[00:00:05] 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 to step out onto The HighWire. Now, I don't know about you, but I think most of us around the world, especially speaking for myself, man, music has been such an important part in my life, especially rock and roll. You know those moments where you just felt like you were all alone, those lonely moments, but you always had music to go to and sit there and, you know, think about your thoughts and what's going on, your emotions, whether it was a breakup or something going on, or maybe just the teacher was being a total jerk that day. You always had another brick in the wall or something you could listen to that just said, you know what? I'm not all alone, man. Rock and roll knows the world is crazy too. In fact, I took that to another level, I got to do my own performing. I did some singing in bands. In fact, I got to even tour with my wife's band, the Lee Nester Band, and in one highlight moment we opened for the Goo Goo Dolls back in the day. So music has always been a part of my life and it's always been there, no matter how crazy the world was, it just made me feel like everything's going to be alright until this happened.
Well, concerts are back.

Reopening with a bang.

Some event organizers are finding new creative ways to ensure the show can go on safely.

Prepping for Lolla 2021 meant a lot more than just picking out your festival outfit. In order to get in, you have to bring either proof of vaccination or a negative Covid test.

Bruce Springsteen will return to Broadway as the first show to open since March last year, but on one condition. Attendees will be required to show proof of COVID vaccination.

Harry Styles asking his fans to mask up and show proof of vaccination.

The Jonas Brothers, they are now the latest artist to require you to bring your proof of vaccination card to their upcoming concerts.

Maroon 5 says it’s going to require proof of COVID vaccination to attend concerts.

Thousands of fans packed the iconic Madison Square Garden arena in New York City, but before anyone could get in to see the Foo Fighters, they were asked to show proof of vaccination.

When it comes to my band and my crew, we want to make it as safe of a place as possible.

But not everyone is happy the Foo Fighters are holding a concert for only vaccinated fans.

To hold a concert that is for vaccinated people only is segregation, and to limit a concert venue to one group of people is horrendous.

This delusional, evil idea that you get to do whatever you want and the rest of the world be damned, it's really terrible. You got to identify those people and bring them out into the open so you know who they are. If you're willing to walk among us unvaccinated, you are an enemy.

I beg you and implore you to go and get jabbed if you're not already, because you need the help. I despair seeing these people protesting against the vaccine, protesting against their rights being violated because they might have to wear a mask. Jesus Christ guys.

This morning, Spotify's most popular podcaster, Joe Rogan, famously known for questioning vaccine safety, may have caused the streaming platform a rock icon. Neil Young, “I am doing this because Spotify is spreading fake information about vaccines.”

People were distressed by the fact that Spotify was doing this misinformation, purposely is saying this stuff that he knows isn’t true about COVID. I just called up my management and said, we’re out of there.

That is such integrity.

The singer-songwriter Joni Mitchell has said she will remove her music from the streaming service Spotify in a row about coronavirus misinformation on a podcast, which she said she stood in solidarity with Neil Young and warned lies were costing people their lives.

Vaccine, vaccine, vaccine, vaccine. I'm begging of you, please don't hesitate.
Now, COVID definitely had its casualties, but probably one of the biggest casualties was rock and roll itself. It really felt like that was the day that music died, certainly in America and around the world, as some of our leading rebels, rock ‘n roll rebels, all kowtowed to the system and the machine, demanded that anyone that came around them be forcibly vaccinated or don't come and see me sing. Certainly stick with whatever the government’s telling you to do, doesn't matter how untested it is. It was a truly dark time, I think in art, especially music, especially when we think of rock ‘n roll being that rebellious spirit, that independent spirit. But as all things happen, out of that, those ashes, is rising a phoenix in an incredible new band of guys that just said, alright, screw it. If we can't be in the bands we were originally in, and can't perform the way we always dreamed, let's start our own band. That band is called The Defiant, and they join me right now. Dicky Barrett, Mighty Mighty Bosstones. We've got Pete Parada from The Offspring, Greg Camp from Smash Mouth, Johnny Rioux from Street Dogs, and Joey LaRocca from the Briggs. It's really an honor. I know for a fact there's never been this much rock and roll royalty sitting at this desk, probably will never reach this level again, so I want to thank you so much for joining us today.

Pete Parada, former drummer for The Offspring (2007-2021)
Thank you for having me.

Dicky Barrett, former lead singer, The Mighty Mighty Bosstones
Thank you.

Joey LaRocca, lead singer & guitarist
Thanks for having us.

Dicky, you know, you came on our show after you'd sort of been unceremoniously released from your late night talk show gig, Jimmy Kimmel, and then Mighty Mighty Bosstones didn't want to sing with you if you weren't going to get vaccinated. So how did this all come together?

Dicky Barrett, former lead singer, The Mighty Mighty Bosstones
Well, I knew some people. I've been making music for a long time, and I didn't want to stop making music. That's what I loved, that's all I really knew. And so I got in touch with some people. I got in touch with Greg here, a longtime and dear friend, and said, hey, what are you doing, buddy? And he said, well, let's try to write songs together. And then we incorporated Pete, and then we incorporated Joey, and then we incorporated Johnny. And the songs started to get really good, and we said we might have something here. And if nothing else, we love being around each other and we love making this music so we persevered and pursued it. And then we've now got an album coming out October 27th, to make a short story longer. That's the whole, that's the nuts and bolts of the whole thing.

So Pete, I mean, your story is somewhat similar. You were, your band, Offspring, they were up and running, still out touring. What went down there?

Pete Parada, former drummer for The Offspring (2007-2021)
Yeah, I mean, in the summer of 2021, the whole music industry was trying to kind of figure out how to unring the bell of, you know, we've told everyone to stay home, don't come out to shows, no one don't go out anywhere, everyone was bombarded with fear for over a year. And then it was like, well, now we'd like people to start paying for tickets and t-shirts and coming back out again, and I think the industry as a whole came up with the solution was the fully vaccinated tour. Right. Well, we'll make sure everyone in the bands and crews are vaccinated, and that way we don't look like bad guys for going out and asking people to congregate again but we need to coax people back out of their houses and try to get back to normal. And so when I saw that coming, I kind of knew it was going to be an issue, and it hit a head for me pretty quickly to where, you know, my band's manager kind of came at me really aggressively and just got a crazy phone call out of nowhere where it was very abusive and threatening, and he made it very clear to me that I was to get the shot or I would be replaced, in no uncertain terms. And, you know, I tried to talk to the band about it, but they backed him up. And so overnight I was gone, just kind of erased.

How long had you been with the band?

Pete Parada, former drummer for The Offspring (2007-2021)
14 years at that point, so. And then I found out I was replaced from my Southwest app when my flight to rehearsal was canceled, and then my access to the work calendar was revoked and then I was just gone, and that was it. You know, overnight over this one issue. I mean, 14 years, I never missed a day of work, a rehearsal or a video shoot or a concert and that was my priority for.

Now was the concern in that, I mean, what was the concern that was voiced? Was it your effect that you would be dangerous to the band, or just it was how it would be represented to the world?
[00:09:21] Pete Parada, former drummer for The Offspring (2007-2021)
I think that they wanted to be able to, like everybody else, to say, well, we have a fully vaccinated tour. And my point was that, you know, not everybody needs to do this, there should be nuance here, there should be exemptions for people who've had a history of bad reactions like I had. And it didn't matter. You know, as much as a lot of people in the industry said, well, we've all, everyone's got to do this to protect the people that can't, if you are one of the people that couldn't, it was so like, well, no, we're not talking about you, we're talking about the nameless, faceless people that we just want to be the good guys here. And I think that was the thing. Everyone just wanted to look like the good guys and wanted, no one wanted to take any grief or any trouble for having someone who was not going to get on board with it. And, you know, that's how it was. It wasn't just my band, this was industry wide, everyone was getting leaned on from band members to crew members. You know, it was interesting that most artists did not mandate it on their audiences, though, because, mandating it on your crew and your band, good for business, mandating it on your audience, bad for business. So and then that didn't make sense. Like if you've got you're on the one side of the curtain everyone is supposedly fully vaccinated, but everybody in the audience doesn't have to be, then what's the point of any of it?

[00:10:39] Dicky Barrett, former lead singer, The Mighty Mighty Bosstones
It was truly crazy. We were playing festivals and stuff where they'd say, well, backstage everybody's going to be social distancing, required to wear a mask, we're going to check, COVID test before you get in there, there's this protocol was insane, and then you'd hit the stage. I remember we played Riot Fest in Chicago, and then we hit the stage and everybody in the audience was on top of each other and your brain can't help going, well, these people don't matter, but what's going on backstage is a whole different thing. So that thinking to me was, right there, the hypocrisy right there....

[00:11:13] Del Bigtree
This was the rock and roll version of sit in the restaurant, you can take your mask off, stand and it better be on or we're all going to die.

[00:11:20] Pete Parada, former drummer for The Offspring (2007-2021)
Yeah, it wasn't about protecting people in any way. It was about protecting profits and getting the money machine rolling again. And, you know, that's just kind of how it shook out.

[00:11:28] Johnny Rioux, former bassist, Street Dogs
Posturing.

[00:11:28] Del Bigtree
Now, Greg, for you, Smash Mouth....

[00:11:31] Dicky Barrett, former lead singer, The Mighty Mighty Bosstones
Greg won't say this, but it's important to point out. He wrote the biggest, the most popular Smash Mouth songs.

[00:11:38] Del Bigtree
Alright.

[00:11:38] Dicky Barrett, former lead singer, The Mighty Mighty Bosstones
The ones that your kids to this day still hum along to, Greg penned those.

[00:11:44] Del Bigtree
And do all you guys have kids? Is that, you know?

[00:11:47] Dicky Barrett, former lead singer, The Mighty Mighty Bosstones
Yes.

[00:11:48] Del Bigtree
Alright. So, Joey, how old are your kids?

[00:11:51] Joey LaRocca, lead singer & guitarist
13 and eight.

[00:11:53] Del Bigtree
Now, when it comes to this issue, was this all sort of new to you? Was it just COVID that sort of stepped over the line?

[00:12:02] Joey LaRocca, lead singer & guitarist
No, not necessarily. I mean, it was always something philosophically that we just really were very cautious about. You know, in terms of that. And that's, Greg and I were, our families are very tight. We were very close family friends and we've shared a lot of similar views. And just in terms of, you know, autonomy and things like that, and medical autonomy and things. So that was, that was definitely how. But you know, we sort of found, we kind of found each other in that, in sort of, we didn't necessarily find each other in that, but in terms of the band in itself, I feel like we all kind of started to figure out where everyone kind of lied on these things, so.

[00:12:46] Del Bigtree
And Greg, you even were involved in SB277 a little bit, right? Yeah.
[00:12:49] Greg Camp, former guitarist & co-founder, Smash Mouth
Yeah, my wife, you know, was an educator and a protester and marching and all that. And, you know, Joey and my family marched in, was it Santa Monica? And stopping at the park on the way to the building, but yeah, she was very involved in that.

[00:13:08] Del Bigtree
So SB 277 for anyone out there that's not aware, because it's now some distance that we sort of get used to it, those of us that have been thinking about this for some time, but that's actually sort of where I jumped in right at, you know, right around 2015, 2016 is when I started working on this documentary, VAXXED. And right at that same time, SB 277 was in play. In fact, what was crazy for me is I remember I was working at CBS on a daytime talk show, The Doctors, and I actually got a phone call from our executives that said, come over to the stage right away, we're taping a piece that we're going to stick in your show that's going live tomorrow, it's like a pre-taped show. And so I ran over and was sitting backstage, watching all the monitors, just going to quickly do a paper edit because it had to be cut so fast, and out walks Senator Richard Pan selling this brand new law idea he's got, SB 277. So that was literally the moment I was introduced to it was when he was presenting it to the world on our show. And I just remember I wasn't vaccinating my one child at that moment. I wasn't vaccinated as a kid. So for me it was like, that's like, I'm going to be like last of the Mohicans here. Like he wants to make it illegal to raise your kids the way I was raised. But it was really scary. It was really scary the things that he was saying, just amazing this idea that you would forcibly inject children, and now they're going to have no choice. And so how many of you guys like were already looking at this issue prior to COVID. Did any of you just wake up to it during COVID? You.

[00:14:42] Johnny Rioux, former bassist, Street Dogs
I pretty much did. I mean, I kind of, I still just know that, I just know that I don't trust big pharma or the government. I've had my own sort of past with that in terms of I had some addiction issues that were brought on by what the doctors were giving me, and it had a terrible effect on my family life and this and that. And so I knew that I didn't trust Big Pharma and and I knew that, and I could see that the way it was reporting and the way it was unfolding during COVID, I could see sort of the hypocrisy, you know, and the, and just the what, like I just, there were so many things that weren't adding up, but you could see how people were just being sort of brainwashed in the issue, you know what I mean? And honestly, my friendship with with Dicky, we had a sort of text thread that went across, you know, it wasn't about this, issues with other sort of Boston musicians. And through that, like, it started out with little comments here and there about what was happening and I think just sort of along the way I've really educated myself a little bit more on the topic, but it's really just no further for me than I don't really trust the government and I don't really trust big Pharma, that's so a good starting point, you know.

[00:16:08] Del Bigtree
Seemed like kind of a central theme of all rock and roll, I thought.

[00:16:12] Johnny Rioux, former bassist, Street Dogs
Yeah, yeah.

[00:16:13] Del Bigtree
Certainly any sort of movement towards punk, you would think that that would be the case.

[00:16:16] Dicky Barrett, former lead singer, The Mighty Mighty Bosstones
There's nobody punk than Johnny.

[00:16:20] Del Bigtree
I mean, have you? I honestly have sat and tried to figure out a reason why rock and roll went so hard. Why this? Is it just money? Is it just, we just want to get paid?

[00:16:33] Pete Parada, former drummer for The Offspring (2007-2021)
I think it was, when you take everyone's income source away for over a year, you know, I mean, musicians are used to being on the road a lot. And you go through your cycle, you make your record, you're out on the road and everything kind of overlaps, different artists, but everyone came off the road at once, and then everyone wanted to get back on the road at once. And I think when you've been out of a paycheck for a year like that, and this is the thing that's going to get you back to work, that was the carrot that was dangled. And, you know, when certain artists came out and started playing shows that were only for vaccinated or you had to show your card to get in, that set a precedent. You know, when some really large artists did that then everybody else was like, well, they did that so now we all have to do that. And that made it hard on everybody.

[00:17:15] Dicky Barrett, former lead singer, The Mighty Mighty Bosstones
There was a lot of, like, come on, don't you just want a tour? Let's, come on, let's get back on the road. And I.

[00:17:21] Pete Parada, former drummer for The Offspring (2007-2021)
Are you going to be that guy?

[00:17:23] Del Bigtree
Was it just like, let's just make this, even if it's a sacrifice we've got to do it for, people, do it for the music.

[00:17:27] Dicky Barrett, former lead singer, The Mighty Mighty Bosstones
C'mon. You're being selfish.
Johnny Rioux, former bassist, Street Dogs
And then that's how they would write you off too. They would say, this is how they've decided we're all going to get back to work. And after all, we're rock and roll or punk rock, so, you know, you've done sketchy things like you've gone to the bathroom at CBGB's, what's a little shot? Or, you drank at 9:00 in the morning, what's a little shot of this?

Del Bigtree
Is it really going to be that big a difference?

Johnny Rioux, former bassist, Street Dogs
We got it, or this is how we're all getting back to work and if you even suggested something else, then you were against your friends going back to work. You know, it's how it was sort of phrased. You're, like, I have a family to feed, how come you're against me going to work? It's like, no.

Dicky Barrett, former lead singer, The Mighty Mighty Bosstones
In fairness to the Bosstones, they didn't really have an issue. I told them early on that there's going to be a time when, in order for us to play shows and in order for us to go on the road or fly or do anything, that we're all going to have to get vaccine, this shot, and I'm not going to do it, and I'm not going to tell our fans to do it, and so there wasn't much objection to that. And at the beginning they were like, oh, you're crazy, that's never going to happen. And then as it's happening, they're going, eh, it made people in the band, and there's a lot of Bosstones, uncomfortable, but no one said I had to do that. The problem they had was when I started getting involved with Bobby Kennedy, and he asked me to write that song. So that made, they didn't really, you know, the mainstream media was saying things about him that weren't necessarily true, and they didn't really have the proper information, but that made them super nervous, some of them.

Del Bigtree
You came on my show, I mean you started catching some visibility around the issue, which I suppose had been one thing if you could have just kept your freakin' mouth shut.

Dicky Barrett, former lead singer, The Mighty Mighty Bosstones
I know, but I couldn't do, I couldn't do that. And I told you at the time, I couldn't, you know, I couldn't be quiet, I couldn't signal, I don't know what, like let people think one way or the other. I had to say, I'm not into this, I'm not doing it. So. But you do you. I wasn't telling them anybody what to do. But this is my decision and I wouldn't pretend. I wouldn't get a fake card, I wouldn't like, you know, hide in the shadows. So because I didn't want anybody's choices based on my choice. I wanted their choices to be thought out and based on their own sort of. Which is what I did.

Del Bigtree
Who was it for you guys? I mean, as you sat there and, you know, obviously, for us, it just, people that watch rock and roll, you're all like these superstars. Was there one superstar that sort of just turned on and went and went for the vaccine that really hit you like, oh my God, that's it, this is over. They're going to go, like, I can't believe that person turned. Is there like one guy or one band or?

Dicky Barrett, former lead singer, The Mighty Mighty Bosstones
I can't point to one person and maybe, maybe these guys could, but the whole genre, like for me, I thought we were in training for these days. I thought punk rock was like, someday, you know, maybe not right, you know, maybe we're very comfortable right now and everything, but when the shit hits the fan, let's go punks. And I said that and then I looked back and everyone was like, you go. You go, tell us what it's like. Just, just me? And then luckily, I found these guys but

Del Bigtree
When you think about punk, right, it's always the anti-establishment, certainly has an anti-government spin on it. Like, like, you know, I wouldn't put anarchy on it, but it certainly is a resonating theme. But you would imagine that of all the people, the punkers would, we're going to know when the government has stepped over the line and we'll be the ones and clearly.

Joey LaRocca, lead singer & guitarist
At least question authority, anyways.

Dicky Barrett, former lead singer, The Mighty Mighty Bosstones
I named an album Question the Answers.

Del Bigtree
Right, right.

Dicky Barrett, former lead singer, The Mighty Mighty Bosstones
And I was like, and it was questioning the answers, questioning and everyone was like, okay, let's, they're giving us the answer.

Johnny Rioux, former bassist, Street Dogs
...you did your own research.
[00:21:15] Del Bigtree
Right. Right. Dr. Google. And it was an amazing time. It was amazing to me that we just lived through something that was basically, trust the experts, do no research, you're smart. Do your own research, do your own reading, and you're an idiot, right? I mean, like we've never seen. We were all, I mean, our generation at least, and I guess I'm probably a little bit older than some of you but, either way, in school, it was like ask, there's no such thing as a dumb question. Ask questions. And suddenly we live in this time like, don't ask any questions at all or you're an idiot.

[00:21:47] Dicky Barrett, former lead singer, The Mighty Mighty Bosstones
It went from read a book to don't read a book.

[00:21:50] Pete Parada, former drummer for The Offspring (2007-2021)
Not just an idiot, but you're dangerous.

[00:21:52] Del Bigtree
Dangerous, right

[00:21:52] Pete Parada, former drummer for The Offspring (2007-2021)
Yeah. And that to me, that was that was kind of terrifying because, you know, if you say, well, you can't question that or we can't talk about that or we're not going to ask questions here, then my my interest is piqued because it's like, well why not? Like why is that off limits and why should anything be off limits, especially with such an unprecedented time that we are all living through, to pigeonhole everybody onto this one path and that's it, that's your only option here. Don't question anything, don't ask, don't talk about it. That was really a giant red flag for me.

[00:22:24] Johnny Rioux, former bassist, Street Dogs
The idea that these mandates were targeting children as well was what was, for me, that was the part where I was like, I can't believe there's so many people that are quiet on this issue, and they're making children participate in this, too. It just, there was never any of the data or evidence to suggest that it was even a remotely a good idea, but we just kind of all went along with it and putting our children at risk the way that we did.

[00:22:50] Pete Parada, former drummer for The Offspring (2007-2021)
And people moved into self-censorship too, like when my situation deteriorated and I put a statement out of like, here's why I'm not in the band anymore, here's what's going on for me, I heard from people all around the world overnight like, oh my God, thank you for saying something. I feel the same way. I thought I was the only one. And I realized, like, we've been bombarded with this message and this propaganda of, you are the only one that feels this way, you're the outlier here. You're the only one who has questions. You're, and it was very shaming, and it kind of cowed a lot of people into themselves of like, well, I don't want to lose anything socially or I don't want to lose anything in my workplace. And I think the more people that spoke out, it really kind of gave everybody else more of a voice to to have room here. And, you know, I heard from plenty of people in the industry and actors and things, people wrote to me privately going, hey, thanks for saying something. I wish I could, but I don't want it to cost me anything. And my answer was like, well, it's going to cost you now, or it can cost you later. You know, for me, I've got two daughters and I'm like, what kind of world do I want to leave for them? I want to show them that you either fight to keep the rights you have, it's so much easier to do that than to try to get them back once they've been taken away. And yeah, so for me, it was really alarming to find out how many people felt that way but had been kind of shamed into silence.

[00:24:12] Del Bigtree
Well, I was going to ask you, I mean, even though all these bands went along with it, was there a decent percentage that were like, clear, I like, I'm not down either, but I'm just going to do it? Or did you feel like everyone kind of just bought in?

[00:24:25] Johnny Rioux, former bassist, Street Dogs
Yeah, everyone just bought in.

[00:24:27] Del Bigtree
Really?

[00:24:27] Johnny Rioux, former bassist, Street Dogs
I think.

[00:24:29] Dicky Barrett, former lead singer, The Mighty Mighty Bosstones
I think there's a decent amount of people in the shadows and still, like go for it, Dicky, but we can't. We don't. They don't want to upset that apple cart, and it's, have fun.

[00:24:42] Pete Parada, former drummer for The Offspring (2007-2021)
I heard from plenty of bands the first couple months after I was replaced that we're on the same festivals as my former band, and they were writing to me going, why aren't you here? Like, we're not vaccinated, we're on the same show. Like there's no reason for you to not be here. And I said, well I know that, and you know that.

[00:24:58] Del Bigtree
Wow, so other bands had made other decisions like we're just going to fake it. Well, you know.
Pete Parada, former drummer for The Offspring (2007-2021)
Plenty of people working on fake cards and whatever to keep things going but same as Dicky. For me, I didn't want to do that because then I've lost my voice. Now I'm in the shadows, now I can't show my kids how to stand up for themselves.

Del Bigtree
Yeah, I mean, I think that that's one of the things, like people would come up to me, you know, how do you get a fake vaccine card, and I'm not going to judge people. I just think that's what they want you to do. Like, you know, getting vaccinated and having a card or having a fake card does the same thing for the government, which is you are not standing in your truth, you're compromising yourself, and that's all that really matters here. Joey, you were in L.A. through all of this. I mean, you were really, you know, in the epicenter of the insanity. How hard was it to find community?

Joey LaRocca, lead singer & guitarist
Well, Greg was still in LA at the time, too, so we had each other, and our families were, we kind of had each other. So that was. And remember, we were sitting in his backyard and we were sitting there.

Greg Camp, former guitarist & co-founder, Smash Mouth
Six feet apart.

Joey LaRocca, lead singer & guitarist
Yeah. A couple of months in it and just going like, what is going on, what is happening. And I remember even thinking at that particular time going like, a couple months, everyone, this is going to blow over, like this will be, you know, this is, just everyone's got this hype going on and this stuff and that. Like everyone, we have a short attention span as a society, this will be over, and they just kept going and we're like, what is happening.

Greg Camp, former guitarist & co-founder, Smash Mouth
I was in the front yard homeschooling our kids and you see this couple jogging down the street with a mask and rubber gloves on, and we're like, we got to get out of here.

Del Bigtree
I can't have my kids seeing that, like, I don't even want to answer what's happening there.

Dicky Barrett, former lead singer, The Mighty Mighty Bosstones
At some point they had to go, are we really going to have to hang out with Dicky?

Del Bigtree
Where'd you move, Greg, when you took off?

Greg Camp, former guitarist & co-founder, Smash Mouth
Well, we got an RV and we went up to Idaho and Montana and sort of like zigzagged across the country. Ended up in Georgia for a few months, went to Tennessee, Nashville for a few months, back to LA, and that's when you go, man, once you see everywhere else and see how some people live and then you go back to Los Angeles, sorry, Los Angeles, you know, we're out of there. So we ended up in Nashville.

Del Bigtree
Alright, cool. Yeah. Nashville. It is true, when you go back to LA in the middle of that, it was like, it was truly dystopian. I mean, here's, as long as you avoided the Whole Foods, you didn't really know there was anything going on, that's where they kinda went like mask Nazi crazy. But I remember I went into Los Feliz, I was back there, and I remember just driving up the road and I just saw all these people like standing like in these perfect six feet apart lines outside of every store, like five people here, five people there, like Green Acres. I was like, what? I couldn't figure out what was going on. Like, how are they so perfectly, it didn't happen here. And then I got out to walk around and I saw the little stickers, and they were only allowing like two people into a store at a time or something, and everyone's standing on their sticker. I was like, oh my God, this is absolutely insane.

Greg Camp, former guitarist & co-founder, Smash Mouth
You still see them on the sidewalk.

Del Bigtree
They're still there. I think they should be probably just like etched into stone and like marbleized so that we never forget how far this insanity. Well, let's, you know. So obviously you all found each other, you got through this. What is it like now to actually, having come through these sort of dark times we've been playing music again with each other, what's that experience like?

Dicky Barrett, former lead singer, The Mighty Mighty Bosstones
Awesome.

Dicky Barrett, former lead singer, The Mighty Mighty Bosstones
It's exciting. It's fun. I mean, I can't believe I've got a band of such talented people that are willing to play with me and the product, the music sounds great. It's fun to be on stage with guys that think the way you do. And speaking for myself, but go ahead.
[00:28:42] Pete Parada, former drummer for The Offspring (2007-2021)
Well, it's nice to be in a situation where you can be yourself and you can speak your mind. You know, we don't agree on every issue and we shouldn't. Like I think that's, as a society, we've moved to a place where if you disagree with somebody on one thing, you have to cut them out of your life. And I'm like, when in the history of the world has anyone ever done that and how boring, to just be surrounded by an echo chamber of people repeating talking points, like that sounds excruciating.

[00:29:05] Greg Camp, former guitarist & co-founder, Smash Mouth
So not all of our wives have been together yet, but the ones that have, I'm like, oh, I'm just seeing the future. Like how amazingly explosive that's going to be when they get together.

[00:29:15] Dicky Barrett, former lead singer, The Mighty Mighty Bosstones
Your classic catch phrase, find your people. You know.

[00:29:20] Del Bigtree
How long have you been recording now with each other? How long you've been writing together on for this album?

[00:29:23] Pete Parada, former drummer for The Offspring (2007-2021)
About a year and a half. I mean, it came together. I mean, once Dicky started kind of calling around and putting us together and we started kicking song ideas around, you know, that was about spring of '22. And I would say by late summer we were pretty deep into recording for the album. Like we, it moved really fast because it was exciting, like the way the songs were coming out. I think it certainly, for me, reinvigorated my creative spirit that I think had been diminished. And I, you know, when my situation went down, I thought I was done, I would never play again. Like, you know, you're just you're going to be blacklisted from the industry, you're not going to be allowed to work. And then you have to realize, no, you don't need somebody's permission to create, you don't need someone's permission to be an artist, and when did we set into that mindset? So it was very grateful to get the call from Dicky and to be able to meet all these guys and to start crafting this thing that we all feel really good about.

[00:30:16] Del Bigtree
So when does the album come out?

[00:30:17] Dicky Barrett, former lead singer, The Mighty Mighty Bosstones
The album is coming out tomorrow. Del, thank you for asking me.

[00:30:20] Del Bigtree
October 27th, so a year and a half in the making, and is there like a title track or something that, you know, you're.

[00:30:29] Dicky Barrett, former lead singer, The Mighty Mighty Bosstones
We've released two songs.

[00:30:30] Del Bigtree
You know what, I mean I remember, like my wife was in music and I remember like trying to figure out like which is that like radio hit or something. It's like one of the biggest arguments you ever have in a band, no one can really come, you know.

[00:30:41] Johnny Rioux, former bassist, Street Dogs
Like it doesn't feel like a record or a project that was written for unvaccinated people that think the way, you know, like it really feels like a very universal, like in, there are times where I'll hear these songs, where I know where Dicky was coming from when he wrote it, but I'm like, I'm thinking about an interpersonal relationship that I. And to me, that's the metric of a good song anyway, but that it it transcends all of that. So our hope is that it was born out of this weird thing, but it's going to be this unifying thing, not just for people that think the way we do, but for, you know, the same way any of our other musical projects.

Yeah but the overall message of the band, I think, is unifying, it's just bringing people together. Like, that's what it's about, we're tired of being divided, we're tired of watching society be split into two and people forced to take a side and, you know, brother turning on brother kind of thing. So the overall message to me really is about bringing people together and getting us back to a hopeful place where, you know, I think we lost a lot of community in our hearts over the last few years and we're just trying to be a kind of band that can bring people back to that, like back to community and, you know, loving your neighbor again and having friends again and having different points of view and that's okay, like, that's how it should be.

[00:32:00] Del Bigtree
Fun again. I mean, honestly, that's one of the things like going to LA, I still am like, you guys aren't having any fun here. You're all like taking everything really seriously.

[00:32:09] Dicky Barrett, former lead singer, The Mighty Mighty Bosstones
I think that's so well put because it's exactly what we're having, and when I was here, you know, last time I was, what am I going to do? I'm down in the dumps, what's going to happen next, you know. And through these guys and I'm near tears listening to the things they're saying because it's, you know, it's sort of unspoken, we just became these, became brothers through all of this, through both the creative part of it and through what we were going through. And plus we're all dads and that kind of thing and just to hear him speak right now. I might be too emotional to get up on that stage. The things that I've said have honestly been pretty, pretty sweet.
Rumor has it that tomorrow you may be inducted into the Punk Rock Hall of Fame, is that they didn't, they didn't take that away from you?

Johnny Rioux, former bassist, Street Dogs

I don't think they're inducting me into it, but I think, you know, they can't take that away from me. But I will, I will be at the Punk Rock Museum, I believe tomorrow and giving tours. It's something that old punk rockers like myself are invited to do. I think that the guy from the Stray Cats was there last month, and it's a bit of an honor, and it's nice of them to ask me and we'll see. We hate you, get out of this museum. You're too punk.

Del Bigtree

Through all this, through all this, like being rockers, having kids, it always seems like, like a total juxtaposition, right? You got to create this really safe, comfortable environment for your kids, and then you're out there, you know, rocking it out. What is it like, like having them watch you go through this, and how much are your kids in your thoughts as you struggle to get through it and then get to playing music again, how much does it affect you?

Johnny Rioux, former bassist, Street Dogs

I mean, the the kids really just want us, I don't know, I'm sure it's the same with these guys, but I know that each month that goes by without playing music, they're like, dad, you got to get out there on the road, you got to start playing again, man. It's starting to crack a little bit.

Del Bigtree

My kids were were excited like, oh, you going to go see Del, oh, tell them we said hi.

Del Bigtree

That's cool.

Johnny Rioux, former bassist, Street Dogs

And so they like I like that their heroes are like you and Bobby Kennedy. He's like, os Bobby going to be there? I'm like, Bobby's not going to be there.

Del Bigtree

Yeah, good heroes to have.

Johnny Rioux, former bassist, Street Dogs

Thank you.

Del Bigtree

Yeah, indeed.

Pete Parada, former drummer for The Offspring (2007-2021)

I think for me for speaking out the reason that I decided to was my kids, like that was it. You know, I had a friend of mine a few months back say, yeah, but did you make any difference really? And I kind of looked at him, I was like, well, that's not the point. I wasn't trying to change the world. I had an audience of two, and if I can't show them how to stand up for themselves, if there's no opportunity, there's no job, there's no situation, financial, whatever that's worth giving up your sovereignty, your bodily autonomy. Like when your kids are teenagers, they stop listening to you, but they're watching and they watch your actions and the only way you can get through to them is by showing them something. So it's like, you know, watch dad set himself on fire, see how this goes. But this is how important this issue is. And, you know, not just around the vaccine mandates and stuff, but you should always be protecting yourself and what you really believe in and don't sacrifice that for anything. To me, that was the whole point.

Johnny Rioux, former bassist, Street Dogs

Sometimes you don't hear about it until ten years later, but when you're making the right decisions in front of your kids, like, like it's sometimes it feels like they're not even listening but then ten years will go by and...

Pete Parada, former drummer for The Offspring (2007-2021)

They're watching that thing.

Del Bigtree

I feel the same thing. I just want my kids to believe in themselves and know that your truth can never be compromised. And if you stand in that, it always works out. Sure, there's pain, there's. You know, I keep thinking like things that we've lost. Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me. That's what I was raised with. It's literally the opposite now. Now it's like words are deadly, they need to be censored. You know? They can crush people and I just, we've sort of lost our, our strength as a species or at least as a culture here in America. And I just think, in rock and roll, in the middle of this rock and roll represented that the most, like the rebellious spirit is dead. It's like, we're just no, we're as compliant as everybody else.

Johnny Rioux, former bassist, Street Dogs

I grew up thinking this was the greatest country on earth, even with all its problems, you know, and that today is a, you know, something to frown like you get looked at like, what are you, some kind of, you know. I can't say I love America, what's the matter? Like.
I know. I think that's changing, though. And I think there's a lot of hope. I think that there's a lot of silence. When I look at just the COVID vaccine, 30% of this country rejected it completely, at least. I mean, if we were going, you just go by the numbers CDC says. That means quietly, a third, basically, of this nation said, no way. Even though we didn't know each other were here, we weren't able to communicate with each other, with the most oppressive propaganda that has ever hit, $10 billion I think they spent, US government spent on, you know, having a 24-hour news feed telling us we're all going to die if we didn't get the vaccine. I just think about that 30%. And then I think about the fact that how many people only got the vaccine under duress because they were going to lose their job or going to lose their kid or going to, you know, all the threats that were made, huh?

[00:38:14] Del Bigtree

The song's Defiant. Former lead singer, The Mighty Mighty Bosstones, speaking.

[00:38:12] Dicky Barrett

The song's Defiant Language.

[00:38:10] Del Bigtree

I would have to say with this particular vaccine, I think a lot of people were questioning how fast it was made. I think you could say, you know, probably nearly 50% of those that got it only got it under duress. I think the rest that had been given would have waited a year to see how it all panned out, wouldn't have like rushed in, didn't feel like it was that big a deal. So I think, when you look at it, I actually believe that at least 50% of this country were in a space of like, this wasn't the right thing to do, and whether they went along with it or not, which is why I think your album is going to be a huge hit. I think you're representing what, I mean, and I'm just talking about America. Can you imagine the world? I mean, you guys have all been international rock success, and now you're actually speaking to a community that needs you. Millions and millions of people, I think, are waiting for this album. So we're going to hear a song from your first album by The Defiantz/ What's the song going to be?

[00:38:12] Dicky Barrett

The song's Dead Language.
Various speakers
They come out being thought leaders, great organizational leaders.

Klaus Schwab, Founder, WOrld Economic Forum
Our Young Global Leaders are selected by the top editors in chief around the world.

Carlos Alvarado Quesada, President, Costa Rica, Young Global Leader
My commitment will be to add value. Will be part of the Young Leaders Initiative.

Klaus Schwab, Founder, WOrld Economic Forum
This is Merkel, Tony Blair, say we're all, even President Putin said were all young global leaders before.

Various speakers
Prime Minister of Ireland Leo Varadkar.

Various speakers
Very proud to say that His Highness is also a Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum.

John Dutton, Director, Forum of Young Global Leaders
The leader of the UK right now, David Cameron, was named a Young Global Leader in 2006.

Various speakers
Munaka Bakhtadze, the Prime Minister of Georgia and a Young Global Leader.

Various speakers
Haakon is the crown prince of Norway. He's also a member of our Young Global Leaders alumni community.

Klaus Schwab, Founder, WOrld Economic Forum
President Calderon, you have been selected in 1997 as a global leader for tomorrow.

Various speakers
You have already, in 1993, been here for the first time as a global leader for tomorrow.

Various speakers
<shown translation> Mr. De Croo, You were a Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum. You recently had a teleconference with Klaus Schwab.

Matteo Renzi, Prime Minister, Italy, Young Global Leader
After the birthday I'm out of Young Global leader of Davos. I finished because over 40 is finished.

Various speakers
I'd like to explore a little bit what it's like to be a new Young Global Leader.

Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister, Canada, Young Global Leader
I'm not that young anymore.

Various speakers
Gavin Newsom. The young, energetic, innovative mayor of San Francisco. He is also among those who are the Young Global Leaders here at Davos this year.

Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist
So what we're seeing is.

Del Bigtree
It's really hard to stomach, isn't it? And as I sit here thinking, boy, how has the WEF made the world a better place over the last 20 or 30 years? I mean, I think if you traveled anywhere in this country around the world, they'd say we are not, we've gone backwards, we're in a terrible place in the world. And yet these people hold themselves up, look at the great job we're doing. Yeah, we are looking at it. It's a. I almost went profanity there, I'll hold it back.
So park what after called "The chief companies came, heads because
[00:49:57] Del Bigtree
Or over." reacting science
[00:48:03] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist
transformation."
[00:46:28] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist
And you can see. You can see, throughout the years, there's been a lot of people there and that video goes on for a very long time. Anybody wants to watch that, they can get the link for that. So this is a methodical process. This isn't some vestigial, I'm a young global leader, so I get a ribbon in the mail. This is a methodical process where they find these people, they hone them, and then they become distributed throughout power centers, governments, corporations throughout the world. They're WEF-vetted people that then carry out these agendas. And you can see there, Mayor of San Francisco at that time, Gavin Newsom, Governor of California. Some say that he may be making a run for President. He hasn't announced anything yet, but think about that. If he does become in the running. He just visited XI Jinping in China, he's taken this really liking to this international, international conversations with leaders. I mean, he's the Governor of California. You'd have a WEF hand- vetted, picked person by Klaus Schwab himself running for the US President. So just something to keep in mind on that one. But the Young Global Leaders program actually has his own website, so it's no secret. And you can go under the Vision Mission here and you start to read between the lines, but what it says is, "We are united by the belief that today's pressing problems present an opportunity to build a better future across sectors and boundaries." So there's that, build back better. You know, our problems create opportunities, order, kind of like a nice new way to say order out of chaos. But then it goes on to say, "His" --that's Klaus Schwab, cause he started this program-- "His vision was to create a proactive, multistakeholder community of the world's next-generation leaders to inform and influence decision-making and mobilize transformation."

[00:49:37] Del Bigtree
Wow, you sure wouldn't know it if you were watching the news around here on the planet Earth. You'd think they had it nailed to the wall.

[00:49:43] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist
Or the rapid transitions around you. If you're in America, you're seeing headlines like this. President "Biden pitches strict emissions rules to make most cars electric by 2032." So not really big conversation, we're just moving all your cars to electric, and we're going to do it as fast as possible.

[00:49:57] Del Bigtree
Because that'll be cheap and everyone can afford that.

[00:50:00] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist
Exactly. And don't worry about those rare earth minerals, we'll find a way to get them even though they're, in the slave labor is getting the cobalt in Africa. And so but what about the technology? Well, this is an article on the Telegraph recently, it really turns some heads. "Electric cars risk becoming uninsurable." So when you really talk about when the rubber hits the road, the insurance companies, they're the ones that are going to lose. Remember we saw that with the actuarys from the insurance companies when it came to vaccine injury. They were the ones sounding the alarm internally because they have to foot the bill for this. So the insurance companies is a really good place to look to see how these policies are, you know, how these policies are looking, and the window dressing looks great but when it really comes down to it, how is it looking? And so let's look in this article, it says, "Jonathan Hewitt, chief executive of Thatcham Research, the motor insurers' automotive research centre, said a lack of 'insight and understanding' about the cost of repairing damaged electric car batteries was pushing up premiums and resulting in some providers declining to provide coverage altogether...Mr. Hewitt said: 'The challenge is that we have no way of understanding whether the battery has been compromised or damaged in any way. The threat of a thermal runaway means that a catastrophic fire can take place if the cells of the battery have been damaged in a collision.'"

[00:51:16] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist
"The London Fire Brigade has warned that fires involving lithium batteries are the fastest-growing fire risk in London, after it was called out to 87 e-bike and 29 e-scooter fires in 2022. Paris's transport operator withdrew 149 electric buses from operation last year after two ignited on separate occasions." So we've all seen these Tesla batteries, these electric batteries blow up in these cars. And what these insurers are saying is, look, if there's a lender bender, a little collision, we have no way of really knowing if that battery has been compromised. And this thermal runaway is a very real threat, whether it's parked in someone's garage or if it's parked in a car park where there's thousands of cars around them. If this thing goes up, there's real damage that these insurers are on the hook for. So they're saying, look, some of these insurance companies are saying no more. We're not, we're not going to insure these things.
Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist

Well it's such an interesting thought, right. You could have a fender bender where it just looks like some metal or plastic got buckled or bent, and then they fixed that. But you have no idea that inside you've, you know, caused some sort of rupture in the battery. I mean, it's a really good point. How do you find that out? What's going on internally? It's like a giant solid block of battery, and then, what does it say? A runaway meltdown or how do they describe that? The, you know.

Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist

A threat of thermal runaway. That's what that's called.

Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist

Yeah, exactly. So let's move on now. So we have the WEF. There's another kind of controversial idea, it's a universal basic income. In America, that's one of the first times we heard that in a large scale was Andrew Yang's Presidential run in 2020, and he really brought that idea to the forefront, that was one of the pillars that he ran on, was trying to implement that in the United States. One of the headlines here, "Andrew Yang's idea of universal basic income earned him fans. But can he win votes?" Obviously he did not. But this is something the WEF has championed all the way back to 2017. We saw headlines like this on their website, "Why we should all have a basic income." And this is what Canada, remember Justin Trudeau, Young Global Leader, accolades. This is what Canada is now really considering. We have a headline here, "A universal basic income is being considered by Canada's government." So they're looking at starting with a report, seeing if this thing can be done and then moving on to actually implementing this thing, it's actually being talked about in their parliament. And when we look at the WEF, this was one of the things, their big thing was COVID. They had all these ideas, they had these agendas they wanted to put through. But when COVID happened, they seized on the opportunity and Klaus Schwab was not shy about saying how great of an opportunity that was. So you start seeing headlines like this. "Universal basic income is the answer to the inequalities exposed by COVID-19." That's on the WEF's website. So luckily in America, the idea of this universal basic income probably won't happen because in America, during COVID, we had all this relief, billions of dollars in relief funds. So a lot of people that lost their jobs or whose employment was cut or whatever the case may be, they received some benefits from the government so that was great.

Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist

But unfortunately, we're starting to see headlines like this. "Cyber fraud rings in China, other US adversaries stole billions in pandemic relief funds, Congress hears." It says, "Anti-waste and fraud controls were so lax on trillions of dollars being spent by federal and state government agencies on COVID-19 pandemic relief benefits that as much as half of those funds actually went to entities in China, Russia, and other US adversarial nations, a congressional panel was told on Thursday..." "Data on this is still being evaluated, but there are some estimates that half the pandemic unemployment assistance fraud went to adversarial nations," said Linda Miller during testimony on October 19 before the Oversight Subcommittee on the House Ways and Means Committee." So what are we talking about here? How much money is this? Well, if you go to the government's own website where they talk about how much this pandemic employment program's paid out, you can see this really simple chart here. And there's three color-coded lines, and those are the three different stimulus packages that were given to people. And if you add those up it's about $653 billion, so we're talking, I mean, if this, if we're meant to believe half of this was taken, we're talking north of $300 billion has been lost to other nations? This is a story that just broke, so this is something we're going to be covering. But in America, that doesn't bode well for our economy so we really have to keep an eye on this and demand some accountability, if it indeed shows that this half, half of these funds are gone.

Del Bigtree

I think about this concept, Jefferey, and I actually had a debate with a friend of mine. You know, a lot of people know I grew up progressive liberal. It's amazing when you look back and talk to some of these friends you haven't spoken to for a while, and they're like, down with universal basic income. And for me, I just, I'll be honest, I don't know if I'm going to piss somebody off out in the audience, but you're taking away, just like the most basic instinct, which is survival, right? You're taking away this idea that the self-preservation instinct to survive. And I think back when I was getting started, I was flat broke. There was days I could only afford two pieces of pizza, not knowing where it's going to, but boy, did that make me go out and look for that job, made me realize that I had to work harder at my dream. And it also makes you realize what you can survive, right? Like that, your own human resilience goes through those moments, you know? I know my kids are going to have those moments. I want them to know that you will feel like your whole world is crashing in on you, but on the other side of that will be the recognition that you didn't crash, that you did survive, that you're a spectacular being and there's so much you can handle, more than you realize.

Del Bigtree

And if you take that away and you put a giant bubble wrap around everything in our lives so that my basic income is taken care of, I think you're going to have 99% of the world sitting on their couches playing video games and eating pizza and not doing anything. I just can't imagine what that world looks like. Sure. And the friend I was talking to is a talented musician, and so I know during COVID, while he was catching a check, he was writing songs and continuing to sort of do that work. I said, but you're an artist. Other people that don't have a muse or something they actually care about that gets up in the morning, what does that society turn into, there's just no reason to get up, they don't have a reason to survive because that's taken care of. I just think you destroy the fabric of America and the heart and soul of the human experience. That's my own opinion. That's what we kind of do on this show sometimes. So there it is. I have no scientific background on that, I can't give you peer-reviewed science, that's just my opinion.
Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist

And one thing we can say is trust in governments is really at an all-time low in public health as well after the COVID response, so a lot of people aren't really, really excited to trust their way of making a living or their currency of life with governments when we saw so many strings attached during the last three years to even live in society. So another thing, really the the key pillar for the World Economic Forum after COVID was artificial intelligence and this idea of this Fourth Industrial Revolution, where we're going to merge with machines and it's going to be great. And Klaus Schwab says this, and he's licking his lips, he's so excited. It's happening already, he can't stop it, and it's happening so fast, it's going to be upon us before we even know it. And you have Yuval Harari, he is the WEF contributor, he's a historian. He's said things in the past like computers, computers will make humans redundant, and we can just keep them happy with drugs and computer games because we're just going to have surplus humans, really anti-human kind of comments. However, you now saw this headline recently, he's saying stuff like this. "Sapiens" author, Yuval Noah Harari, says AI could wipe out humanity. So he's, you know, far on from team humanity at this point but he's saying, like, look, there might be a problem here, and why is this a problem? Because I thought AI was make our lives great and we have cities that are being built upon this. Here's a headline, "Smart grids to dominate smart city spending through 2026." So we have all of these cities that are really just going directly to the smart grid, being informed in real time with AI computer technology, so data driven life. So people can, they say to make life easier, but you have again, you have centralized control with all of this technology and everything becomes push button flip of switch with people's lives. And one of the things.

Del Bigtree

It's amazing when I look at this, Jefferey, and you think they're building these smart cities where everything's AI, everything's talking to each other, and at the same time they're sitting down with Elon Musk or even Noah Harari is sitting there saying, you know, they're going to be the end of us. Well, they certainly are if we're going to move into these smart cities and leave the country and leave our farms and, you know, have factory meats made by computers and sitting where our whole lives are hanging in Al's balance, you're putting us right in harm's way. I mean, truly, what is AI going to do to your average person out living in a cabin somewhere, or in a rural space where none of this really affects us? I mean, and they're trying to get us located as though they want us to have this issue. And by the way, can you imagine if you're on universal basic income and all of a sudden the AI, you know, computer banking systems that are now running your government, go, wait a minute, how much are we spending on these useless humans? You know, and then what does AI do? I'll tell you where they're going to start, tell you where they're going to start if they start taking over the world. Certainly on those people that just sit around eating pizza and playing video games.

Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist

Then there's so many scenarios that we can talk about where this would be a problem. In the US, here are the ten cities that are ready for what's called a smart city future and there's a little graph here. Number one is Austin, Texas. Then you got Los Angeles, California, Seattle, San Francisco, Atlanta, all the way down the line. And these are the ones that really you should be watching out for at first, but is it, you know, the idea is we move to this AI because this net zero future, it's going to rapidly shift this, and, but is it really greener, because that's what we're being sold on, it's better for the environment. Well a new study just came out and here's the headline. "AI--Artificial Intelligence-- "on track to gobble up as much energy as a country, study finds." So now we're at an impasse, WEF, because you want a net zero future and you want to accomplish it through AI, but your AI is doing the opposite of moving towards a net zero future. You're trying to reduce the net, the output of carbon for countries, meanwhile, creating a country of carbon with the AI build out. So this is becoming a big mess for this agenda, there's a lot of contradictions here, but one of the things is clear. The WEF, they did push for the mandatory vaccination during COVID, public health, along with the Gates Foundation, the WHO, and one of the co-founders of the WEF, there was Klaus Schwab and then there's Hussain Najadi. His son, Pascall Najadi, has just come out and really made a strong call for justice. Take a listen.

Pascal Najadi, retired Swiss investment banker

Geneva looks beautiful. It is beautiful. It has a lake. It has this Jet D'Eau. It's very peaceful. But there is a dark side to it. Everything evil in the world, related to democide, unfortunately comes from Geneva. You have WHO in Geneva. You have GAVI. Then you have the WEF, the World Economic Forum, which my father was a co-founder, and left Klaus Schwab out of disgust in the early 80s, that has diplomatic immunity. I, as a Swiss citizen, right here now, declare that the WEF is not eligible anymore for diplomatic immunity. I call on the Swiss authorities and the security to arrest those people immediately. Why? The WEF, WHO, GAVI, Big Pharma, Big Tech, Bill Gates, all advocated a global humanity injection by a bioweapon, injecting nano lipids into 5.7 billion people. And we Swiss are hosting them? That's terrible. We cannot tolerate any entity that promotes poison to be injected into humanity. But you have done it. I'm the victim, I'm dying from it. And my mother, too. It's a democide, and you'll be judged. It will be corrected in the name of humanity.

Del Bigtree

Wow.

Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist

These are strong words. These are strong words, and is Mr. Najadi alone? Of course he's not. And one of the conversations, the biggest conversation, and really, you're the first person I heard actually bring this up, during our reporting for, during the COVID mandates and the vaccine mandates, you said excess death, they're not going to be able to hide that. That's going to be the key, keep an eye on that. And now we're seeing parliaments around the world starting to have this conversation within their halls. Most recently the UK's parliamentary figure, Andrew Bridgen. He was, he had a 30-minute debate conversation in Parliament. Take a listen how this went.

Mr. Deputy Speaker

Sir Andrew Birdgen.
Andrew Bridgen, UK Member of Parliament
Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. We've experienced more excess deaths since July 2021 than the whole of 2020. Unlike the pandemic, however, these deaths are not disproportionately of the old. In other words, the excessive deaths are striking down people in the prime of life. But no one seems to care. I fear history will not judge this House kindly. Worse still, in a country supposedly committed to free and frank exchange of views, it appears that no one cares that no one cares. It's taken a lot of effort and more than 20 rejections to be allowed to raise this topic, but at last we're here to discuss the number of people dying. Nothing could be more serious. Numerous countries are currently gripped in a period of unexpected mortality, and no one wants to talk about it. It's quite normal for death numbers to fluctuate up and down by chance alone, but what we're seeing here is a pattern repeated across countries, and the rise has not let up.

Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist
What tells me, usually that this number, this conspiracy? Is the conspiracy that those deaths don't exist? No one can say that. These are real hard numbers. And what's the conspiracy? And it's just incredible that we are witnessing on The HighWire, just think, you know, this group of people that we're all watching this show right now, we're one of the few in the world that are literally watching humanity in a real life horror movie, and everybody else is asleep. They're all like zombies walking off of cliffs right now, and we're just sitting here thinking, my God, how is it that nobody is reporting on this?

Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist
And Mr. Bridgen said 20 rejections before he was even allowed to bring this conversation up. And the BBC covered this, covered the whole conversation, they streamed it live. And what's interesting is, while they were streaming it, again, media corporations, journalists should be covering this and saying, around the world. This is what the BBC coverage looked like. They started putting little blocks on the bottom while he was talking. And you can see here, it's propaganda. The NHS says it's safe. Vaccines are safe and essential for public health. They did this with eight different messages. Most people with allergies can be vaccinated against COVID-19. And it goes on and on. The MMR doesn't cause it, there's no link between the MMR and autism.

Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist
They may not be concerned about it or want to look at it, but I'll tell you what. The people are in the UK. So you may have heard when he was talking, there weren't a lot of people there, but you hear some cheers in the background. Those are people outside. And when he was done with his speech, Andrew Bridgen walked outside and he was met by this. Take a look.

Andrew Bridgen, UK Member of Parliament
What an ending for this week. We have made history today. Nine months, more than 20 refused attempts to get a debate on excess deaths. The first debate on excess deaths in the UK Parliament, the first proper debate on excess deaths in the world. And I promise you, I absolutely promise you, it won't be the last. We will get a three-hour debate in the next few weeks now on excess deaths.

Various speakers
Make sure they all turn up, though. Make it compulsory they turn up.

Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist
So throughout all the governments that aren't taking this seriously, Ireland appears to be kind of taking it seriously. Check out this headline. "Excess Deaths monitored" --oh, good. But-- "as an indicator of the impact of 'climate change.'" And it says in here, "Ireland's Department of Health says it is engaging with the OECD to monitor excess mortality 'as an indicator of the impact of climate change', and says that heart-related issues and tumors were some of the leading causes of death last year.'" I don't even know to go there, but let's focus....
Climate change that increased the deaths in one year, right? Is it the climate? I mean, you imagine what the climate? Let's just take that for a moment. What would that have, what would the climate look like or have to do to actually cause a noticeable rise in excess mortality within 365 days? Can you imagine what that climate year looked like? It's so stupid. It's incredible.

Well, this is happening too, you're seeing headlines over the summer in Australia, a lot of questions are being asked about that, at least in the media. This is the Daily Mail. "So why are so many Australians dying? 'Excess deaths' are way above average again leaving doctors baffled - and it's not because of Covid." So in Australia, Senator Ralph Babet put forward a motion seeking acknowledgment and an investigation into Australia's excess deaths during that summer, during this past summer, rejected twice by a majority. So they don't want to have that conversation in Australia and unfortunately they don't want to have it but reality keeps playing out. So this is a Victoria news station recently, it's the state in Australia. Listen to what they have to say about the cardiac issues going on.

Cardiac arrest incidents are at the highest ever recorded in Victoria, prompting health officials to launch a critical awareness campaign. We are now joined by Ambulance Victoria paramedics Bethany Burkett and Caitlin Bale. Good afternoon to you ladies. Caitlin, last year, paramedics responded to more than 7,000 cardiac arrest patients. How concerning are these statistics?

Yeah, look these numbers are really concerning. Last year in Victoria, the cardiac arrest rates increased by 6%. And in our state alone, each day, about 20 people have a cardiac arrest. Unfortunately, only about two of those survive.

Those doesn't even sound like very light cardiac arrests when out of 20 per day only two are surviving. And again, you just sit here, doctors baffled. I mean, I'm baffled that our species could be this incredibly stupid and beyond that, that our highest educated doctors cannot figure out what's going on.

And what we're doing here is we're just connecting dots and they're, a lot of them are rhyming. So we have ambulance cardiac arrest calls. Well, we had a study that came out of Israel in 2022, this was it right here. "Increased emergency cardiovascular events among under-40 population in Israel during the vaccine rollout and third COVID-19 wave." And the researchers concluded this. "The main finding of this study concerns with increases of 25% in both the number of [cardiac arrest] calls and [acute coronary syndrome calls] of people in the 16-39 age group during the COVID-19 vaccination rollout in Israel,... compared with the same time period in the prior years (2019 and 2020)." Moreover, there is a robust and statistically significant association between the weekly CA and ACS call counts, and the rates of first and second vaccine doses administered to this age group. That's a signal, that sounds like. And then you also have, in the UK, you had headlines like this. This was the same time it was being run in the summer with Australia. "Health bosses warn of heart disease emergency in England." It's an emergency. We don't know what's going on, but there's a lot of them. So we're seeing that continuously throughout the countries and this is something we've been doing on this show now, it's really, it's a breakaway pace every, for the last month or so, we're doing a study a week on myocarditis, this heart damage after vaccination or associated with it, with the COVID vaccination.

Researchers and doctors and professionals are really stepping out of the box and pushing this research forward. And so the latest one is from German researchers. This was actually a brilliant study. So it's called "Cardiac side effects of RNA-based SARS-CoV-2 vaccines: Hidden cardiotoxic effects of..."--that's Moderna's vaccine and Pfizer's vaccine-- "on ventricular myocyte function and structure." So these researchers took the myocytes, the actual heart cells, from these mice. They extracted them, they put them in a petri dish, so this was like a tabletop exercise, bench work. And they electrified them, so they were actually able to contract. So they had the physical heart contracting cells of these myocytes of these mice. And what they did was they found out how many lipid nanoparticles, that's the little particle that encapsulates the mRNA, it brings it through your body. They found out how much of that accumulated in the heart when they injected these mice, and that was how much they used to put in this petri dish of this heart muscle. And what they found was, you know, it's pretty interesting.

This is the conclusion, they said, "After 48 [hours], expression of the encoded spike protein was detected in ventricular cardiomyocytes for both mRNAs." So you got it in the heart muscles in 48 hours. "At this point in time," Moderna's vaccine, COVID-19 vaccine, "induced arrhythmias as well as completely irregular contractions associated with irregular as well as localized calcium transients, which provide indications of significant dysfunction of the cardiac ryanodine receptor (RyR2). In contrast, [Pfizer's COVID vaccine] increased cardiomyocyte contraction via significantly increased protein kinase A (PKA) activity at the cellular level." So what you really need to know there is both of those things are indicators of cardiac performance. And when they become out of balance, they have a dysfunction, you're talking cardiac arrest, heart disease. Those are indicators of those. So these researchers concluded this. "...our present data suggest that the risk-benefit ratio of mRNA-based vaccines should be reevaluated taking into consideration of current preclinical cardiac safety data that revealed a hidden cardiotoxic effect of the vaccines. Furthermore, the present findings should be taken into account in future diagnosis and therapy of cardiac symptoms temporarily coincident with mRNA-based COVID vaccination." So that's where we're at with this new study, and I'm sure we'll have one next week, too.
[01:16:49] Del Bigtree
It's incredible how much science around the world is now being done for, when you think back to the work that we've done on vaccinations, where we had to try and find any studies done at all. Very little done on any of the childhood vaccines, no matter the mountain of evidence they say they have, that vaccines don't cause autism and vaccines are safe and effective. So much science proves that our, you know, our great work with Aaron Siri has shown that most of that is the only large mountain, is a mountain of bull crap is what it really is, and what we've discovered. But now with this COVID vaccine, something we've never seen, which is literally a Mount Everest now of documents and studies, every single week we're presenting so many studies being done by the greatest universities around the world, all of them pointing to the problems with this vaccine and how dangerous it is, whether it's causing thrombocytopenia or, you know, strokes or heart attacks, anaphylaxis, all of these, and cancer now where we're reporting on. And when you just think about that, we're just in such a different world. And Jefferey I sit here and think, this is what we always dreamed. What we always dreamed is if we could just get the science done, if we could just get really good, decent universities to finally ask the question, then everyone would realize it and the regulatory agencies would have to change.

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And instead we are literally seeing what's got to be thousands of studies now, all warning, nothing, you know, saying the same thing across the board. This vaccine is incredibly dangerous. You should stop it immediately. And we're watching our FDA and CDC does not care, telling you your infants can get it, your pregnant women can get it. Just go right ahead. I mean, it's just I don't think I ever would have predicted this, that we would literally now watch our regulatory agencies doing what they always accused us of was cherry-picking. They are cherry-picking literally like a handful of studies that they manipulated in the face of a Mount Everest pile of studies being done by great scientists all around the world. I mean, I just don't know how long this this imbalance is going to last. I just think we are eventually, the CDC and FDA is just going to crumble right before our eyes. I mean, where are we at, like a 1.6% uptake in this country now of the booster. So obviously it's getting through to somebody. We're getting through to somebody, man, and that's where my hope is because this is so shockingly hopeless, if you just thought, this is how we end, this is the end of our species if someone doesn't wake up.

Yeah, and I think people have to become their own regulatory agencies, the US is an outlier and Nordic countries already are not giving these things to young kids. Pfizer is losing, having to cut jobs because the outcast, the performance of these vaccines is so small, people aren't taking them. Del, speaking of the science, you and I have been reporting on so many stories, even way before COVID even started and people even knew about this. One of these stories we've been tracking and had our teeth in for years is the story about Johnson and Johnson and their baby powder. So people may have seen this headline recently, but Johnson Johnson has been in this legal battle, and this is Bloomerg Law, this is most recent one. "J&J weighs third bankruptcy try to settle baby powder suits." So what they're talking about here is this baby powder, this talc powder that people, you know, you put it on and it aerosolize, you're breathing it in. Well, there's asbestos in it. Asbestos is really bad for you and there's a lot of people alleging that this causes cancer and they're bringing it to the forefront here. At the at the moment, Johnson & Johnson is looking at about 51,000 people suing them. They're expecting, in a call, a financing call, they said about 100,000 claims they're expecting. And it really kicked off in 2018, when they were forced to pay $4.7 billion to a group of plaintiffs. "Johnson & Johnson told to pay 4.7 billion in baby powder lawsuit."

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Yeah, I was going to say, I mean, it's a step beyond just alleging. I mean, they have lost in court. It's opened up the floodgates, which is, you know, we know what asbestos does. We have their own internal documents and emails knowingly, knowingly recognizing that their mining practices for talc cannot, are right next to asbestos, somehow they're connected. There's no way to get it out. And they literally make that medical decision that all these companies do. Well, by the time anyone finds out about it, they'll never know we've got them. So they're admitting they know about this, and yet they're still trying to get out of having to pay for all the damage they've done.

Right. And in that same year, in 2018. So they lose that lawsuit 4.7 billion. Then Reuters comes along, this is why I have a little bit of faith left maybe in mainstream media, we'll call it, because Reuters comes through with this, with an incredible investigation, this exposed. J&J "knew for decades that asbestos lurked in its Baby Powder." And they had the receipts. They had all the internal documents, the links, you can go read all of this on your own. One of them particularly stood out, especially for our audience and what work we do. And this is a 1975 confidential memo to the managers of J&J's baby powder division. And it describes the company's philosophy on talc research. It says this. Our current pos - it's a teachable moment, by the way. "Our current posture with respect to sponsorship of talc safety studies has been to initiate studies only as dictated by confrontation." Meaning don't sponsor studies unless we're confronted, because it's too damning. It goes on to say, "This philosophy, so far, has allowed us to neutralize or hold in check data already generated by investigators who question the safety of talc. The principal advantage for this operating philosophy lies in the fact that we minimize the risk of possible self-generation of scientific data which may be politically or scientifically embarrassing." Basically saying, don't do this because there's so many skeletons in the closet that our own science that we're sponsoring may be used to hammer at home in courtrooms so just don't do this unless we're confronted.
[01:22:46] Del Bigtree
You know, when I see these things, I don't think these court cases go far enough. I don't care about $4 billion. I don't see how the United States of America, or any nation that has a lawsuit like this, that reads that document, doesn't immediately say, that's it, you're out, you're out. I'm kicking you out of this country. Johnson and Johnson will never deliver another product in the United States of America. You knowingly murdered our citizens. You murdered them all based on a financial decision. You avoided studies because you knew what you were doing to see because you'd already seen it. And so you knowingly killed our people. How is it that this company is still allowed to work in America, and that its CEOs and executives, and anybody that put their eyes on that piece of paper, are not in a prison right now? Our court system is not working right.

And so let's look at the unraveling timeline of this, this product safety crime. So in 2020, this is when it started going real bad for Johnson and Johnson. In 2020. Johnson and Johnson stopped selling talc-based baby powder in the US and Canada. So they're pulling it, we're done. This is getting real bad. Let's just take it off the shelves. And what did they say was the cause? Listen to this. "Demand for talc-based Johnson's Baby Powder in North America has been declining due in large part to changes in consumer habits and fueled by misinformation around the safety of the product and a constant barrage of litigation advertising." So this word misinformation, if anybody's been paying attention, this has been used by some of the most powerful corporations and government actors to shape narratives and to justify targeting opposition. This is how it's continually used. This is the only way I've seen it continually used. And so Johnson and Johnson is, it's no angel of a company. 2013, this isn't the first time it's been in a courtroom. J&J "agrees to pay 2.2 billion in drug-marketing settlement." That's for Risperdal. That was an antipsychotic drug, it's had tons of problems with it. They found they're giving kickbacks to the doctors who prescribed it. Big deal. And then even the opioid epidemic, that Johnson and Johnson was involved in that, too, when the legal battle. This was the headline here. "Opioid 'kingpin' J&J fueled epidemic, Arizona argues at trial's end." So now that brings us to this year, 2023. First month, in January, you saw this headline. This was the first bankruptcy, this is out of Reuters. "US court rejects J&J bankruptcy strategy for thousands of talc lawsuits." The case was dismissed at that time because the company, the judge, said the company didn't face imminent financial distress. Keep in mind....

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The irony is that in some ways, like maybe they could have been bankrupted, except that they just sold you another deadly product called the COVID vaccine, made tens of billions of dollars. And now that, you know, now that they're like throwing cash in the air like, oh, but, oh, we're bankrupt. Hold on a second. Put the money away, put the money away, don't let them see that right now. It's crazy.

Passing in the night. Janssen's bad COVID vaccine. So J&J is one of the most profitable companies in the world. $400 billion valuation as of October. Higher credit rating than the US government. So the judge is like, no, no, you're not going to pull this game. So in July, end of July, they tried again. This is Reuters again. "J&J effort to resolve lawsuits and bankruptcy fails a second time." So what are they doing here? Well, an NPR investigation revealed it's very simple, but this is what they said. This is the article. "Rich companies are using a quiet tactic to block lawsuits: bankruptcy." It says, "Here's how the maneuver worked. First, last October, J&J spun off a subsidiary in Texas called LTL. Then, using a wrinkle in Texas state law, J&J was able to transfer all of the potential liability linked to the tsunami of baby powder asbestos claims into the shell of the new company, while keeping valuable assets separate. LTL then quickly filed for bankruptcy in North Carolina. That move immediately halted the baby powder cases, which could remain on hold for months or years." So when a company files for chapter 11 bankruptcy, this is what people need to understand.

So if you're a person who is harmed by a product, like these people are, you don't get your day in court, you don't get a jury trial, you don't get discovery, you don't get these things. Johnson and Johnson leads if they're allowed to go bankrupt or file for bankruptcy, they lead the process. They say, we're going to take this ball of money from our $400 billion and put it in this company, and that's all you get. So fight amongst yourselves. We're free of this. We'll see you later. So the judge is not buying this. He's saying, no, this is not gonna happen the first time, but going to happen the second time. So they're in a position right now. If they try it for a third time, they're, it's going to be a big issue. The courts may look very unfavorably upon them at that point. And so they may have to face these people, these plaintiffs that have have had damage or alleging damage. So it's a very interesting conversation and it may set a precedent, who knows?

[01:27:41] Del Bigtree
Wow. They better face it. That's all I got to say. They better face it. Incredible reporting. Jefferey. You're getting me a little bit of hot under the collar. Maybe it started with the punk rock that started this thing out, but just the types of things that make you want to scream at your television set. But amazing reporting. It's good that we know this is happening so we can do something about it. Jefferey, I'll see you next week. Thank you so much.

Alright. Thank you, Del.
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You know, I just want you to think about it. Look at those numbers they're talking about, Johnson and Johnson. Billions of dollars their payout, and then trying, like, build a shell, let's just build a shell company, put all of our losses in there, then just bankrupt that company and we keep all the profits. All the people that died, they're screwed. That's just around some fake company. The way these people think. And then I want you to think about that. That is literally the way all these corporations think that are buying your government in the United States of America and around the world. When we talk about corporate capture, this is what is happened to the United States of America. These people have bought in. They control our regulatory agencies, you know how? Did you see that, I mean, when you read those letters, right, here's what we're going to do. We are only going to do scientific studies when we're under attack, when there's confrontation in order to deal with it. Now that we're getting dragged into court, we'll do our own science then, and only then, because we know what the problem is. Guess what? It's exactly the same philosophy your CDC and FDA now have. While we are talking about this amount of science being done on heart attacks and strokes and cancer running rampant, literally all-cause mortality up, not in one country, not in one anomaly, across the freaking world. Our regulatory agencies still sticking to it and saying, nope, we are not going to do any decent studies.

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We're not going to let any science be done here, we're going to just keep pushing this product. And how do you expect to make a difference? Honestly, when you're watching this, it could be very hopeless, except where you have one trick up your sleeve. You know what it's called? It's called the Informed Consent Action Network, because we don't just sit here and watch this crap happen, we are going after them. We are suing the regulatory agencies. We're winning against the FDA, the NIH, the CDC, Health and Human Services. Whoever in this planet ever thought that you would be able to go in and stop a law that had been in place since 1979? I'm talking about the mandated vaccine program where you had no religious exemption in Mississippi. We got that exemption back, and we are going to do that across this country. I was just talking to my sister this morning. She said, Del, no matter what. When, you know, we're sort of getting biblical and talking about all the things happening in the world. She says, well, at least you are fighting God's fight in that you're giving us our religious exemption back. you are giving us the right to practice a belief in God and a connection to something and the idea that we might just maybe be made in the image and likeness of God. Who's doing that for you? And then I want you to imagine, I want you to imagine when you see Johnson and Johnson and these entities that we are up against, that will pay out $4 billion without blinking and $2 billion, and take court through one and two attempts at bankruptcy and a third attempt at bankruptcy.

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Do you know how hard it is to beat these people? Do you know how hard it is? Do you know how much money they have? We just gave them another $100 of the COVID-19 vaccine. So when I'm asking you for a little help and saying, we're the only ones that have beat them, and we're going to continue beating them, but man, do I need your help right now. I really do. We are up against it. They are buying government officials right now. What do you think the next election in this country is going to look like if they don't get their way? We won. Only 1.6% of the people in this country are getting this booster shot. We're pushing back against Al. Richie Schunick in the UK saying, hey, we better lay off on the electric cars for a second, people are starting to wake up. So they are going to fight with everything they have. This is their last moment. They have got a white knuckle death grip on our throats, and they're going to try to win, you have to know they are. And who is out there actually fighting for you? Not complaining about it, not just reporting on it, we're fighting for it. We are going to stop them in their tracks. I need your help right now.

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Please just go to the top of the page, whatever website you're looking at, whether it's Informed Consent Action Network or The HighWire. Hit Donate to ICAN and say, I'm going to do this for the future of my species right now. We'd love for you to be a recurring donor. Right now, donate to bring vaccine exemptions to every state we are fighting. We're bringing cases in every state so that they will never be able to force you to vaccinate in order to go to school. We're going to make sure you always have an option across this country, if it's the last thing we ever do. I need your help on that. We're asking for $23 a month for 2023. It really helps, these recurring donations. Make a difference. You're seeing them make a difference. We're going to make it easy for you. Just type 72022 into your phone. Text that number to us with the word Donate, and we'll send you back a link to make it possible. This has been a giant experiment. I don't know anything like it. I don't know anywhere else that you turn on the screen, you watch news being reported, and then you know that that agency, once those cameras go black, they go into courtrooms and start fighting for the things they just reported on. Help us make this experiment work in the highest level possible. All of you that have been supporting, you know what it feels like. You know how good it feels every time we get to report to you our next big legal win.

[01:33:04] Del Bigtree
So thank you for everyone that is making this incredible experience with The HighWire and the Informed Consent Action Network possible. Alright, so many of you are new, you're coming to the show. Whether it started with a COVID vaccine. And I know that many of you now got that vaccine but thank God you realized, you know, there's something I can do. I got to stop. Maybe I don't trust this anymore. Welcome. We all had our moment that we're waking up, you know, and we're giving you ways that you can get around and introducing you to doctors and ideas that maybe can get some of this stuff out of your body and looking at the seeing the world in a different way. And you're thinking about your kids and you're thinking about your own body, but then all of a sudden there's barking in the other room, or a cat jumps in your lap and you said, wait a minute, what about my pets? What have I been doing to my pets? Well, that is a huge question. So many of you are writing in about it, and we wanted to get deep into that conversation. We're bringing back Dr. Michael Dym, who has really been on this long before COVID. He's the rock and roll master of healthy veterinary practices, and he's going to be joining us in a second. If you don't know who he is, take a look at this.
Michael Dym, VMD, Homeopathic Verinarian
I've been a small animal veterinarian for the past 28 years. Yes. Let's look at those teeth. I started to notice a pattern. The immune systems of these animals were overreacting, everything from common skin and ear allergies to the urinary tract disorders we see in cats and dogs, to even cancer and all sorts of autoimmune diseases in younger and younger animals. And I had very little to offer them but suppressive medications or surgical procedures that at best gave them a temporary relief of their symptoms. And then suddenly my own two animals developed conditions. One of them developed a common thyroid condition, and I have a medication that works to treat that condition. Within 2 or 3 days, I saw that he was jaundiced, yellow, his liver was shutting down, and it was the drug that was literally killing my dear kitty. I started to look for other modalities of medicine, and I took a course in homeopathy. After I learned about nutritional supplements and homeopathy as a system of medicine, within 4 to 6 months, Misty went on to make a full recovery. He was cured of this incurable condition. I started to wonder, what is it that we're doing that is causing these animals' immune system to just short circuit and start attacking the body's own tissues? So I did my own research.

Michael Dym, VMD, Homeopathic Verinarian
We started running what are called antibody titers, and we were finding out that these animals were protected after maybe 1 or 2 vaccines as youngsters, and that that protection lasts for years, if not their whole life. We accumulated thousands and thousands of animal data and stopped vaccinating and we didn't see these infectious diseases that most of the other practitioners were still over-vaccinating for or giving unnecessary shots for. Oh, come here baby. These animals are given too many vaccines. They're given nutrient-poor processed commercial foods. They're overmedicated with pesticides both topically and internally. I strongly feel, this is my truth, that vaccinations in general are one of the most harmful, if not the most harmful, medical intervention of modern science that has fooled most pet owners and most young mothers and fathers. Just this past week, I had an animal present to me that had been to another clinic and had had combination distemper, parvo, bordetella, which is kennel cough and rabies, and within a few weeks of that developed sudden seizures and now is an epileptic. This is epidemic in animals today. Chronic illness, chronic suffering, no answers.

Del Bigtree
I'm just so honored to be joined right now by Dr. Michael Dym.

Michael Dym, VMD, Homeopathic Verinarian
Good to be here, Del.

Del Bigtree
It's really good to have you. This is, I would say, probably one of the biggest questions we get. And, you know, I think my audience in some ways is more intelligent than your average bear. I mean, they found their way here, but the headlines are showing us something similar. When we look at the headlines right now, this is what you'll see. "One in three" --this is Newsweek-- "One in three dog owners refuse to vaccinate pets due to conspiracy theory." That was just September 4th, 2023. And so, people are starting, like this whole, I think this whole COVID vaccine thing just, it's caused, we had Dr. Peter McCullough, doctors, but laypeople to say, man, if they were wrong about this and still pushing it, what about the rest of it and has us looking at, like we give our cats and animals or dogs a lot of vaccines.

Michael Dym, VMD, Homeopathic Verinarian
Yeah, we sure do. And we start when they're really young, and usually when their immune systems are still maturing at sometimes as young as 4 or 5, six weeks of age. And we're giving them repetitive vaccines every 2 to 3 weeks up until they're 4 or 5 months of age, and that's at a point when the immune system is developing the gut immune system, especially. And that's when we see the most damage and sets us up for chronic disease later on in life. And, you know, that's something that I try and, when I counsel clients, I try and tell them that at that age, be mindful of what we're putting into these animals and if possible, I recommend skipping most of them. I use in my practice homeopathic remedies to help keep animals healthy, and I also use nutritional supplements and herbal therapies, and I try to stay away from outside chemical agents if possible. And vaccines, obviously, are the cornerstone of conventional preventative care. And as I said, as I've had my 30 years experience doing this, I've seen it cause more suffering and immune-mediated diseases than I want to see and even cancer.

Del Bigtree
Yeah. When you say cancer, that was one of the things we were talking about bringing you in just to a couple of months ago, we were just doing like an old dive because these questions were coming in, and I saw there was actually so many studies on, in this case it was feline cancer, like these cancers in cats. This is just one of them, "Vaccine-associated feline sarcomas." And it got really specific. I mean, they started seeing that where they were injecting the cats, the injection sites themselves were developing these tumors, you know, and it just made me think, you know, to call you. But there was so much science and they sort of recognized it. And it seems to me that they were more open to removing adjuvants. I think we had one of the ads, like the aluminum and things that we've been trying to get out of the childhood vaccine program, veterinary medicine, right here, look at this. Safety period. Bring that back up really quick, I have it right here. "Safety. Purity. Proven protection. PUREVAX vaccines." Look what it says. PUREVAX feline vaccines have been designed to elicit a protective immune response without the addition of adjuvants. They're celebrating that. You'll never see that written on a single childhood vaccine.

Michael Dym, VMD, Homeopathic Verinarian
No, not at all.

Del Bigtree
They won't do it, they'll stick with the adjuvants. But here, with our animals, we'll go that extra step.
Absolutely. And that was a really good development that the drug companies came up with was an aluminum, you know, adjuvant-free vaccine. And you know, not that there aren't other components in vaccines that cause illness. You know, there are buffers and stabilizers and antibiotics and formaldehyde that are also problematic, but definitely removing the aluminum, which was one of the main immune stimulants and toxins to the nervous system, the heart, the spleen, the liver. And it's actually, the aluminum stays at the site of the vaccine for an extended period of time, therefore causing chronic inflammation and eventually these cancers in cats that were appearing months, if not years later. And initially, before my profession found out that it was aluminum, they were recommending that veterinarians vaccinate animals in the tail or on an extremity, just so that if that would occur, you can easily remove the tail or an extremity, because the fibrosarcomas, which were the cancers that were appearing, were very refractory to conventional medical treatment and would always come back and eventually killed these animals.

Del Bigtree
Wow. So just instead of stopping the practice, just put it somewhere where we can cut that part of the body off.

Michael Dym, VMD, Homeopathic Veterinarian
Right, right, right. But as you said, Del, it is good and it's a good development, at least it's in the right direction that we, you know, remove the aluminum and, even with dogs, there's, with rabies vaccine, there are now thimerosal mercury-free vaccines that again are helpful, but I want to again remind people that there are other components in the vaccines that really shouldn't be in there, and they cause problems as well.

Del Bigtree
There's a lot of when we talk about, and my wheelhouse is obviously human vaccines, but this one-size-fits-all idea is really problematic. I mean, whether you have a preemie baby or, you know, like my little brother, I think, was ten-and-a-half pounds when he was born, you know, big chunker. They're getting the same vaccine dose. And then I think about the amount of vaccines. You know, people will say, well I got my vaccines. And I was like, yeah, you were born before 1986. You had maybe, you know, ten vaccines, really three shots given a couple of times. Your kids are now getting 72 vaccines. Is there a similar thing to the amount of vaccines that were, that just, you know, you're saying over and over we're giving the first several months. Do you feel it's overkill? I mean, is there.

Michael Dym, VMD, Homeopathic Veterinarian
Absolutely. And now there's more increased use of other vaccines like kennel cough and influenza vaccine was developed and.

Del Bigtree
They have a flu shot?

Michael Dym, VMD, Homeopathic Veterinarian
They have a flu shot for animals now. And most of the boarding and kennel facilities actually are now requiring that for animals to be boarded, or for doggie daycare. So there's definitely been an increase in the number of vaccines. And then you have what are called other non-core vaccines like leptospirosis and Lyme disease. And these other vaccines, in most animals, are not necessary, and they're not safe. They're very often not effective. And you brought up another good point about the one-size-fits-all. A lot of my colleagues are vaccinating every animal in the same way, just like you said with kids. They're vaccinating large breed dogs like Labradors and sporting dogs the same that they would a little Yorkie that may not even go outside very much, giving them the same vaccines and the same amounts. And, you know, most of my colleagues are still giving the standard one cc dose of a vaccine. And fortunately, one of my colleagues, doctor Jean Dodds, several years ago published a nice study that showed that you can get effective antibody response by using half-dose vaccines so you're cutting down on the amount of, you know, components in the vaccine.

Del Bigtree
We got a quote from this study. It says right here, "A half-dose of this vaccine was given and generated increased serum vaccine antibody titers for all the dogs studied...The median titer and endpoint titer levels had a sustained increase in all dogs at 6 months post-vaccination. As the presence of measurable CPV and CDV serum" --what is that? I don't know what that means-- "serum antibody titers reflect immunity to these viruses, and given that vaccines are known to cause adverse events, especially in smaller dogs, results of this study confirms that receiving a half-dose of bivalent DPV vaccine was efficacious for this study cohort."

So it's basically saying that the vaccine is doing its job. Now, a lot of us, by the time we even get our dog it's been vaccinated. I happen to directly buy a dog from a friend recently, so it's the one dog I know that is just, you know, so healthy. Didn't vaccinate at all. I suppose someone's going to record this and come knock on my door. But that is the question, right? There's a lot of laws around, you know, getting rabies shots and things like that. And so for people that are struggling in there, and normally I would just say if it's your kid, don't do it. Animals, we kind of maybe look at it a different way. What is your advice to people that are, you know, sort of how do they get through the gentlet? Is there a way to minimize? Can you ask for half-doses?
Michael Dym, VMD, Homeopathic Veterinarian

With the rabies vaccine, it’s a little bit harder because it’s supposed to be a standard one cc dose. In my practice often will cut down on it, you know, because I think you get the same immune response as you would with the full dose. Rabies vaccine is required by law in all 50 states, and I usually tell clients to wait to get the first one until the immune system is a little more mature, till around six months of age. That first vaccine is good for one year immuno, you know, legally, and then they’re given a booster at a year of age that’s good for three years. Now that three-year immunity is an arbitrary cut off, it really is, the immunity lasts much longer than three years and there was some nice studies done by the Rabies Challenge Fund, which were just completed, where they documented that immunity to rabies vaccine lasts for at least five years in these animals. So I, and rabies vaccine from a holistic perspective, is one of the more damaging ones to the immune system. It leads to antibodies against the thyroid gland. I often see it lead to neurologic problems, behavioral issues, anxiety, seizures. So it’s really one of the more stronger vaccines given to these animals. And even when you remove the adjuvants, the mercury and the aluminum, I still see immune reactions, and that’s because it’s stimulating an antibody response against the rest of the tissues in the body. And you know that, there was a colleague of mine back in the 90s that actually did some work.

Michael Dym, VMD, Homeopathic Veterinarian

His name was Dr. Larry Glickman from Purdue University. And he looked at vaccines and whether they caused antibody responses in dogs. And he looked at multivalent, meaning, you know, multiple combination vaccines, which is the typical way my colleagues give them. And he found that the animals that were vaccinated developed antibodies against many proteins and biochemicals in the body. Against collagen, which is the main protein in the body, against the albumin, which is another major protein in the body, different connective tissue components, even the heart valves of patients, they developed antibodies against the heart valve. Now there’s a breed, the King Charles Cavalier Spaniel, that’s genetically predisposed to valvular heart disease. In fact, many of them come down with that disease and go into heart failure. Well, what Dr. Glickman’s theory was is that repeated vaccines with these multivalent component vaccines helped bring out that genetic component by causing an antibody response against the heart valves. Now, the studies that he did unfortunately weren’t carried out further. I actually, they weren’t found to follow these animals over years, just like it was done on the human side of things. They didn’t follow the health. All of a sudden the research stopped, and the next thing I know, I think I remember back at that time, he was on the payroll for a, you know, for a drug company, promoting actually leptospirosis vaccine. So, you know, it’s this type of work has been done, it’s out there, and we need to be aware of that in our animals.

Del Bigtree

Is it as controversial to be pushing back against the amount of vaccines or the size of the dose in veterinary medicine, as it is in mainstream medicine, or is there a little bit more of an open dialog amongst veterinarians in this space?

Michael Dym, VMD, Homeopathic Veterinarian

Well, most of them are still following the insert on the vaccine. So they’re still giving the full dose, even though the study came out that they don’t need to give it. And they’re still vaccinating every year. 60% of my colleagues vaccinate animals every year. Even though the data and the research, for over 50 years now, has shown that the immunity to core viral vaccines lasts for years, if not the life of the animal. Dr. Ron Schultz, a prestigious immunologist often considered the father of veterinary immunology, said this 50 years ago, and published, and actually published an article in a textbook called Kirk’s Current Veterinary Therapy, which was a textbook they taught in all veterinary schools at the time. And so he, over the years, has gone out and been an advocate and speaks out and says that our profession is way overdoing it and leading to chronic disease. So, you know, we want to be aware of this type of work that’s being done.

Del Bigtree

Yeah. And so homeopathics like, is this a branch of veterinary medicine that’s becoming more popular? I mean, I ran into, we had one in California, we found one right here in Austin, Texas that does it. So it sounds kind of funny when you first hear it, but you know.

Michael Dym, VMD, Homeopathic Veterinarian

Well, homeopathy is a system of medicine. It’s an energy system of medicine that works on a deeper level than even functional medicine does. And by giving diluted remedies that have been potentized, it’s called, actually improve the healing of the body. And through the principles of what’s called light cures, like so diluted substances that are prepared and shaken down below where there’s any molecule there, actually have a tremendous healing effect on the body.

Del Bigtree

And you’ve seen that, I mean, obviously you’re doing it.
Michael Dym, VMD, Homeopathic Veterinarian

It's amazing. Amazing. That's why from a homeopathic perspective, these vaccines cause disease well beyond the biochemical aspect of it. It's actually the essence or the energy of the virus that you're injecting. And so you see those energetic changes in the patient, mental, emotional, and then eventually physical symptoms. So it's a chronic effect on the body, and we call that vaccination. So and there are actually homeopathic remedies to counteract that. Again at a deeper energetic level. And so again I try and counsel clients to be aware of these things. And there's even homeopathic vaccines that can be used as an alternative to the conventional vaccines. For example, in young puppies that are prone to parvovirus, I actually sometimes will recommend what are called parvo nosodes, which is a homeopathic remedy made from diseased material from an animal suffering from parvo. But again, it's prepared and diluted down to where there's nothing physically present but the energy of the virus at a very dilute level. And by giving that to patients when they're in an age that they're susceptible, you'll actually prevent the disease. So that's another option instead of giving young dogs parvo vaccine.

Del Bigtree

Is there, I mean, is that something when you're looking up a veterinarian, do they tend to say they're homeopathic veterinarians? Is that a search term, or how do you find that?

Michael Dym, VMD, Homeopathic Veterinarian

You know, I often tell my clients, you know, the word holistic veterinarian or homeopathic veterinarian means something different to everybody. And a lot of times people say, well, I do the best of both worlds, and they're recommending, let's say, processed prescription foods, or they're giving flea and tick and heavy pesticides to these animals, and still vaccinating, but they do acupuncture, a little homeopathy, and they call themselves holistic or homeopathic. To me, that's not a true holistic or homeopathic veterinarian.

Del Bigtree

Great point, yeah.

Michael Dym, VMD, Homeopathic Veterinarian

So I often tell people there are some excellent websites that they can go to. Like my teacher, Dr. Pitcairn, has an institute called the PIVH and that has a pivh.org.

Del Bigtree

pivh.org.

Michael Dym, VMD, Homeopathic Veterinarian

Yeah, has a list of veterinarians that were trained in homeopathy. And usually they're going to be more, you know, again, more totally holistic rather than kind of cherry-picking. You know, so, that's the better way to raise animals.

Del Bigtree

Alright. I'm going to ask you a question that's really close to home for me, and that is that, you know, for a while we were making sort of like this all raw, that we, we had a whole batch of dogs when I was not nearly as busy as I am now, and my wife and I would grind up the meat and the vegetables and made this, like, fresh concoction that was really effective. I mean, her daughter was having seizures, the seizures disappeared. I mean, it was really incredible. But we're at a place now where there's just not enough time to do it, and I am spending a fortune on these rolls of pre-made food. And does it make a difference? Just tell me there's a reason I'm spending this much money to go to my dog.

Michael Dym, VMD, Homeopathic Veterinarian

Food is medicine. Hippocrates is the father of medicine said, let food be thy medicine and medicine thy food. The cornerstone of good health for our animals is a species-appropriate, preferably rotating raw meat protein diet. And when animals are fed that from young ages, we see so much less health problems, less skin and ear allergies, less joint problems, urinary disease, cancer. Their health, their vibrancy, their behavior is just so much superior to animals raised on processed commercial kibble, which is loaded with synthetic ingredients and processed carbohydrates that animals don't really digest very well. So the way to feed them is a raw meat diet.

Del Bigtree

And you're saying, don't stick to the same meat, don't.

Michael Dym, VMD, Homeopathic Veterinarian

Yeah, you want to rotate it.

Del Bigtree

Okay.
Michael Dym, VMD, Homeopathic Verinarian
Because what happens is, if you and I don't eat the same thing every day. If you feed an animal the same protein every day, they're going to tend to develop an allergy or hypersensitivity to that over time. So the best way to feed them is to rotate those proteins. And when clients tell me that, when I change my animal's diet, he gets diarrhea or vomiting or gets a tummy upset, I say, well, you need to see a homeopathic or holistic vet to hopefully help strengthen that gut immune system through nutritional therapies and again, homeopathic remedies, so that he or she can tolerate variation in diet. So yeah, raw meat diets are definitely the way to go. Del. That and minimal vaccines. If I, when I give lectures and presentations, I tell people if they want to do two things to just improve the health of their animals, it's those two things and, you know, they live longer. Now, another topic, I don't know if we have some time to talk about, was the idea of removing the sex hormones of our animals.

Del Bigtree
Oh yeah. Right. Yeah. Getting the dog fixed, getting the cats. Yeah.

Michael Dym, VMD, Homeopathic Verinarian
Right. Right.

Del Bigtree
Does that actually that has a negative effect too?

Michael Dym, VMD, Homeopathic Verinarian
Yeah, it actually does. Animals that are neutered or spayed, especially at young ages, the research is now showing that there's a plethora of health problems that these animals develop. Bone and joint problems and certain cancers, hormonal diseases, a lot of them are, and behavioral disorders. People that think that animals that are neutered or spayed have less behavioral issues, well, the incidence of anxieties and aggression and fear actually is higher in the neutered or spayed animal than it is in the non-neutered or spayed animal. So, you know, there's so many benefits to it and when clients do, if they do decide to neuter a spay an animal, you want to wait till they're at least sexually mature. So that allows the bones and the joints to mature, because there are so many immune problems that we see in the bones and the joints, like ACL tears, where an animal will tear its ligament. That's an autoimmune disease, it's not an injury. And the lack of sex hormones significantly increases the incidence of autoimmune diseases in our animals. So we want to maintain those sex hormones. A lot of benefits. The wave of the future is actually now to have what are known as gonad sparing sexual sterilization of animals. Young veterinarians hopefully will be taught those techniques so that we preserve the sex hormones. So with male dogs, they're going to be doing more vasectomies.

Michael Dym, VMD, Homeopathic Verinarian
And with female dogs, they'll be doing more just removal of the uterus and spaying the ovaries. Just like with people. When you remove sex hormones, right, there's all sorts of health issues that crop up throughout the body. The hormonal systems of the body work together. They don't work in isolation. So you take the sex hormones out, you affect the thyroid, the adrenal, the pituitary. It's all an integrated system. So that's why we want to be mindful of removing those sex hormones too. So, you know, my take-home points for a healthy animal are: less vaccines, species-appropriate raw meat diets are possible. Although my colleagues who preach vegetarian diets will bicker with me, but you know, and that's for different reasons. But the species-appropriate diet, minimal vaccines, and less flea and tick and pesticide medications and overworming, which also stress the immune system and are toxic on the body. We cut it down on a lot of those, and we have healthier animals. And there are herbal alternatives to a lot of these things and essential oils that can be used for flea and tick prevention. There's herbal remedies that are good for heartworm disease. So I try and again recommend these to my clients, and a less-is-more approach when it comes to the conventional drugs.

Del Bigtree
Fantastic. Doctor Dym, that was a ton of information. People, I hope they had their notebooks out because really, really great. And I know he answered a lot of questions coming in, I want to thank you for...

Michael Dym, VMD, Homeopathic Verinarian
Oh I love, I love appearing, I love the...

Del Bigtree
...taking the time to join us. Where do we find you if we want to sort of track down the work that you're doing and some of your advice?

Michael Dym, VMD, Homeopathic Verinarian
Well, they can go to my website, DoctorDym.com, spelled out, and I have some nice videos on my social media page as well that has information on food, proper diet, vaccination issue with some studies that I list, and other useful information. And so, I do consult with clients nationwide in addition to locally in the South Florida area.

Del Bigtree
Fantastic. Doctor Dym, thank you for joining us today, such a pleasure.

Michael Dym, VMD, Homeopathic Verinarian
Oh, great to be here, Del.

Del Bigtree
Such a pleasure.
So much to say in such a short period of time.

[01:59:38] Del Bigtree
And you did a great job at it. Alright. We'll have you on again soon so we don't have to like get through so much so fast.

Absolutely.

[01:59:45] Del Bigtree
Really great. You know, one of the things that I love hearing is how people say, you know, I was walking through an airport and I saw somebody with a HighWire hat on, and I was like, oh my God, that's my people. They walk over, instant community, wherever you are, or a t-shirt, it's a great way to travel. Airports are a great way to try it out. And, you know, we got Christmas coming up, we got some new merch that's going to be coming really soon onto the website. But when you ask yourself, how do I find my community, you could also ask yourself, how do you HighWire?

[02:00:23] HighWire gear announcer
Hey, HighWire Insiders. Do you walk down the street and get recognized for your HighWire gear?

[02:00:30] Various speakers
Oh my God, you watch The HighWire?

[02:00:32] Various speakers
Love it.

[02:00:36] HighWire gear announcer
Do you sport your HighWire t-shirt in public to start a meaningful conversation?

[02:00:37] Various speakers
Get factsinated? Don't you mean get vaccinated?

[02:00:42] Various speakers
No, I mean factsinated. Let me tell you why.

[02:00:45] HighWire gear announcer
If you like to wear your Be Brave ball cap around town, or sip your organic iced matcha latte from the new HighWire cork tumbler, send us a quick video rocking your favorite HighWire look, and explain what it means to you to support the work we do by stepping out on the highwire of life in our merch.

[02:01:03] Various speakers
Be brave.

[02:01:04] Various speakers
Hey Del, we love wearing our HighWire gear because every time we do, we know where to find our tribe.

[02:01:10] HighWire gear announcer
Email us your video at HowlHighWire@thehighwire.com, and join the thousands of HighWire Insiders who find their tribe, simply by being brave. #HowlHighwire.

[02:01:27] Del Bigtree
Alright. I'm going to be out on the road this weekend. I'm going to be in Iowa speaking in Des Moines, Iowa. One of my favorite events every year, it's a huge hit. If you're anywhere in the area, Des Moines, Iowa, I will be there this Saturday, the 28th. It starts at 8 a.m., goes pretty much all day. I imagine I'll be closing that sucker out. We're going to really rock the house. So if you are in the Iowa Des Moines area, definitely check that out. And I also want to give a shout out. There's a great event. We had Dr. Aseem Malhotra, who's in from England and making his tour around America, there's a great event. I wish I could be there, but I was already booked in Iowa. But look at Reclaiming Food & Medicine. They're going to be really talking about big ag, big food, huge names. Dr. Aseem Malhotra, obviously, Robert F Kennedy Jr, Dr. Vandana Shiva, and Dr. Drew Pinsky, who I would say is a brand new player in this space of pointing out how corrupt the pharmaceutical industry is. That's going to be in San Jose at the Civic Center. Look into that. That's also coming up this Saturday. And these are things that you should get out to, right? It's all about building community, finding out who your people are because God knows whatever the next insane thing they try to do to us, this time we can't be silent, and this time we cannot allow them to convince us we're the minority.
We now know otherwise, so how about the majority speak out? How do you know where they are? How about you have their phone numbers, know who they are? And speaking of, you know, there are countries around the, in the world right now, Canada, some people are having trouble sharing our podcast, The HighWire, and in other nations. We're watching censorship coming. There's, we've talked about it in the UK. There may be a moment in which it will be illegal to watch the information being shared on The HighWire. Can you all please do me a favor? Can we just make a little pact right here in this moment and not wait for that moment to lose each other and then say, oh my God, I'm blinded, I'm. You know, I'm basically been blacked out here in the UK or Canada. Will you go ahead and sign on to our newsletter today? It's really easy. Just go down to the page. Nobody sees this but us, it's totally encrypted. Just type in your email so that no matter what happens in the world, they try to shut down our internet, or they try to do something to keep us from being able to communicate you the breaking stories that may actually be. If it comes in, gets that drastic, it's probably something you're really going to need to know. We will get it to your email inbox, we will get it to you through text, we will find a way to deliver. Maybe it won't be live.

Maybe at that point the world's going crazy. We can't get to you live, but it will be taped, it'll be in your inbox. Let's not wait for that moment. Let's always have a way to connect with each other, because we don't know how important that will be or what that moment will look like, but let's not be caught by surprise. Please, sign up to our newsletter today so that we can always be in contact with you. There's an awesome album coming out. The Defiant was on, here on the show. They already played one song. They're awesome, a great group of guys. Can we support them? Let's just support the idea that rock and roll must never die, and we must support those that stay rockers, that stay defiant against the system. The album drops tomorrow. I hope you check it out. If we're really being honest, is the album TheDefiantOfficial.com. You can find their album everywhere that albums are sold. Let's go ahead and show all of those other people that let us down, all those rock and rollers are bragging about how much money they're making. Why don't we make The Defiant's album the biggest album of the year and make every one of them say, wait, how did that happen? I thought those were all the guys that didn't go along with the plan, didn't bow down, didn't take a knee. That's right. They were defiant and we're buying their album like hotcakes, and here's another hit from that album.

In the year of our Lord 2020, I think that the month it was March. For humanity's sake we were asked to partake and to break down the arc of the arch. The rogues did resist and the scoundrels insist to engage was far too tall a task. So do not disturb or get kicked to the curb, make no mention or bother to ask. Oh no! Where did Lady Liberty go? Oh Dear! She packed up and hightailed it outta here. The silenced were silent, the sidelines were full, and the stands they were standing room only. A spectator's sport that you couldn't cut short, in a league you're left out and lonely. Some they looked inward and some would dig deep. Others would just look around them. Keep your eye on the shepherd and not on the sheep. Just be happy you finally found them. Oh no! Where did Lady Liberty go? Oh yes! She's outta here, we don't know where and it appears that you could care less. Good day and God bless! Well now there's so many places now she can't be found. Lost desperate cases just above ground. Where do you go when you're gagged and you're bound? Good day we say, good day and we'll see you around. They locked they were locked and the latches were latched on the cage and the cuffs and the casket. The workers up front were dismissed or dispatched. Got a question now it's time to ask it. The Governor held in the highest regards and oh WOW! How the Mighty have fallen. I guess the whole mess was not in the cards. But do you hear the pipes they are calling? Oh no! Where did Lady Liberty go? Oh my! We don't know where she went but we can sure as hell tell you the reason why. Good day and goodbye.

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