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**[00:00:03] Del Bigtree**

Hello everybody, and welcome to HighWire. This is death-defying talk without the safety net of consumer advertising and public advertising, industrial advertising, government advertising. None of that exists here, it's just my opinion and people I want to talk to. Last week we had a very intense conversation with brother Tony Muhammad, a lot of you wrote in about that. I just want to say that many of you have been watching me sort of tour around the nation talking about vaccines. This show is sort of, you know, I was explaining it to a friend of mine. How I come to the decisions I make is by interviewing everybody on all sides of an issue. That is what I think real journalism is, not just selecting the side of the issue you may think you believe in. How do we get to the truth if we haven't listened to all sides? So I'm always going to be doing topics that maybe are not covered the way you're used to in mainstream media now, which is to just tell you the side that's being funded, usually by the pharmaceutical industry or some other industry like it. I don't have to worry about that. And so what you're going to watch is me interviewing people, trying to get to the truth myself. That's what I believe journalism is. That's why I'm not afraid of any topic. And we've got some fairly intense discussions, I think, coming your way today, should be very, very interesting.

**[00:01:25] Del Bigtree**

I want to start out with the fact that we are broadcasting to you live from the police state now known as California. The laws here are getting out of control. The amount of control in our lives, government, the nanny state, as they call it, making decisions for us. And that is exemplified in the Los Angeles Times just reported this week, in the headline, "Vaccination rate jumps in California after tougher inoculation law." They're referring to SB 277. Clearly, SB 277 has worked. More kindergartners are now being vaccinated than ever before. That, I think it jumps up from roughly 92.5% to 95.5%. Wow. We've got a 3% increase in vaccination rates amongst kindergartners. You have to imagine that that's because we now have a forced vaccination program. These are children whose parents had a different set of beliefs, that wanted to raise their children with organic food, fresh water, a natural, healthy immune system. Maybe they were using homeopathy or any of the other myriad ways that you can boost an immune system. Obviously, the people that make vaccines and the people that believe in vaccines are afraid that vaccines don't work well enough, and therefore are afraid that when a disease may come and affect an unvaccinated child, like the measles, they will not be protected. So they passed a law that essentially took away our rights as parents here in California.

**[00:03:03] Del Bigtree**

And it's successful. It's sort of like imagine if you had a law where we're going to incarcerate everybody that smokes cigarettes, we are going to drop the rate of smoking cigarettes, and wow, we've done it, we're arresting innocent people. Well, we are forcing innocent children to a vaccination program that has risks. That is what I've been talking about for the last year, traveling the country with my film VAXXED, about the CDC whistleblower Dr. William Thompson. You know, in, we have a quote from Ben Allen in this article, and, I don't think I have it here. Where did it go? Anyway. Can I see it up there? No, that's not the right quote. Alright, so anyway, Ben Allen is very happy with the fact that this law that he signed on to is raising vaccination rates. And in this article, they always bring up Andy Wakefield, the doctor in the UK that first made a connection, that parents were saying the MMR vaccine was causing their child's autism. I want to point out that Andy Wakefield is who they bring up in every single article. They do it every single time. It's their one-hit wonder, it's the one song they've got. I think the idea is to somehow convince you that there's only one doctor in all of time that has ever questioned whether vaccines are causing autism or not, or a host of other neurological and autoimmune issues.

**[00:04:29] Del Bigtree**

But for those of you that are new to this topic, I just want to read out that we have doctors all over the world, scientists all over the world, starting with Doctor Yehuda Shoenfeld, Doctor Theresa Deisher, Dr. Christopher Shaw, Dr. Suzanne Humphries, Dr. Sherri Tenpenny, Dr. Paul Thomas, Dr. Daniel Neides out of the Cleveland Clinic just recently came out and said the flu shot shouldn't be injected into pregnant women. Dr. Brian Hooker, who has spent his life investigating this. That's a lot of scientists doing a lot of really important studies. You're going to get to know their names because I am telling you, this vaccination program is built on fake, faulty science that's been funded by the pharmaceutical industry. And so you're going to get to know these people because, slowly but surely, the science around vaccines is unraveling. What's really unfortunate is, you know, both Ben Allen and Senator Richard Pan, who co-authored SB 277, knew about a whistleblower at the Centers for Disease Control. Can you imagine a forced vaccination program for children in the face of a whistleblower from the most important health agency in the world saying, we are committing scientific fraud? We know vaccines are causing autism, and we're covering that fact up. That apparently did not matter to the legislators. They didn't slow down, they just pushed right ahead, and now they are putting children in harm's way.

**[00:05:55] Del Bigtree**

They may be bragging right now about the fact that they've increased the vaccine rate in kindergartners by 3%, but what happens three years from now when they increase the rate of autism and other autoimmune issues? We're now at 1 in 45 kids with autism, what happens when we're 1 in 28? Is Ben Allen and Richard Pan going to jump up and down with excitement that they have achieved that here in California? I want all of you to be watching those numbers because they are certainly going to increase by all the science that I have been investigating and looking at. So, you know, what is the state of America and why do we need forced vaccination laws? Obviously, California is the test ground. I mean, California talks about seceding from the rest of the nation. Really, actually, they already have. We are taking away people's rights here in California faster than any other state now in the nation. Senator Richard Pan wants to follow SB 277 with home invasion or home search laws so that they can come and investigate how you are raising your children. Some of these laws look really good. We're going to give you some free diapers if you let us in your house to investigate your house and how your children are and how they're being raised. This all sounds like a science fiction movie to me.

**[00:07:13] Del Bigtree**

I think we need to stop going to theaters and watching the science fiction movies on the screen and recognize that it has come much closer than a theater near you, it's moving into your home. I want you to think about this. Take the word vaccinations out of it for a second. The state in California, the government can now inject your child with whatever they want, whenever they want, however they want, and you can't say anything about it. Do you see the problems that that could cause in the future? Imagine someone gets elected that maybe doesn't have our values, maybe doesn't care about every race equally, maybe doesn't care about your sexual recognition or how you identify yourself. What happens if these communities suddenly are going on a, you know, on a yearly visit to the doctor to be injected with things they don't know what's in them, they have no control over saying whether or not they want them. Do you see how possibly this could be dangerous? Do you know why our founding fathers tried to get away from government control of people, industrial control of people? This was supposed to be a nation where you had the right to free thought, free religion, and, yes, free medical choices. I mean, what greater freedom is there than to have the right to control your own body? And I say your own body, not just your children's bodies, because right behind these laws force vaccinating your children are laws that are going to be force vaccinating you, every adult in this country.

**[00:08:54] Del Bigtree**

Do you really think this is for your health? You don't think that the pharmaceutical industry that day upon day has, we see these lawyers on television saying if you've been injured by this product, please call us now. Those same industries that hide the dangers to their products as they put them out in the market. Merck was sued and lost \$3 billion lawsuit because they knowingly killed over 50,000 people with Vioxx. Merck makes most of your childhood vaccines, and soon to be your adult vaccines. And they say they're doing this all because of herd immunity. Yay, we're raising herd immunity. I have news for you, folks. Herd immunity is a myth. This is why. The CDC says that we need 95% vaccine uptake in all of society in order to reach herd immunity. For those of you that don't know what herd immunity is, that means everybody's vaccinated in order to protect that 1 or 2 children that maybe can't vaccinate themselves because they either have leukemia or cancer or some other autoimmune issue that keeps them from being able to vaccinate. So we're protecting that child. Even though there has never been a case reported of an unvaccinated child giving an immunosuppressed child who couldn't vaccinate a disease.

**[00:10:07] Del Bigtree**

We are passing laws for a mythological terror, a fear that's been drawn up by the ad agencies at the top pharmaceutical companies around the world. They're now the most powerful lobby in Washington, outspending oil and gas 2 to 1. These are all dangerous factors. They are buying our politicians, they are funding Richard Pan, they're buying our next Presidents, and they're sitting with them to write laws to force you to use their products. And then when we have scientists that step forward and say, you know what, in the middle of a study investigating that product, we found out that it actually causes neurological damage and disease. I mean, these things, you know, we have a real problem here, and I'm trying to get the truth out to you. It's time to wake up. But herd immunity, here's why it's a myth. If you're driving in your car right now, if you're watching your computer screen, I'm going to ask you one question. As an adult, have you had a measles booster shot in the last ten years? That's right, you haven't. If you're shaking your head no and you're thinking, no, I haven't, you are among over 75% of the adults in this nation that would answer that question the same way. Vaccines only last five, maybe eight years at tops. We know that, that's a scientific fact.

**[00:11:25] Del Bigtree**

That's why there's more and more and more booster shots. So how did raising the kindergarten rate up 3% actually help us with herd immunity when those children only represent a tiny fraction of the overall population of this nation? If over 75% of Americans are currently walking around unvaccinated because they haven't had their booster shots, then we are nowhere near herd immunity. This is a myth that's been written by the ad departments at Merck, Sanofi-Aventis, Pfizer. I just proved to you that the AMA and the Pediatric Association, Senator Richard Pan and Ben Allen are all lying to you, because you are not vaccinated. Now they're going to tell you in about a year or two, based on the Health and Human Services desire to force vaccinate all adults, it's called Healthy People 2020. You can look it up on their own website. They're going to tell you the exact same thing, but first they have to have made you forced vaccinate your child. Then they can guilt you and say, well, hey, now that you've injected your babies, you're next because we're actually nowhere near herd immunity. We're in a battle with Mother Nature now. And Mother Nature, as we've seen with antibiotics, always finds a way around. It figures out how to be smarter than us. And so can we ever win this, will we ever achieve herd immunity? And why do we need it if 75% of the adults in this country are walking around without immunity because of vaccines.

**[00:12:54] Del Bigtree**

We don't have a return of smallpox, we haven't seen a return of polio, and we haven't seen measles outbreaks in the tens or hundreds of thousands. How is that? Because you are not immune based on your vaccines that you haven't gotten booster shots to. I could go on and on on this subject. I have a show that only lasts an hour, so I want to get on to my next topic. But while we're talking about all the scientists I just listed that are just a handful of those that are doing studies internationally proving that vaccines are causing neurological disease, they're causing autoimmune disease, the list goes on and on. In America, we are saying officially this is the sickest generation of children this nation has ever seen. 1 in 2 children has a chronic illness. 1 in 4 children is leaving elementary school on a drug they will be on the rest of their life. Welcome to the pharmaceutical conveyor belt, that's what you're being forced onto and you have no choice in the matter. I want to get into a topic that I've seen talked about on television. Sesame Street has a brand new character. We'll just look at a clip here so that you can see Julia on Sesame Street. Here she is.

**[00:14:11] Big Bird**

But I like it good.

**[00:14:12] Various Sesame Street characters**

Boing, boing, boing, boing....

**[00:14:16] Elmo**

Oh. What's the matter, Julia?

**[00:14:19] Julia**

Noise. Noise. Noise.

**[00:14:21] Elmo**

The sirens are bothering you?

**[00:14:24] Julia**

Oh, noise, noise.

**[00:14:24] Elmo**

It's okay. It's okay, Julia.

**[00:14:27] Big Bird**

Boing, boing, boing, boing. Tag. You're it, Julia.

**[00:14:30] Male human speaker on Sesame Street**

Alright. Hey, Julia. Julia, let's take a break, okay. Here's. I got fluffster. Alright, come on. Come on.

**[00:14:39] Julia**

Break, break.

**[00:14:40] Elmo**

Come on, Abby. Big Bird.

**[00:14:43] Del Bigtree**

Sesame Street now has a character named Julia who has autism. Throughout that episode, they describe autism as, you know, someone who does not make eye contact, may not immediately warm up to you, that we all need to embrace Julia and learn to get along with her. It's part of a normalizing of autism here in America. It's also something they call neurodiversity. You know, I've seen several discussions on television, and everyone's very positive about this character, and I think that there's things that are very positive about discussing a character on Sesame Street and allowing children to understand what autism may be since it is around them. But there are also, online, as I was looking, many parents that have an issue with Julia, a lot of parents whose children have autism themselves. And so I really wanted to get into that discussion. Before I go to my guests today, I want to talk about exactly that clip you just saw. We have a little girl, a siren's going by, she's covering her ears. She can't handle the noise. What I want to point out is, do you ever remember a child when you were a kid that had that problem in your classroom? I actually just heard this story from a friend of mine very recently here in California, in Los Angeles. He was helping out of his daughter's first grade class, and all of a sudden they started handing out red earphones to 3 or 4 of the kids and putting them on the kids. And my friend asked, why are we putting red earphones on these kids? And they said, we're about to have a fire drill, and those children are on the autism spectrum.

**[00:16:19] Del Bigtree**

And when the fire alarm goes off, they will, it's sensory overload for them, they will have a very difficult time with it, so we put the headphones on before the fire alarm goes off. And my friend says the fire alarm did go off, they marched all the kids in the hallway. And he said, Del, as I stepped in the hallway and I watched all of the classrooms emptying into the hallway, it was a river of red earphones. Now this is my issue. Why do we find ourselves in a position where we have to have a character on Sesame Street with autism? What is causing this incredible epidemic? You cannot tell me, and there's another lie by the AMA, the pediatric association that autism has always been here, we're just diagnosing it better. I ask every one of you out there, where was the kid in our classroom that could not have a fire alarm go off without losing, you know, perspective and control of the sensory experience they were having? I never saw that, I never heard of that. This is a, really a brand new issue. It's skyrocketing out of control. We've gone from 1 in 10,000 kids in the 70s and 80s to now 1 in 45 children. Today. I have several guests, all of whom have varying degrees of dealing with this issue at home, and they have varying perspectives on Julia. And so to begin with, I'd like to go to Kristina, who, thank you for joining me. Just very quickly, tell me a little bit about your child and and what your thoughts are about Julia on Sesame Street.

**[00:17:56] Kristina Odegarrd**

Okay. So I have a three and a half year old Austin, he was diagnosed with moderate autism. So he was born with a major rare birth defect that was purely neurological in nature, but he was a very, normal in every other way. He had surgery from nine, 7 to 9 months, he was in the hospital. He recovered beautifully, his 12-month appointment. You know, his doctor just marveled, wow, I cannot believe how well he's doing. He's just caught up, he's crawling, he's talking, everything's great. He was received half of his 12-month shots. He began to do some unusual behavior. And then at 15 months, we took him back in for the second half of his 12-month shots, and it was like a sledgehammer was dropped on us. He began projectile vomiting, leaky gut, you know, and just regressed into autism. And so and then he received his moderate autism diagnosis. So for us, it's been essentially hell on earth. And so my view of the Julia character is that I think it's, I do think that we need to have discussions with our children about autism and how to react to it, and why these children might act a little differently. But what I don't like is that, just like you, they're trying to spread this well it's just neurodiversity and these kids are just different, and essentially that's, you know, in one of the clips I watched, it was like, well, that's just Julia's way. And so that's just saying, well that's just the way she is, that's just the way she was born. And it's, for me, I don't believe, I believe there's genetic vulnerability, but for heaven's sakes, I absolutely do not believe that autism is just, you're just born with it.

**[00:19:45] Del Bigtree**

No, because you saw it with your own eyes. I mean, if you're born with it, then your child should have never hit any milestones by 12 months. They should have already been failing to thrive, having difficulty communicating, diarrhea, all the issues I'm sure you're dealing with. When you watch it change before your eyes, how do you call that a genetic issue? And what I say, too, is, you know, they want to say it's genetics, but genetics don't change overnight. You don't go from one in 10,000 children to 1 in 45 in two generations or 30 years. DNA takes a lot longer to mutate or evolve than that. So clearly, if we are only looking at genetics as a cause of autism, I think we're looking in the wrong place. I really want to thank you for being part of this discussion today. I also have Patrick, a guy that I've worked with on VAXXED. He drove the VAXXED bus with us as we traveled the nation. Tell me a little bit about yourself and what you think about Julia as a character.

**[00:20:45] Patrick Layton**

I'm a dad of two boys, they're five and three years old, respectively. They were born healthy. They hit their markers up to their first years. Our five-year-old, in that second year, after every well visit, he would get sick and he would lose something that he had had, whether it was...

**[00:21:05] Del Bigtree**

So well visit, meaning getting vaccinated.

**[00:21:06] Patrick Layton**

Yes, that would be after his visits to receive the CDC recommended vaccines. And we were confused by it, and a doctor was, initially our doctor said, wow, he's ahead. He was walking at eight months. He was developing language early. And our pediatrician said, wow, it must be genetic. And we joked, that it must be, that must be mom, that must be mom's gene. So when he started regressing, it was interesting because he said, wow, that must be genetic. And we thought, wait a second. Our three-year-old, he suffered the larger reaction that we've seen throughout the nation, the stories of that being told throughout the nation. He had two visits where he had severe reactions, and in that second reaction, we lost him entirely. He was extremely affectionate. He was also an early walker. He was developing language. He had great coordination. So he was, what my wife says is the one we weren't worried about. And he had a massive reaction and after eight days of horrible sickness and discomfort and pain for him and gut issues, he emerged as a totally different child, a shadow of what he was. So Julia. I immediately didn't like the idea of Julia, when I had heard about it.

**[00:22:33] Patrick Layton**

I've watched every clip available out there and I've read a lot of the social media, and after really evaluating it, I have to say, we have to consider our audience here. We're talking about pre-K through kindergarten, maybe the early elementary school years. And I, you know, it's a difficult subject for me. My five-year-old is interacting with cousins, with friends, and there are differences in social behavior. There are social cues that he's not picking up on, there are sensory issues, so. There are some stimming that happens. A lot of things go in his mouth. And he doesn't pick up on those social cues, and because of that, those kids pick up on that, and I believe there's a statistic out there from, I think I saw it TACA, a website, that says there's an increased risk of bullying of up to 77% among kids on the spectrum. And from that perspective, I can understand a move to increase awareness in children. My great concern is these children are going to grow up watching Julia on Sesame Street and they're going to think that this is how it always was. And that's a concern for me.



**[00:23:55] Del Bigtree**

Great. I also have coming to us over the internet, Michelle, tell us a little bit about yourself and your family experience and what you think of Julia.

**[00:24:07] Michelle**

Well, I'm coming from the perspective of the circles and the community that I'm a part of is the severe autism. I mean, we're talking very profoundly affected by autism, vaccine injury. And so my thoughts and my perspective is going to be from that, and that I don't think Julia portrays that at all. To me, I find it highly insulting, because for me, the clip that I watched, Julia's painting was better than any painting that I, as a neurotypical person, could ever do. And my son, with the way he's affected, he can't even paint. I mean, he would just have scribbles on a piece of paper. So to me, it's nothing but normalization of autism. We're trying to take what is very severe and very profound and very heartbreaking, and a very special kind of hell to have to live through every day, and saying, oh, it's just, she does things a little differently. No. From my perspective, all of the friends, all of the community networks that I belong in, it's not doing things a little differently, it's that Julia would not even, our Julia would not even be able to stand Sesame Street. It would be too overstimulating. No, she wouldn't be able to paint. And then another quote, she likes being with her friends. I'd like to know how many of my friends' kids have ever been invited to a birthday party. None of them. And even if they were, they could not go, it is too much of a sensory nightmare. The sounds, the noises, they couldn't participate in that. I mean, my son likes to be around people, but he is in no way interacting with them.

**[00:25:56] Del Bigtree**

How old is your, just out of curiosity, Michelle, how old is your child? Is he, he's in kindergarten or how old is he?

**[00:26:04] Michelle**

He is 23 years old.

**[00:26:06] Del Bigtree**

So he can't draw or do any of these things at 23 years old?

**[00:26:10] Michelle**

No. And he can't, he can't be, he's not anything like what is being portrayed on Sesame Street. For him, they would have to, Julie would be banging her head, she would be running naked, she would be running away. All of Sesame Street would be searching for her when she wandered, and they would find her dead at the bottom of a pond or someone's pool. That is the kind of autism that the majority of the people that I'm around deal with. It is very heartbreaking, it is very isolating. It is not, you know, Julia with a bunch of friends, just a little quirky. I mean, for those whose children are higher functioning, I can empathize with, you know, some of those things may relate to them. But when you're talking about this tragic epidemic that affects thousands upon thousands who will never be able to live on their own outside of Sesame Street, it is a great injustice. It is very highly insulting to the point of tears, because when we continue to normalize it and paint it as just, you know, this cute little friend of Elmo's, you know, we don't give these parents who are in crisis the help that they need. I mean, like I said, my son is 23. He has no day program he can go to. If he's nonverbal, he's excluded. If he has seizures, he's excluded. If he needs one on one, he's excluded. So, Julia, there would be no place for Julia on, our kids kind of Julia on Sesame Street.

**[00:27:47] Del Bigtree**

Thank you.

**[00:27:47] Michelle**

Let's portray that.

**[00:27:48] Del Bigtree**

Okay. And last, I have one more person. Jo is coming us over the internet. Joe, tell me a little bit about your situation and what your perspective is of Julia.

**[00:27:59] Jo**

Hi, Del. Thank you for having me on today. So we have a 15-year-old with very severe autism. He also has intellectual, global developmental delay, intellectual delay, and Lennox-Gastaut syndrome, which is an intractable form of epilepsy. Our journey to our diagnosis, I will admit, is different. We don't have, you know, this really black and white sort of moment where we went in, he had his vaccinations, and then we saw immediate regression and loss of skills. For Andrew, we noticed a difference at five months old, primarily in gross developmental delay. And then it just progressively got worse. He did get his MMR, and so it's, there's a blur for us because we saw indications of trouble well before that, and so I can't in good conscience say I know exactly how it happened with Andrew. However, I think there's room for these incredibly compelling stories. These are parents who are living daily, who know their child better than anybody else, and so these stories need to be heard and they need to be told. But Andrew is very severe, severely affected by autism. He's non-verbal. He has, he's a victim of abuse by a school teacher during the elementary school years and now has been diagnosed with a form of PTSD. And so he continues to suffer from that trauma. He has behaviors, we have, he and I have matching, you know, MMA fighting like foam helmets that hang in our front hallway for when he bangs his head out of frustration or he tries to pull my hair out of frustration.

**[00:29:44] Jo**

He's involved in a lot of therapies. He goes to a specialized, non-public school because the public school system failed him. And so we live with a very severe form of autism every single day, as does our 13-year-old son who is typically developing. My background is education, I'm a former kindergarten teacher, and I'm just wrapping up a master's in child development. And so I think when I, when I started hearing some of the criticisms, which I think are well-founded, I, again, I'm coming from a perspective of also living with severe autism. I think I looked at it sort of from what is Sesame Street's purpose here, you know. When we take, for instance, your amazing documentary, you know, when we look at VAXXED, there's a reason you didn't use finger puppets to tell your story. There's a reason that you told your story in a very, you know, and other families' stories in a compelling, adult-centered way, because you knew who your target audience was. It was not three-, four-, five-year-olds. And so Sesame Street, and I hear the word normalization and I can't begrudge families for thinking that. But I'll use another word. I think what's happening here, at least from my perspective, is there's an attempt here to de-stigmatize our children.

**[00:31:03] Jo**

And believe me when I tell you they are stigmatized in our schools, and that stigmatization, that happens very early on. And so we need these conversations with our youngest population. You know, there was, you brought up a great point, Michelle brought up a great point about her son not being invited to birthday parties. You know, I'm not saying Sesame Street is going to solve all our problems. We can begin small, have a, begin that conversation, start that foundation from which to build upon as they get older, as the more difficult topics surrounding autism are more appropriate for their age. Then we can maybe eliminate some of the stigma and the loneliness that our children face, where they don't even have the opportunity to try and make friends because they're, people are afraid of them, you know? And I think starting young is our responsibility and it needs to be age appropriate. I cannot in good conscience imagine a three-year-old watching content that would show my son banging his head on the concrete while I try and stop him and put on his helmet. That's not age appropriate. And it's, you know, there's times where my son's behavior is hard for me to understand. How can I possibly expect a young preschooler to understand it? So I really believe the intent behind Sesame Street is to destigmatize our children so that they can be folded into society.

**[00:32:23] Jo**

You know, and I'll bring up another compelling thought that, you know, that I have about this, is that these young people, these young children are the next generation that are going to be living, you know, probably longer than me, and they're going to be the ones that are responsible for voting on laws that will affect our children, for creating job opportunities for those who can have, you know, who can acquire vocational skills. This is the generation that's going to go forward and hopefully impact our children, the older generation of individuals on the spectrum, and, you know, unfortunately, the new generation coming in with a diagnosis. So we have to plant the seed. There's been one episode, you know. Is there room for growth? Absolutely. But the other thing to keep in mind is that autism is a spectrum. There is no way to completely encompass all of the diversity that's involved in the spectrum. You're kind of damned if you do and damned if you don't. And so they've got to start somewhere, and I'm happy that they took the risk, because as you can see, it's not easy. Right? There's never going to be full support of any of it because our community is fractured, you know. So, from an educational standpoint, I think it's the right step.

**[00:33:35] Del Bigtree**

I appreciate that, and I really appreciate all of you and your honesty and your candor on this topic. You know, every decision we make in educating our children is important. And I think that everyone would agree that for these children that are high functioning enough to be in school, absolutely there should be acceptance there and they should be loved and cherished by their friends and the kids around them. And I think we would all agree that this will lead in the classroom into these children to some acceptance of those high functioning kids. My, so my question would be, and all of you are sort of varying stages of this. You know, we hear about autism, and I'd also like to add that, you know, I don't believe that vaccines are the only things that cause autism. I, there's always been autism that starts in utero. That was originally what autism was. I think the real phenomenon of our time is this regression into autism, that really only started happening in the the '80s and '90s, and then of course it's exploding out of control. But it's very expensive, is my understanding, to raise a child with autism. And I think one of the points, I was talking to a mother on this topic. She was saying look it, I spend a fortune trying to, every different kind of modality to try and get my child to the place where they're as advanced as Julia.

**[00:35:08] Del Bigtree**

And I think there's a concern that if we, you know, accept it as it exists, and where will the funding go? Will we fund you parents? Will we be giving you what, you know, the CDC says it costs \$5 million to raise a child with autism to adulthood. Do you think there's a danger in accepting it so that we all go, oh it's here and we look the other way and we're no longer helping fund your experience and funding science to, you know, help these children. Here's the fact. Some children's lives are made a lot better by different techniques, changing diet, things like that, I've recognized that. Some children don't, some don't respond as well. But where there can be healing, shouldn't we be advancing that science, and will the funding for that science be there if we all just say, oh, we accept it, it's here, this is just a part of our society? I just, just quickly, you know, what do you think about that?

**[00:36:09] Kristina Odegarrrd**

No, absolutely. I think that's my main issue with it is I don't want it to be normalized where it's just genetic because the reality is like biomedical healing can absolutely happen. You know, my son was diagnosed at CHLA with moderate autism in June of 2016, and we have spent probably 35 to \$40,000 in that time doing biomedical recovering of him. And guess what? If you met him today, he's out there. Does he look autistic? No, he doesn't, because we've been very blessed that we have a responder and we've been able to help him get better. But I feel like, you know, when we go down this path of just acceptance, we begin to close the door on conversations, you know, of having biomedical healing and that it's not just genetic and we don't just need to accept them for who they are, because I view autism as very separate from my son. Autism is something that happened to my son. And so why wouldn't I want to improve that? Why wouldn't I want him to have the best quality of life possible? What sort of life is he going to have if he just spends all day opening and closing doors, or fecal smearing, or, you know, hitting me, or, you know, going into bathrooms and doing obsessive behaviors that he used to do for hours and hours and hours on end. And so I just think it's, you know, I can appreciate teaching our children to love and accept autistic children, absolutely. But I just think it's such a bigger picture issue of pushing, you know, this is normal, just accept it, neurodiversity, and I say, heck no, I'm not going to.

**[00:37:55] Del Bigtree**

Michelle, you've been, you know, your child is now in his 20s. How has it been for you funding, finding, you know, educations, care for your child? Is the funding there? Are you being taken care of as a parent that's trying to deal with this, and what do you think, Julia, will that have any effect on the future of parents like you.

**[00:38:20] Michelle**

If they portray Julia as just a child with a difference, no, it will not. Until people, until adults see and realize the full spectrum of how our children, they seize till they're blue in the face. Like she said, the fecal smearing, the fact that you cannot take them anywhere without a meltdown, without someone, you know, calling the police on you or them or, you know, parents being up all night. Just the terrible choices there are out there for our kids. I mean, that, we will not, we don't have funding for that because that's not allowed to be portrayed. You don't see Julia having a seizure. You don't see in these autism awareness campaigns lighting it up blue. What has that changed in someone's mind about autism? What picture of true, debilitating autism has that given anyone by lighting up blue? The same with Julia. What will change in terms of adults? You know, maybe younger children will see a little kid, you know, a little bit shy and go up to them and try to make friends with them. But most of our kids, they are not going to have that, you know, call you up, go hang out on a Friday night friendship. I mean, they've missed every major milestone. And no, as 23 years old, Brandon waited nine years to get early intervention services when he was two. So he didn't even have access to early intervention services until he was pre-teen. So he missed out on that because there wasn't the funding for it. And in the public school, no, there wasn't a program for him. We were lucky that thanks to a private therapy center and our insurance, we were able to get him the help that he needed.



**[00:40:08] Michelle**

And by that time he was in high school. So again, the funding is not there for the schools to be able to adequately educate these children in the way that they learn, and certainly privately to get help, respite attendant care. We are on a waiver program, we get funds to help pay for someone to care for him. But the problem is there is no one out there who will work with these kids with such intensive needs for the price they're willing to pay. And the ones that there are, they're too few and far between. So you find, you're going to have a whole tsunami. Well, you do have a whole tsunami of parents like me. We are tired. You know, we will not experience empty nest. We will not experience retirement. We do not even get to experience a weekend like everyone else gets, and there is nothing out there that is portraying that real life hardship of that. You know, again, he is 23 years old. Somebody, you know, the challenges out there. Find me a program for him. Where does he go during the day to work on those daily life skills? He is not someone who has a special gift or talent. He is someone who needs intensive intervention every moment of every day. He likes to have his little downtime to do the things that he can do, but he needs structure in that, someone still needs to be with him. He will wander off. He will do something inappropriate. He needs toileting assistance. Julia is not going to raise the awareness for that. What will raise the awareness for that is portraying it the way that it truly is for the vast majority.

**[00:41:48] Del Bigtree**

Thank you, Michelle.

**[00:41:49] Michelle**

The ones that have Asberger's do that.

**[00:41:52] Del Bigtree**

I appreciate it then and for being so honest. You know, Jo, you worked as a kindergarten teacher, and I think that teachers that have been teaching for a long time say there has been this explosion of autism in classes. And, you know, we're, you know, luckily now we are bringing these children in. But oftentimes they take, you know, sometimes it's 1 or 2 extra teachers per child on the spectrum in a class. Where do you see, you know, as we accept this in the classrooms, you know, as a teacher, do you think that's going to affect funding? How, I mean, we already have trouble with, you know, funding our schools, funding our education programs. You know, how is this going to affect funding as we watch this community of children on the spectrum growing, do you have any thoughts on that?

**[00:42:43] Jo**

Well, I mean, I could get into all the ways that funds are misused in education and where they could be better, better used. Primarily they're misused when parents are sued by school districts when they request services like speech therapy for their nonverbal child. So I think that's a much bigger topic that I could speak to, regarding just the general misuse and, of funds and the mistreatment of individuals who should, under federal law, receive a free and appropriate education. Clearly, you know, inclusion is not necessarily appropriate for every child. For my child right now in his stage, he requires a level of services and interventions that cannot be provided to him. You know, the district made the attempt for several years and he was failed over and over again until it culminated in a very severe case of abuse. But I do think that, you know, the money we do have needs to be appropriately, you know, given to the students that need the help. The other thing is, you know, our kids are going to be adults someday, so if we don't invest in the students today, they're going to have, we're going to have to pay for them regardless, you know, as adults. And so that is a, you know, it's definitely a hot topic for me. But, you know, in the bigger picture, as far as Julie is concerned, I don't disagree that these stories need to be told. You know, when I wrote on my website, joashline.com, and I wrote about this, I am in full agreement that our stories need to be seen, they need to be told, but they need to be done so in a way that is appropriate for the target audience.

**[00:44:22] Jo**

And so when we talk about fecal smearing, when we talk about head banging, when we talk about elopement, those are not topics that are appropriate to show a two-year-old, nor will it do anything for the greater advocacy efforts for our kids. So, you know, when we talk, when we say words like acceptance, our kids are here. So we got to, you know, society has to accept them. So, you know, we can play semantics when it comes to words. When I think of the word acceptance and I'm thinking of preschoolers and kindergartners, my goal is, you know, Andrew's alive. He's part of your community, he's part of this society. I need you to accept that. And as little children, here's what I think is appropriate to tell you about some of the differences, some of the differences that autism may show as. And then as this generation gets older, you show you know, you show the different sides and you do it when they're ready. Because I know a lot of adults who aren't ready. Okay, so I, you know, we have, I think, a very compelling story to share, but I'm not going to expect Sesame Street to talk about full prone restraints on 50 pound epileptic children, even though that's something that my kid lived through for months and months on end and couldn't tell me about when he came home, because that's not appropriate.

**[00:45:39] Del Bigtree**

I'm running out of time. Obviously, this conversation could go on for hours and I keep, everyone keeps complaining the show should be two hours long. I want to thank all my guests, I'm sure Patrick wishes he could get another word in, but I got to move on to one other subject. I think that, you know, one of the great things is this is starting a discussion. I want to commend Sesame Street on doing what I think they believe is right. As we've all said, you know, this is age appropriate. We are just trying to get kindergartners to accept that this is around us. But for those parents out there that are thinking about vaccinating, they're looking at how they're going to feed their child and what they're going to do, I can tell you that I have been researching this and we are causing autism. Autism is, in a large part, a manmade disease. Maybe not across the board, but the environmental toxins that are loading up in these children, what we're discovering is these are children that could not detoxify. The genetic component will probably be that they were genetically susceptible to the aluminum and the mercury and the formaldehyde in vaccines. Their brains swelled because of those toxic elements. They were unable to get them out of their bodies. And therefore, now we, our children are going to grow up in a different world.

**[00:46:57] Del Bigtree**

They are going to grow up in a world of adults, as we've pointed out, that have autism. And what does that world look like? And if we could stop it, if we could affect it, if we know that science is showing that these vaccines are causing these neurological, causing neurological damage, even if it's only half the autistic kids. If we could reduce it in half. You know, when I was thinking about this topic, I thought, can you imagine if you were in, you know, in one of these diamond mining areas in Africa where they chop the children's arms off, you know, if they, you know, to mine in a diamond mine, and then all of a sudden the local, you know, cartoon, the whole story was about accepting children without arms. I mean, if we're causing the problem. Yes, we need acceptance. Yes, absolutely, there's not a single person in here, I don't think there's a single person in this country that doesn't believe we need to accept everybody, every race, every religion, every perspective, children that have been injured, children that have autism, children that have all the other autoimmune issues. But if we're causing it, we must do the work and we must spend the money to stop it. And so that's going to get me on to my last subject.

**[00:48:12] Del Bigtree**

I want to thank all of my guests, thank you for joining me. What a fascinating discussion. I think we're going to have to do this again and get in deeper or maybe I have to have a two hour version of the show. I want to move on to a headline that broke just, I think it was yesterday or the day before, and that is that Jason Chaffetz is bailing out. Jason Chaffetz is calling it quits. This is a man that I have met with now three times. For those of you that don't know the story, Dr. William Thompson, the CDC whistleblower that came forward in the fall of 2014 and said that they are committing scientific fraud at the CDC. He's a government employee, so unlike the whistleblower from the tobacco industry that could be brought into a regular courtroom, Dr. William Thompson is a government employee. That means that his testimony would be confidential of nature, and therefore, the only place he can really be bringing his testimony forward is the Congress, is in front of our own government, and Jason Chaffetz is the guy that is supposed to be subpoenaing him. He is supposed to have brought him in. I've met several times. Many other people in this movement have been trying to get Jason to do what's right and subpoena Dr. William Thompson, and the five, and the four other scientists and doctors involved directly in this fraud at the CDC.

**[00:49:40] Del Bigtree**

Since this story has come out, 12 more scientists in different departments of the CDC calling themselves Spider have come forward, and said that they are committing scientific fraud and being forced to manipulate their data and change their studies to help the industry instead of protecting the people. This is what's happening in this country. We have a crisis. We have a crisis because children are being injured and damaged by a vaccine program. The science is being store-bought by the industry, just like the tobacco industry. And I just reported two weeks ago, I met with Jason Chaffetz and I, and we had very in-depth conversations with him. And I said to everybody, I now know Jason Chaffetz is, sees and knows there's a problem. He has been investigating this. Last year when I first visited the Congress, nobody knew about this issue, and when I was there two weeks ago, every single Congressperson, even the ones that did not want to believe in it, did know who Dr. William Thompson was and were aware of this whistleblower story because of the Oversight Committee on Government Reform and Jason Chaffetz. So my question is, did Jason Chaffetz finally get to the truth? Is he finally investigated so deep, now he knows we have a government agency that has put millions of children in harm's way.

**[00:50:54] Del Bigtree**

The lawsuits that this, that bringing the story out to the public will be absolutely devastating. I know this happened. I investigated. If you want to know about it, the movie is called VAXXED. But I believe Jason Chaffetz is running for the hills. Now he doesn't want to blow up a government agency, he probably sees a future in politics, and he's bailing out, he's running out. He's even saying that he may leave office early. He's not even going to wait to not be reelected, he is going to bail out very soon. I think that's a sign that what we know is true. This is the biggest story since Watergate. No politician wants their hands anywhere near this because we have a government agency that has colluded with the pharmaceutical industry and it has destroyed countless lives. That's what Senator Richard Pan overrode when he pushed SB 277 forward. On the line I have someone that has been in these meetings with me, helped set them up. Tami Canal, who who's done a lot of work with her group, March Against Monsanto, a totally different issue, but you're a constituent of Jason Chaffetz. You live in Utah, and I'm curious, what are your thoughts? And we only have about four minutes, so I'm just curious, what do you think about, is Jason Chaffetz running away? Has he seen the monster and is afraid?

**[00:52:15] Tami Canal**

Hi, Del. Yeah, I do think that he's running away. I also think that he never intended to subpoena the whistleblower. I know I've had conversations with you before about this when we first spoke on the phone last April. He told me directly that, do not expect a subpoena for Dr. William Thompson, that is a direct quote from Jason Chaffetz. The rumblings here in Utah, sorry if I'm talking fast, I know we're running out of time. The rumblings here in Utah are that he does intend to make a governor run in 2020. So I truly believe that he got to the bottom of, as you called it, the biggest medical whistleblower event in history, and I think he wants to lay low, let the pieces fall where they may, jump ship without doing the right thing. Once the dust settles, he's going to pop back in the scene and make a run for governor. With all of the pharmaceutical campaign contributions, I'm sure.

**[00:53:07] Del Bigtree**

Wow. You know, and governors always is a good road into the Presidency. I mean, I, you know, I've said, and maybe you have more thoughts on this, but I think Jason Chaffetz, he's a good looking guy, he's well-spoken. I've enjoyed my meetings with him. Do you think it would be hard to mount a run for the Presidency in the future if you blew up a government agency like the CDC because you did your job and got to the truth? Do you think that that's what this is about?

**[00:53:35] Tami Canal**

I mean, I do, but I also think that he knows that he can't bring down the pharmaceutical industry because they'll bury him. That will be the end of his political career, and he knows that.

**[00:53:46] Del Bigtree**

Right, because the lobbying, the funding, I mean, how many of these politicians in our government now are in, they have that job because they've taken pharmaceutical money, they owe a pound of flesh that they are indebted to this industry. This is just, it's a really shocking turn of events. And at first I was really angry about it, especially because I felt like we were making headway. We were starting to discuss other issues like the Vaccine Injury Compensation Act and and ways we could modify that. But I mean, I think the fact that not only is he not going to run for reelection, the fact that he's giving signals that he's actually going to jump off of the committee early and bail out early, this is someone who has seen something, and he's seen the truth, and it's unfortunate that he doesn't have the strength to stand up and do what's right and protect children and let the world see what Dr. William Thompson has to say. Let the world find out about Dr. Julie Gerberding, who is running the CDC at the time. The internal emails from Dr. William Thompson, telling her I'm not going to lie on this study. We are seeing dramatic increases of autism, specifically in this case in African-American children. I will not lie. And so instead of Julie Gerberding doing her job and saying, let's tell the public, or saying let's fix this vaccine, instead, she just talked Dr. William Thompson out of his speaking engagements.

**[00:55:13] Del Bigtree**

When they presented this to the world, they shut him upm they silenced him. And then she went on to receive a multi-million dollar job at Merck, the makers of the MMR vaccine which was the center of this study. That revolving door is only one of the massive conflicts of interest that are going on on this issue. There's been a fairly vaccine heavy discussion today, autism. It's uncomfortable for all of us, but this is our future, this is what's going on. This is who we are as the United States of America. Autism, I believe, is going to bankrupt this nation. It's going to bankrupt our schools, it's going to, we cannot afford this increase. And when you see headlines that say, yay, we're vaccinating more kids in the face of science now saying vaccines are definitely causing autism. And the fact that no one in the scientific bodies can tell us how many kids are going to get autism or how many kids are going to be killed by vaccines. Yes, they will be killed this year by vaccines. We've no liability in the pharmaceutical industry. Why would they make a better product if they can't be sued? This issue goes on and on.

**[00:56:23] Del Bigtree**

And I listed for you many scientists that are getting to the bottom of this. You're going to hear more about it. And you know what science they keep pointing to on their side? They point to studies done by who? Dr. William Thompson, who's now a whistleblower. That's the big study that said vaccines don't cause autism. He's now telling us that study is a fraud. So if you have to get away from Dr. William Thompson and the 2 or 3 studies he's done, then you have to go to Paul Thorson, a man who is on the FBI most wanted list. This guy headed other studies on thimerosal, and he's hiding somewhere in Denmark. You have criminals and you have whistleblowers that the AMA and the pediatric association stand behind as their proof, and I've got dozens and dozens of scientists that are doing studies all over the world saying vaccines are causing neurological disease, autoimmune disease. This is not the future of America. Yes, we need to accept these children as they are, and we have to accept them, but we have to stop this now. This community cannot continue to grow or it's the end of the United States of America. Thank you for joining us. We'll see you next week.

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