**[01:31:20] Del Bigtree**

Wow. Someone is going to finally help my parents understand exactly where I'm at. Was that sort of what you were thinking?

**[01:31:29] Jamie Handley**

Yes, it meant freedom.

**[01:31:37] JB Handley**

To have my son back, to know what his dreams are, to simply be in a support role with Jamie on his path to life, is the gift I never thought I'd get.

**[01:31:47] Del Bigtree**

So, Jamie, what is your dream now? What is your dream now?

**[01:31:57] Jamie Handley**

I want to go to college.

**[01:32:01] Del Bigtree**

Wow. Do you have an idea of what you want to study?

**[01:32:09] JB Handley**

Go ahead, you got it.

**[01:32:10] Jamie Handley**

Neuroscience.

**[01:32:12] Del Bigtree**

Jamie, all those years, 17 years or so, waiting for your parents to know the truth, that you were in there, did you always have faith that they would figure it out?

**[01:32:34] JB Handley**

Go ahead.

**[01:32:34] Jamie Handley**

Yes, I never gave up.

**[01:32:41] JB Handley**

Mmmm. Love you.

**[01:32:47] Del Bigtree**

One of the most unbelievable stories I've ever been able to report on, and it is my honor and absolute pleasure to be joined now by Jamie Handley and JB Handley, welcome to The HighWire.

**[01:33:02] JB Handley**

Go ahead. You got it. Mmm hmm, go ahead. Go ahead. You're doing great. You got it. You can do it. Yeah. You're getting a little stuck. Eyes up. Yeah, go ahead. Yeah. You got it, you got it. You're doing great. Go ahead. Yeah.

**[01:33:59] Jamie Handley**

Good to be here.

**[01:34:01] Del Bigtree**

It's good to have you here. I want to thank you both. To begin with, this has been just an incredible journey. The last I checked in with both of you, Jamie and JB, you were looking at wanting to go to college, and I think we were just about a year into the Spelling to Communicate. So over this last bit of time, what has been the transition in this experience from the boards, and now I see he's typing on his own, which has got to be a huge advancement.

**[01:34:40] JB Handley**

Thanks for having us, Del. I really appreciate it, and I think it's important to point out that we're here for thousands of spellers, because there are thousands. In fact, Jamie is really a second-generation speller. There were many before him who have forged this path that we get to follow along on, and I think when parents watch Jamie spell, just know that Jamie's maybe in the 85th or 90th percentile, but there's a whole group of spellers.

**[01:35:07] Del Bigtree**

He's doing really well. He's picked it up quicker than some, or many.

**[01:35:12] JB Handley**

I want parents to realize that this is the culmination of three years. We started on a stencil board that people poked and then we went to the full alphabet that Jamie poked, and then we went to touching and me holding it for him. And then we went to a keyboard, and now at home, we're only on a keyboard with an iPad, nothing else. This is all he does at home. Because there's more pressure in this environment, I've provided some backup plans for Jamie to be able to spell. Everybody saw how Jamie was spelling good to be here on his own, but then he got a little stuck because it's a little more of a pressure environment. So I picked up the keyboard and he finished. It took three years of really hard work to get to this point, and we're not even close to being done. One of the things for Jamie is that, before he went to college, he wanted to be an independent typer so that when he sat in the classroom, no one would wonder at all whose words were coming out of the board.



**[01:36:14] JB Handley**

So we've really, really focused our energy on this. But the goal for college remains very strong. He's finishing a normal online high school, if you will, a neurotypical high school right now. He's developed an amazing group of non-speaking friends who he tries to get together with often. So he has a social life that he never had friends before, and now he has many and that's a beautiful thing. And he wants to go to college and study neuroscience and I think find ways to help people like him. And I think that one of the most beautiful things about this community of non-speaking families, and again, we're late entrance to this community that was already there. They all want to help other non-speakers. They all want to help other non-speakers. That's why we're here, is to reach the family who is maybe being exposed to this information for the first time, to do the favor to them that was done to us, to open this door and this world to us. That's why we're here.

**[01:37:13] Del Bigtree**

Well, it's an amazing thing you're doing, Jamie. We've had so many people that wrote into the show, and I'll say that, I rarely get involved in other people's space, but I will, when I have seen since doing this story with you guys, I'll be in a grocery store and if I see someone with a child that appears to me to be clearly on the spectrum, I'll walk up to the parent and say, I don't want to be invasive, but can I ask a few questions. Where are they at in their communication? If they're like, he or she doesn't really communicate at all, I say, then I really want you to check out a book "Underestimated," and a story, if you just want to watch a video for 30 minutes on an interview I did, it's truly miraculous. I think one of the big questions, Jamie, is, all of those years when you were inside, understanding what was happening, how hard has it been to go right into high school? You didn't go back and start all the way through grade school. You're only a year in and then suddenly you're starting to go to high school. Is it difficult?

**[01:38:22] JB Handley**

Go ahead. Go ahead, you can say it. Yep, you got there, you'll get there Eyes up. You know what to say. Yeah. Yeah, you got it.

**[01:39:14] Jamie Handley**

It's easy to do schoolwork.

**[01:39:17] Del Bigtree**

Fantastic. When we're watching, and I'm sure you know, I've obviously spent a lot of time with families that are going through this experience with autistic children. For someone who doesn't have that experience, that doesn't have direct contact, as we're watching this, there has to be some sense of trying to understand what it is we're looking at. So going back to this board, and if I remember correctly, how you describe it is, the issue is not what we thought it was; perhaps a psychological issue or some sort of brain damage, if you will. Why does this work, I guess is the question.

**[01:40:00] JB Handley**

You think about autism. How can you have a neurological condition where some of the people are savants and geniuses, and others are cognitively disabled? How can those all belong to the same class or name, if you will? And so maybe what's actually true is that they all are brilliant, and that's actually what's possible. And maybe we got the disability wrong, and this is my personal belief that we did, and that the real disability that we're talking about here is motor planning. I actually think that a much better analogy to think about what happened to Jamie is like a stroke victim. And so a stroke victim would lose the ability to use their mind to move their arm or their mouth, they might lose their speech, whatever it might be, and then they remyelinate pathways, which we know is what the brain is capable of doing through neuroplasticity. And in this case, the communication pathways don't appear to have been myelinated. And fine motor --talking, typing-- is much more complicated than gross motor --pushing-- so, brilliant but simple idea: let's only challenge the gross motor first, and see if we can't reconnect the communication to the motor and get some output. Pretty simple premise, I didn't really believe it when someone told me this was possible because you're brainwashed into thinking your kid is incapable. And then, lo and behold, it worked. And what's crazy is the hit rate for friends of mine, when I finally convinced them to give it a try. If they stick with it for a year plus, it pretty much works for all of them. So I really think we've missed this. I really think that these children are walking around with brilliant thoughts and ideas. I think they have a motor disability. I don't understand much about the neurology behind why or how or whatever, but like a stroke victim, if you give them enough time and attention and therapy, they regain that ability to communicate what was always in their brain, out through their body again.

**[01:41:53] JB Handley**

So that's what's really going on. And Del, one of the things that I just want to explain to families out there. The impact that this has on the regulation and happiness of the child cannot be understated. I hear this time and again, and I live it with Jamie. The level of his frustration has dropped down immensely. The amount of joy and happiness that he expresses and shows....

**[01:42:15] Del Bigtree**

Jamie, he just looks so happy.

**[01:42:16] JB Handley**

...in his life is night and day. The joy that it brings to a family is impossible to explain to anybody unless they have a child at home. And I've gotten these messages over and over again from other people who have the same exact experience that I have. All of a sudden, the future for your child is exciting and fun and goal-oriented, and what are we doing? And Jamie and I travel a lot, and now we go see things and do things and he asks questions and he learns and I show him things, and as much as anything you find, as a parent, that you change how you treat your own child. There's a beautiful phrase that is pervasive in the Spelling to Communicate community, which is the presumption of competence, which is a fancy way of saying, just act like they're intelligent and they understand everything, and good things will happen. And so just the way that I treat Jamie and the way that other parents treat their children changes dramatically because of the introduction of Spelling to Communicate.



**[01:43:14] Del Bigtree**

Jamie, when we look at this board and the transition you've gone through from the board all the way to typing, that is such an incredible journey and some people may take it for granted that it's possible. But what was that move, to actually get to this keyboard?

**[01:43:36] JB Handley**

Go ahead. You got it. Go ahead.

**[01:44:02] Jamie Handley**

It was very hard.

**[01:44:05] JB Handley**

I would say that every child is different. It took us maybe three months to get to open language on a board like this. It took nine more months to go from a held keyboard to a keyboard in a cradle, and people are getting to see what Jamie can do at home, where we never hold the board, but I'm picking it up because I don't want to create pressure for him in this environment. We were luckily able to capture some of that on film. So it's in the movie. And we live this way at home, of independence, and the independence took a good nine months to get to that point, after he was already open. And that's 2 to 3 hours a day of therapy.

**[01:44:43] Del Bigtree**

Wow, that's a lot of work.

**[01:44:44] JB Handley**

You're looking at hundreds upon hundreds of hours of amazing therapists and our family's life, to get to this point. It's obviously been worth every second to give Jamie the ability to express his thoughts and feelings and goals. But it's not an overnight thing. I'm sure autism parents at home are sitting there thinking, well my child can't sit in a chair and be on an interview with Del. Every kid is different, and if the motor planning challenges are more extreme, it's going to take longer, but with a great therapist, they can navigate that. Just to mention one little nuance that really blew me away. The majority of children with autism who are non-speaking also have ocular apraxia. What that means is they can't get their eyes to move where they want them to. And so you hand them a board, they can't find the letter because they cannot control their eyes to get there. And so, in some cases, the only way to get to this point is to go through vision therapy first. That just tells you how complex it is and you also start to appreciate that even well-intended instructors might have sat there and thought, oh, well, they don't have cognition because they would give them tests that all relied on motor, so they couldn't answer the questions for it.

**[01:45:49] Del Bigtree**

It's really incredible when you think about it, and the belief of those that are all doing this is that, though there may be all these difficulties, I almost think of a person stuck in there trying to pull strings or something to get this vehicle moving and figure out, it's working, it's just not natural, right? It's taking so much work. There may be layers of issues they're dealing with, but inside of there is a fully cognizant, capable, brilliant human being. It's just going to take time to figure out how to get through all the issues that they're handling. And the belief is that they're all inside of there.

**[01:46:24] JB Handley**

Yeah, I think Jamie would identify himself as a non-speaker, not even having autism per se. And I personally get ruffled and he gets ruffled when we hear people sort of take the domain of, well, people with autism think this way or think that way. No, they don't. They're human beings. You and I don't think the same way. We're just humans. No one should speak for you and your mind, no one should speak for me and my mind. I don't think anybody should speak for Jamie in his or any other person who has this designation of autism. I think they're all brilliant and cognitively fully-formed. I think we've completely missed this. I think the therapists who have the courage to jump over to the other side realize this pretty quickly. When you're in session with these people for extended periods of time, you realize what you're dealing with, these amazingly brilliant, incredibly compassionate, loving, caring people. I would say that learning how much love Jamie had for his family was probably one of the greatest things that happened to our family. Just to allow him, and if I talk too much more, Del, I'm going to start crying, but to allow him to express the love that he had felt the whole time for his family was such a special thing and continues to be, because that's ongoing, as it is in every family.

**[01:47:31] JB Handley**

But the people who ever thought that children with autism lack affection, and these are crazy things that people deduce, that are not true, and I hope that ten years from now, we will all presume competence with every one of these non-speakers.

**[01:47:43] Del Bigtree**

Well, you obviously went a huge step in writing a book with Jamie, "Underestimated, an Autism Miracle." Truly, and that has inspired a film, and being with you and Jamie, it said he really wanted to make a difference and share the story. So there's a film that is finished. Folks, this is a trailer for "Spellers." Take a look at this.

**[01:48:10] S2C practitioner**

There's never any doubt in my mind, when someone walks into my room, that they can and will spell for me. That they can, and do want to learn. I'm going to teach you how to do something new, totally new, which may feel a little bit weird at first.

**[01:48:31] JB Handley**

Autism can take you, as a parent, to a really dark place. The future is really, really scary.

**[01:48:37] Parent**

We had no real, reliable form of communication. We had to just basically guess for 20 years, and lost hope that I would ever be enough for them.

**[01:48:49] Parent**

Are all the parents fools? Are we trying to live wishful thinking? No. I mean, what's anybody going to gain by this?

**[01:48:54] JB Handley**

Research, academic literature, focused strictly specifically on this area to help promote it.

**[01:49:00] Parent**

We should have all been presuming competence in our kids, and we should have been encouraging them, telling them we knew that they were in there. It's time to shift that whole paradigm.

**[01:49:09] Voiceover**

There are 31 million non-speakers with autism in the world who are locked in a silent cage. My life will be dedicated to relieving them from suffering in silence, and to giving them voices to choose their own way.

**[01:49:28] Voiceover**

Should schools choose to really work with a student's strong suit, autistics will become tomorrow's innovators and leaders. The average autistic child can read and do math by age four, but can't show it. Imagine the difference we can make in the world if taught how we learn.

**[01:49:43] Del Bigtree**

It's so exciting. Jamie, when I was with you last and we were doing the interview in your home, you really wanted to share your story. You wanted to help all of the other children and adults out there that you knew could be helped with S2C, Spelling to Communicate. Now you have a film which, by the way, is my favorite way to try and get the word out there. Who do you want to see this movie? Who should see it?

**[01:50:10] JB Handley**

You got it. Find it. Yeah. We know where you're going. Great. Great. Find it with your eyes. Find it with your eyes. Go ahead. Yeah. You can spell it wrong, it's okay. We all know what you're doing.

**[01:50:42] Jamie Handley**

More non-speakers.

**[01:50:44] Del Bigtree**

Non-speakers. And we're talking millions. Tens of millions, if that's correct.

**[01:50:49] Jamie Handley**

My number is 50 million worldwide non-speakers. Just if you take the percentage of people with autism at one in 33, multiply it by the world's population, 40% of that, we think it's 40% non-speaking autism, so I think that's the range of number that we're talking about. A couple of things about the film, Del. It was Jamie's idea. It came out when we were writing the book, he brought this up out of the blue. It was also really important that he wasn't the only person in the movie. Most of the other cast members are his best buddies, and they really made it together. They really made it together. They'll all be at the film festivals as a cast and as a group. And to see the joy that Jamie has through his social network is genuinely something that I never thought I would see. He had a minute to see his buddy Cade two days ago in San Diego. The love that those two guys showed for each other the whole night, hugging and hanging on to each other, and just having that part of his life open up has been like nothing else in terms of how valuable that's been. We all have our tribe. We all have our homies. We all have those people in our lives that we can count on. And these non-speakers, outside of the nuclear family, they don't really get that. And yet here's Jaime mingling and socializing with his buds and so to be all in the same film together is really, really special for him.

**[01:52:11] Del Bigtree**

Well, I know how hard it is to make a movie, Jamie, and one of the biggest difficulties is trying to get the right type of sponsors, and you picked up some pretty awesome executive producers. And my understanding, and they've got very busy schedules, they've sent us a message. Take a look at this, I think you'll recognize who's making this film possible from the other side.

**[01:52:33] Jenny McCarthy**

Hi, I'm Jenny McCarthy-Wahlberg.

**[01:52:35] Donnie Wahlberg**

And I'm Donnie Wahlberg.

**[01:52:37] Jenny McCarthy**

Before we get started, I just want to tell you, Del and the whole HighWire team, that you guys are really, truly doing God's work. And I'm so grateful. And as Donnie knows, all that comes out of my mouth now is The HighWire, The HighWire, The HighWire. It is not only the best show on television, but the biggest truth we've got and I'm so grateful for you guys. It's hard work, dedication, and strength, because I know it's hard to go up against those giants. And you guys do it every week, and I'm just so grateful. So thank you.

**[01:53:13] Donnie Wahlberg**

Del, you're the best. Your team is the best. Not only are you informing all of us and changing the way we see the world and showing the way that the world works, but you are doing it in a way that is enlightening, entertaining, captivating, and done with true professionalism and elegance. Thank you. We are so incredibly proud and honored to be executive producers on the amazing documentary film "Spellers." The power of this film is really beyond explanation. It has to be witnessed to be understood. Coming into this relationship with Jenny, obviously I got exposed on a much deeper level to families with autism, and children with autism, and adults with autism and non-speakers with autism. And also to JB and Jamie. I used to talk to Jenny about JB, and she would tell me about him and Jamie and one day the conversation shifted and she said, something happened. Jamie is communicating. And I was like, what do you mean, he's communicating, and something had happened.

**[01:54:41] Jenny McCarthy**

I can't think of two stronger, bigger juggernauts in the autism community than JB and Jamie Handley. From the get-go, starting Generation Rescue, writing books, challenging doctors on certain TV shows, I've been in great company and they have helped me so much, not only with my own son, but watching how many children and adults they've helped around the world. Again, here we are. Here we are with JB and Jamie to change the world yet again. Not only change it, flip it on its ass because of the groundbreaking, I want to call it discovery, even though it's not brand new, it has been around. And isn't it interesting that it's parents, yet again, to introduce these breakthroughs to families, and not the medical community. But nonetheless, here we are, and this film will show the world that there is more than meets the eye in these children and these young adults. These children, these young adults have voices. And not only voices, they have beautiful minds and beautiful spirits and I am so excited to show all these doctors, scientists, therapists, teachers what they missed, what they might have missed. Because when you see the proof in this film, there's no turning back. There's no turning back. I promise you that this will knock a lot of people on their butts. A lot of people may challenge it, and I say, welcome it.

**[01:56:29] Donnie Wahlberg**

This film gives so much hope. If you've ever wondered if someone could communicate with you or wants to communicate with you, but just can't do it; if you're a family with a non-speaker; if you're a person who needs hope that someone in your life may be able to communicate with you, it opens your mind to so many possibilities of the power of the human mind and the human spirit. To see these spellers have these breakthroughs, it creates hope for possibilities that are limitless for all of us, not just people impacted by autism. If you've wondered if someone in your family who can't communicate with you because of an accident or something maybe wanting to, or if you wonder if they can hear you, this movie brings that type of hope, and I don't want to give false hope. The movie speaks for itself.

**[01:57:26] Jenny McCarthy**

I want everyone to imagine, if you don't have a child with autism, just for a second what it would feel like to have your beautiful child and not know if they're in pain, if they have a tummy ache, if their tooth hurts, if their head hurts. Or what their favorite food is, or if that person is a scary person, or if a teacher is being mean to them. Can you imagine not being able to ask those questions, not able to know those answers, but also thinking that they have no idea what's going on in their own world. When, in actuality, they have every idea of what is going on in this world. They are so tuned in, more so than we ever realized.

**[01:58:18] Donnie Wahlberg**

I think for every family that's ever wondered if their non-speaker can understand them, can communicate with them, this film will give you an answer. And I'm not saying this method can work for everyone. I don't know. But it's certainly a miracle right in front of our eyes. It inspires so much hope, is so moving, so powerful, and to think that possibly all of these children, and now adults, were actually capable and understanding everything all along, it's mind-blowing. Watching these spellers communicate will leave you speechless. It left me speechless. It's that profound. It's so wonderful. What a pleasure and a joy to be part of this film.

**[01:59:17] Jenny McCarthy**

Thank you. With that, please spread the word.

**[01:59:21] Donnie Wahlberg**

For sure. Spread the word. Whether you are impacted by autism in your life personally or not, this film will change your life. And this process will change millions of lives.

**[01:59:35] Jenny McCarthy**

I'd like to end with a quote that Jamie had written on Instagram last year. "For the trials I went through in the terrifying years without access to communication, it was all worth it if the younger kids with autism are spared the pain thanks to the Speller's force." Thank you, Jamie.

**[01:59:56] Del Bigtree**

Well, that's amazing, and shout out from Jenny and Donny there. Jamie, it takes so many people to come together to make a movie. What do you want to say to all of those that made this movie possible?

**[02:00:10] JB Handley**

Go ahead. Yeah. Go ahead. You're getting it now.

**[02:00:20] Jamie Handley**

Thank you.

**[02:00:22] Del Bigtree**

Can't say much more than that. Thank you. Absolutely. First of all, let's talk about the film since we're right here talking about it. The film is finished. I know that for Jamie, the goal is for other future spellers to see this. But I think about the film Awakenings, and I think about these stories that we follow.

**[02:00:49] JB Handley**

Jamie expresses joy through laughter. All those kind things that Donnie and Jenny said and the implications of their words, knowing how many more will be helped just because they allowed us to use their platform. I have no doubt it brings him great joy.

**[02:01:06] Del Bigtree**

I'd say that is clear. So what is the goal? So this film, I think everyone is going to be as blown away by this as I was when I read the book. And now imagining, and we've been watching as Jamie and others have been touring around, showing people what they can do, questions being asked of these children that haven't been heard from, some of them for 20 years, and now they're getting to speak out. It's going to be an incredible film experience. How are we going to be able to see it?

**[02:01:39] JB Handley**

Well, we thought about the goals for the film, and you, of all people, appreciate this. We wanted to get into a film festival. We wanted to have a private screening event for our Speller community, and then we wanted to share it with the world. So, those three things will happen, I think, very quickly. We got into the Phoenix Film Festival. We're so grateful, so thankful.

**[02:01:57] Del Bigtree**

Congratulations, Jamie. It's amazing.

**[02:02:01] JB Handley**

On March 31st, April 1st, April 2nd, we will have three screenings. Those are the final three days of the Phoenix Film Festival. We're honored. We hope that every Speller family will join us in Phoenix and that we will own that festival. As soon as tickets are available, we hope everybody will come running and join us there. On April 30th we're going to have a private screening event around the country hosted by families and practitioners. You can find all that information on the Spellers website, [spellersthemovie.com](http://spellersthemovie.com), and I think not too long after that, we're simply going to share the movie with the world. I think that, one of the hard things for me about a film is that you want to go through all these festivals and find a distributor, and that can take years. That just doesn't feel morally right with this movie. I know that, for me, a single phone call changed our family's entire life. I think this film can change lives. I think that the most important part of the film is that you hear from the spellers themselves. So I think pretty soon after those private screening events, we're going to find a way to share the movie with the world, because that's the most important thing.

**[02:03:02] Del Bigtree**

It's such an exciting time. The joy that you're feeling, what makes you happy right now?

**[02:03:14] JB Handley**

Go ahead. Doing great. You're doing great. Yeah. Great job. Whatever you want to say.

**[02:04:07] Jamie Handley**

I'm so happy people are hearing the truth.

**[02:04:10] Del Bigtree**

Wonderful. There is pushback. Jenny had talked about, it's going to be controversial. I think people watching this would say, what is the controversy here? From an outsider's perspective, what's the controversy?

**[02:04:27] JB Handley**

There's a very powerful organization called ASHA, American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, I think, and they give people the SLP designation, which is Speech Language Pathologists. So they hold your credential hostage, if you will, and they've denounced it. They've denounced this as ventriloquism and a magic trick.

**[02:04:47] Del Bigtree**

Here are a couple of headlines. "ASHA Warns Against Rapid Prompting Method or Spelling to Communicate." This is them stating it right out there, With RPM, you can't tell whether the words being spelled out belong to the autistic child or to their aide. The aide holding the alphabet board may move the board unintentionally in the direction of the letter that they think the child should select next. This is called facilitator bias, a documented phenomenon in which a helper unintentionally influences the message produced. Aides might well have good intentions, but in using RPM, they may unknowingly insert their own assumptions and thoughts into the message. A simple way to reduce facilitator bias is for the aide to place the alphabet board on a table or mount instead of holding it in the air. The primary goal of speech language intervention is independent communication, which is a basic human right. Independence is critical. It ensures that the words, thoughts and feelings an individual expresses are indeed their own and not the words of another person.

**[02:05:41] JB Handley**

Here's the great irony of that statement. We all read it with our own eyes and ears. They said if it's mounted, it's reliable. If it's held, it's not. So apparently we've gone back and forth between...

**[02:05:53] Del Bigtree**

We watched both things happen.

**[02:05:55] JB Handley**

...reliable and unreliable communication. What's interesting about that is, as I mentioned, Jamie is probably in the 85th percentile. He happens to be the speller in this movie, it doesn't mean that he's the best speller in the world. There are many kids out there who are typing completely independently, and mom and dad are sitting across the table from them. Did ASHA ever bear witness to that group of people? And if they didn't, what are they talking about? If people start popping out of wheelchairs, you don't start saying, what's the science to prove they're walking? You bear witness to the fact that they're walking across the room. They've has never done that, and I guess they don't understand the idea of skill progression or training wheels. But if that 15% above Jamie who are also typing on a mounted board which they deem reliable, got there through this method, but they want to cut the method off at the knees before the kids have a chance to get there, I think it's sad, pathetic and unconscionable. Bruno Bettelheim was a disgraced, I believe, he was a psychologist. He was a physician of some kind who claimed that autism was caused by cold mothers.

**[02:07:01] Del Bigtree**

Right. Refrigerator mothers I think is the term.

**[02:07:03] JB Handley**

Refrigerator mothers. I think the ASHA statement is the Bettelheim of our time. And why not bear witness to the group who are typing at the table rather than disavow it without any knowledge? It got to the point in Jamie's otherwise well-meaning autism school, where the SLP in that school, he wouldn't bear witness to what Jamie was doing.

**[02:07:22] Del Bigtree**

They wouldn't come and look and wouldn't watch him.

**[02:07:23] JB Handley**

He refused to be in the same room. You can imagine the impact that had on Jamie, and on us. I understand at a level, he was actually worried about his credential, because he's an SLP, but that's pathetic. That's pathetic when you lose sight of what matters and what's important, and so, I don't like talking about ASHA all that much. I just think the tidal wave of spellers is going to overrun their idiocy, and they can join the party at any point. I know plenty of SLPs who've jumped ship and are doing Spelling to Communicate who have privately message me, because it's the right thing to do for these kids. And then they see what happens.

**[02:07:56] Del Bigtree**

It's interesting because watching, it makes me think about all communication. That clearly, the aid and having this comfort that you provide, we can see Jamie is fully capable of typing on the board, but sometimes when you're with him and sort of holding it, and you're not moving it, I've watched you. I watched you the last time and now we're watching him clearly use the board without you there....

**[02:08:19] JB Handley**

We're on live television.

**[02:08:19] Del Bigtree**

But aren't we all communicating in some way? How well do we communicate when someone is giving us negative energy or we're in a scary environment, feeling uncomfortable?

**[02:08:27] JB Handley**

Think about an Olympic gymnast and they can't stick the landing without the coach standing there to maybe catch him, even though he or she doesn't catch him 98% of the time.

**[02:08:34] Del Bigtree**

Right.

**[02:08:35] JB Handley**

It's the energy and....

**[02:08:36] Del Bigtree**

And they just like, my hand, didn't even touch you.

**[02:08:38] JB Handley**

Or the day when you finally let go of the bike. First you're on the training wheels, then you finally let go with the bike. The most important thing is that the communication - this is our family's feeling, for Jamie - is independent and reliable. And so I was explaining to you off-camera, at home he only does two hands on a flat keyboard. In a pressure environment, he's doing a mounted keyboard with an occasional hold because of the environment that we're in right now. But at home, each day, I try to move one inch further away from him. Nice and easy, right? At some point, I'm going to be sitting on the other side of the table, and I'm going to be standing on the other side of the room. That may take me a couple of years to get to that point, but let's have some grace. Elizabeth Vosseller, who founded Spelling to Communicate, who's based in Herndon, Virginia, she said it best. She said, if we overeducate them, what's the harm?

**[02:09:29] Del Bigtree**

Right.

**[02:09:30] JB Handley**

But if we under, what have we done?

**[02:09:34] Del Bigtree**

Yeah.

**[02:09:34] JB Handley**

I think that's where we are.

**[02:09:36] Del Bigtree**

Jamie, I'm sure everyone, you imagine, has good intentions, but what would you like to say to the people at ASHA that say that this isn't real?

**[02:09:48] JB Handley**

Good. You got it. Go ahead. Get there. You can do it. Find it with your eyes. Eyes up, eyes up. Go ahead. You got it. Get there, eyes up, eyes up. You're doing great. You can do this. Go ahead.

**[02:10:25] Jamie Handley**

You need to wake up.

**[02:10:31] Del Bigtree**

I think that about did it, Jamie. If that didn't wake them up, then nothing will. It's so sad. Throughout history, we see this, right? An inability to grow, evolve, bear witness to what's really happening.

**[02:10:46] JB Handley**

It's horrible because parents who try to get this paid for in their public schools have the ASHA statement used against them. But I want to put ASHA in proper context. They're not getting in our way, in the sense that, we're doing this. This is happening.

**[02:10:59] Del Bigtree**

It's a revolution.

**[02:11:00] JB Handley**

It's happening. They're going to college, they're living their lives. They're becoming happy and joyful. Their regulation is improving. The joy in the family is increasing. We're going, man, we don't need you. We don't need you. They're not getting in our way. They can't stop us. And hopefully this film will take it to another level.

**[02:11:16] Del Bigtree**

Well, JB, Jamie, I want to thank you for coming in here, I know this is a very strange environment to be in. You're amazing. You have written a book, you've made a movie. You are changing the world. There are neurotypical children watching you right now, and adults, thinking, I couldn't do that. For everyone that's afraid to step out, what is your message to them?

**[02:11:39] JB Handley**

Go ahead. You got it. Yeah, you can do it. Go ahead. You got it.

**[02:12:14] Jamie Handley**

Now just try it.

**[02:12:15] Del Bigtree**

Alright.

**[02:12:16] JB Handley**

Just take the first step. You just have to try.

**[02:12:18] Del Bigtree**

That's it. Absolutely. It's clear as day, that's what I say to everyone, too: one step at a time. You guys are making amazing giant steps for humanity and for a group of people who have been overlooked. And I think that that is all coming to an end. So, JB, thank you for joining us today.

**[02:12:34] JB Handley**

We love you, Del. We appreciate you. We really do. You've done a great service by sharing this message. So thank you.

**[02:12:39] Del Bigtree**

Absolutely. Jamie, I want to thank you for coming in, too. It's such an honor to have you here today. Truly honored. And for everyone, you want to have screenings or figure out how you can do it, the film is "Spellers." I believe it's April 30th, they're working on a national screening. I would guess that could be international. If you want to get involved with this, go to the website, [spellersthemovie.com/screeners](http://spellersthemovie.com/screeners). Get involved. I'm sure we're all fascinated and want to see it, but it is hard to get a film out there. This is where we make a difference. Obviously, the media is against this. The regulatory agencies, ASHA, are all going to try and stop it. That's why we, as people, make the difference by getting involved. So once again, thank you so much for joining us today. Truly an honor, and this is witnessing a miracle. And what a gift it has been to be a part of this story, and the little part that I've gotten to be here, so thank you for blessing me that way.



**[02:13:37] JB Handley**

Thank you, guys. Thank you, HighWire. I appreciate it.

**[02:13:40] Del Bigtree**

Alright. Well, look, The HighWire is able to do things like this because of people like you, but I want you to remember that so many more scientists and stories are coming to us because they're recognizing we are the ones that are sharing the truth, and so this is just a shout-out from all those people out there that are really starting to appreciate what is happening here, and this miracle we call The HighWire.

**[02:14:05] Kevin Jenkins**

The Informed Consent Action Network.

**[02:14:07] Dicky Barrett**

You know them as ICAN.

**[02:14:10] Promo voice over**

The HighWire and ICAN, fighting on your behalf.

**[02:14:13] Rizza Islam**

The HighWire, you know, Del Bigtree.

**[02:14:16] Promo voice over**

Thank you to all the individuals who are watching on a HighWire across the world.

**[02:14:21] JP Sears**

Without further ado, from The HighWire, a friend of mine, a friend of yours, Mr. Del Bigtree.

**[02:14:27] Del Bigtree**

We did it! Here we are! Present and accounted for!

**[02:14:34] Dr. Paul Thomas**

You were at "The Doctors" show. You were being forbidden to talk about what you were seeing and what you knew needed to be talked about. So you went out and created The HighWire.

**[02:14:45] Del Bigtree**

Wherever you are out there in the world,

**[02:14:48] Del Bigtree**

How about we all step out onto The HighWire?

**[02:14:51] Maria Hubmer-Mogg**

When the whole pandemic started, this was really where I got my knowledge from. I saw all the scientists, all the doctors.

**[02:14:58] Promo voice over**

Religiously, every Thursday. We need that encouragement from each other. You allowed a lot of us to take that dive into the science and really get immersed in it. So thank you.

**[02:15:06] Lara Logan**

This is why I love watching your show. This is why I love watching you. It's a comprehensive overview, but it's also built and supported with detail and with evidence.

**[02:15:15] Leila Centner**

CNN and Anderson Cooper have been reaching out to us as well as all the other mainstream guys. But I need to share my side of the story, and I know there's only one person who's going to do it right. And that's Del Bigtree.

**[02:15:27] Edward Dowd**

You guys are the mainstream media now. They're done. They're dead. It's over.

**[02:15:30] Jenny McCarthy**

The media, like The HighWire and Del Bigtree, not only reporting the truth every week, but also fighting in court for justice.

**[02:15:40] Geert Vanden Bossche**

I think what we have in common is the passion for the truth. I see you as somebody who is investigating what are the real facts and data.

**[02:15:50] Dr. Neuenschwander**

You are one of the beacons for all of us. When things get really dark, I turn on The HighWire. It lifts me back up every time.

**[02:15:57] Promo voice over**

Del, your confidence is so inspiring.

**[02:15:59] Promo voice over**

Thank you for doing all that you do, fighting the good fight.

**[02:16:02] Miguel Escobar**

Del I really appreciate your hard work and your team.

**[02:16:04] AJ DePriest**

Thank you for giving us a voice.

**[02:16:05] Naomi Wolf**

I appreciate you so much.

**[02:16:07] Dr. P. McCullough**

It's an honor to be here, thank you.

**[02:16:08] Zach Bush**

What can we create when we connect together. Good to be with you, Del.

**[02:16:11] Del Bigtree**

You too, brother.

**[02:16:12] Mikki Willis**

Thank you for your continued support and your friendship, Del.

**[02:16:14] Robert Malone**

We're just grateful for the chance to talk to you and for your support and interest in our latest declaration.

**[02:16:20] Sen. Ron Johnson**

It's great to be on your show and thank you for everything you've been doing in terms of providing the truth to the people regarding COVID and the vaccines.

**[02:16:25] Lara Logan**

You've been in a war zone of your own. It's a really lethal war zone, right? When you get into the realm of Big Pharma and all the money that is at stake there, all the power players.

**[02:16:38] Dr. V. Zelenko**

This is a war for survival, survival of the soul of humanity. Ultimately, it's going to take people ready to sacrifice everything in order to bring the truth to the world.

**[02:16:47] Leigh Allyn-Baker**

I've been one of the silent people with injured children who have hidden behind you, rooting you on for years, and it's time that I stand beside you.

**[02:16:55] Del Bigtree**

We're standing up and we're fighting for you. We're fighting for those who cannot fight for themselves. That is what the truth is all about. That is what being alive is all about. And that's what The HighWire is about. I'll see you next week.

**[02:17:17] Del Bigtree**

I know there's a lot of darkness in the world. At the beginning of this show, we talked about a lot of the problems that are taking place around us and the amount of distrust we now have in those government officials that literally are holding our lives in their hands and doing a terrible job with that responsibility. But the most important thing about The HighWire and the work we do here is I truly have hope. We have to look at the problem and recognize we can do something about it. I want you to think just for a moment, as you look at the world around you, and you get frustrated by what you're seeing out there and thinking you're powerless, there's nothing that can be done. Just think about Jamie's life for a moment. Can you imagine that you're trapped in a body and you cannot get the words to come through your mouth, even though those words are there and complete cognition and understanding is there. Jamie held on to hope. He has said it before, I always knew my parents would figure it out. I knew that they were listening and they were trying. For I think nearly 20 years, that silence has now been shattered.

**[02:18:24] Del Bigtree**

Let's all think about our lives in terms of Jamie at the moment. Think about where we've come. I say this all the time, we've got to focus on the positive, focus on what we are achieving. And we have been in this conversation on The HighWire, on vaccines and all those issues, since before COVID, and some of you came in COVID, maybe you came in just this week and didn't realize what this was all about. But there is serious change taking place. And as much as there are government officials that are lying to us, there are also more than ever that are finally, finally asking the right questions. This is a video that I just have to share, because I believe once you have politicians that are asking questions like this in our government, of the people that matter, you know the jig is up. The moment is just around the corner where we win this, where the reality and the truth of what's really happening becomes the knowledge that everyone shares. This is Nancy Mace. She is a representative in South Carolina. This was just last week. Listen to what she has to say from her incredibly powerful vantage point. This is amazing.

**[02:19:38] Rep. Nancy Mace**

The Twitter files were not just about Hunter Biden's laptop. Twitter files make it apparent Twitter worked overtime to suppress accurate COVID information. Dr. Jay Bhattacharya is a professor of medicine at Stanford who once tweeted an article he wrote about natural immunity. Thanks to Elon Musk's release of the Twitter files, we learned some of his tweets were tagged with the label of Trends Blacklist. Apparently, the views of a Stanford doctor are disinformation to you people. I, along with many Americans, have long-term effects from COVID. Not only was I a long hauler, but I have effects from the vaccine. It wasn't the first shot, but it was the second shot that I now developed asthma that has never gone away since I had the second shot. I have tremors in my left hand, and I have the occasional heart pain that no doctor can explain, and I've had a battery of tests. I find it extremely alarming Twitter's unfettered censorship spread into medical fields and affected millions of Americans by suppressing expert opinions from doctors and censoring those who disagree with the CDC. I have great regrets about getting the shot because of the health issues that I now have that I don't think are ever going to go away. And I know that I'm not the only American who has those kinds of concerns. From Dr. Martin Kulldorf, a Harvard-educated epidemiologist who once tweeted, COVID vaccines are important for high-risk people and their caretakers. Those with prior natural infection do not need it, nor children. The Twitter files reveal this tweet was deemed false information because it ran contrary to the CDC. So my first question this morning of Ms. Gadde, may I ask of you, where did you go to medical school?

**[02:21:19] Gadde, Twitter**

I did not go to medical school.

**[02:21:20] Rep. Nancy Mace**

I'm sorry?

**[02:21:21] Gadde, Twitter**

I did not go to medical school.

**[02:21:22] Rep. Nancy Mace**

That's what I thought. Why do you think you or anyone else at Twitter had the medical expertise to censor a doctor's expert opinion?

**[02:21:32] Gadde, Twitter**

Our policies regarding COVID were designed to protect individuals. We were seeing--

**[02:21:38] Rep. Nancy Mace**

You guys censored Harvard-educated doctors, Stanford-educated doctors, doctors that are educated in the best places in the world, and you silenced those voices. I have another tweet by someone with a following of a full 18,000 followers. This person put a chart from the CDC on Twitter. It's the CDC's own data, so it's accurate by your standards, and you all labeled this as misleading. You're not a doctor, right, Ms. Gadde?

**[02:22:08] Gadde, Twitter**

No, I'm not.

**[02:22:09] Rep. Nancy Mace**

What makes you think you or anyone else at Twitter have the medical expertise to censor actual accurate CDC data?

**[02:22:18] Gadde, Twitter**

I'm not familiar with these particular situations.

**[02:22:20] Rep. Nancy Mace**

Yeah, I'm sure you're not. But this is what Twitter did. They labeled this as inaccurate. It is the government's own data. It's ridiculous that we're even having to have this conversation today. It's not just about the laptop. This is about medical advice that expert doctors were trying to give Americans, because social media companies like Twitter were silencing their voices. Did the US government ever contact you or anyone at Twitter to censor or moderate certain tweets, yes or no?

**[02:22:50] Gadde, Twitter**

We received legal demands to remove content from the platform from the US government and governments all around the world. Those are published on a third-party website and anyone can review them.

**[02:22:59] Rep. Nancy Mace**

Thank God for Matt Taibbi. Thank God for Elon Musk, for allowing to show us and the world that Twitter was basically a subsidiary of the FBI, censoring real medical voices with real expertise that put real Americans' lives in danger because they didn't have that information.

**[02:23:18] Del Bigtree**

Cat's out of the bag. The world is changing. So as you sit there, and this is my message as I've really got off of a long junket, crazy week of travel, but my message is this. Stop complaining about the world you live in. Stop looking at all the problems, and start asking yourself: what can I do? If we step aside and don't speak our truth, then we only have ourselves to blame. If we lose hope and don't inspire hope in those around us, especially those we know that share our truth and can get the truth out there. They want us to feel separated. They want us to feel afraid. They want to mute us, censor us, and if we allow them, they will get away with it. Or we can step up, not be shackled by silence any longer, and recognize the opportunity that is at hand. The governments of the world have overplayed their hand. They have shown just how corrupt they are. Now we have the ability and the proof to say it to everyone we know. And mount an army of truth-tellers, truth-seekers, to fix this world.

**[02:24:26] Del Bigtree**

Not just America, the whole world. The liars have been outed. Now they need to be removed from their jobs. Stop being frustrated. Remember Jamie. Every time you find yourself frustrated, I want you to remember Jamie Handley. You just watched what it is taking and the journey he is on to be able to communicate. He's thinking as clearly as any of us, probably even better, because he hasn't had his lips flapping and talking the whole time and getting in his way and listening to all the chatter. He knows what he wants to say and he's doing everything he can. Writing books, making movies, to get it out there. If Jamie can do it, we all can do it. In fact, we all must. It's our chance. It's our time. If not us, then who? If not now, then when? This is The HighWire. I'm proud to have you as my audience, a group of individuals that will go down in history as changing the world. We'll talk about how well we did at that, next week, on The HighWire.

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