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[00:00:08] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

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[00:00:46] The HighWire Control Room

Yeah.

[00:00:47] Jenn Sherry Parry, Executive Producer, The HighWire

Let's do this.

[00:00:48] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

Action!

[00:01:03] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

Good morning, good afternoon, good evening. Wherever you are out there in the world, it's time for us all to step out onto The HighWire. Well, we just got back from an amazing ride and experience in Palm Springs, California, where we were at FreedomFest. We set up, this is the best set up yet. We built a huge stage for The HighWire right in the middle of the showroom there. It was when you came through the front door. You want to talk about product placement, there we were. You had to walk right by us. Amazing guests. Of course, we had Kennedy on who's just fantastic. I love the way that she talks about things. Aaron Siri. It was just an amazing experience. Did a lot of things at FreedomFest. I think I was in more talks. I mean, I gave my own small talk. I was on a panel that I ran with Bret Weinstein and Doctor Robert Malone. But probably, the most outside of my wheelhouse, if you will, and one of the most fascinating things was I was a part of the mock trial. I guess this is something they do every single year. It's one of the biggest hits. The place was packed, and I was the prosecuting attorney. And my goal was to fight pharma. Basically prove that the pharmaceutical institutions are actually using their power, manipulating the markets, you know, raking in money, not caring for the public interest. It was a position I had to talk about, you know, that they're charging too much for everything. And on the other side was a defense attorney.

[00:02:34] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

Unlike me, she was a real defense attorney, that was there to defend pharma. I, of course am a, you know, talk show host and an investigator and a journalist trying to act like an attorney. So I was really stressed. I had to do a lot of research in departments that were just outside of vaccines. They wouldn't let me make it just about vaccines. No, no Del. It has to be about drugs, it has to be everything. In fact, the defense attorney is going to call an official former FDA attorney, in fact, the head of the legal department for the FDA, back between like 2000 and 2004. So it really felt like the whole deck was stacked against me. I mean, somehow pharma weaved its way even into FreedomFest, where they get a real attorney, they get real FDA, you know, lawyers, and I'm over here, you know, trying to act like a lawyer. Of course, I called Doctor Robert Malone to the stand. We are actually going to air that mock trial on July 10th. It was really wild. There you have Michael Shermer. If anybody's been watching the show, even the judge, Michael Shermer and I have locked up before and had a pretty heated conversation over vaccines and autism. Of course, he is the founder of Skeptic magazine. So I was like, the judge and I may or may not get along very well based on my previous interactions. The whole thing was outrageous. I was about as nervous as I've ever been. But if you wanted a taste of just what that experience was like, take a look at this.

[00:04:02] Kennedy, Emcee, FreedomFest 2025

Dan Troy, please raise your right hand and place your left hand on a copy of this book, The World's Medicine Chest: how America Achieved Pharmaceutical Supremacy-and How to Keep It by Sally C. Pipes.

[00:04:14] Dan Troy

Great book.

[00:04:15] Kennedy, Emcee, FreedomFest 2025

Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you FDA.

[00:04:19] Dan Troy

Absolutely.

[00:04:24] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

Mr. Troy, one of the most famous cases in a drug that had misrepresented its safety was viox. Did you have anything to do with that case?

[00:04:32] Dan Troy

I was at FDA when Merck came to us and said, yes, we think we want to withdraw Merck from, we want to withdraw Vioxx. FDA actually said, you know, if you put a black box warning, you can keep that drug on the market. But Merck said, no, we're going to take this drug off the market.

[00:04:48] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

There's an article about a famous email that came when they finally had discovery in that Vioxx case. It says Merck made a hit list of doctors who criticized Vioxx. According to testimony in a Vioxx class action case in Australia, the list emailed between Merck employees contained doctors names with the labels neutralize, neutralized and discredit next to them. According, can you just read this part right here for me?

[00:05:12] Dan Troy

According to The Australian, Merck emails from 1999 showed company execs complaining about doctors who disliked using Vioxx. One email said, we may need to seek them out and destroy them where they live.

[00:05:25] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

We may need to seek these doctors out there to question the safety of Vioxx and destroy them where they live. That does not sound like the company that came to you and said, hey, we've discovered a problem. It sounds like a company that is hiding the fact that they know that they have a product that's causing heart attacks.

[00:05:39] Dan Troy

I can say as the general counsel of a large pharmaceutical company that the bane of our existence was rogue emails.

[00:05:47] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

I'll bet it is the bane of your existence. Of course. And nothing against, great, great panel of people who were all up there. Some of it was tongue in cheek, tongue in cheek, but he obviously, you know, felt the heat and he does now work for large pharmaceutical companies. So a very interesting debate and so many people came up and talked to me about it afterwards. It was one of the highlights of FreedomFest, and we were going to be airing that mock trial on July 10th. I'm going to go ahead and do some camping with my kids and my family over July, but we're going to be, you know, putting up some really great content we've been collecting, including FreedomFest there. So, just really amazing. I just want to say to everyone that puts the FreedomFest together, it's so well organized, it's such a brilliant experience. And, you know, all of the great speakers that they have, the interactions there, you know, hopefully next year, if you didn't make it this year, I really recommend that's one of those conferences you should put on your calendar, because it's really just talking about freedom. They call it a liberty, you know, conference, but it's really conversations about freedom.

[00:06:54] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

And it's amazing how, you know, the variety of types of people that want freedom in so many different spaces all coming to have that conversation together. So really enjoyed that. Once again, one of the highlights of the year, The HighWire live from FreedomFest was a blast. I have a really important story coming up later on in the show, something that's really getting overlooked. After the fires that happened in Pacific Palisades, you know, a PTSD event, certainly for me, anyone that's ever had their home burned down, which my wife and my family and kids have been through, it's a very scary experience. But you rarely talk about the aftermath of that and there are real issues. We are talking about one of the biggest, like, losses of homes and those homes contain, you know, all the batteries. Think about the modern world we live in. How many televisions are in every house? You know, all of the all of the chemicals and, you know, what do they call them? Rare earth chemicals, they're in all the batteries, all of all the Teslas. We're talking about California. All the Teslas, all of the, you know, Toyota, you know, hybrid cars that burn down, all of that really super toxic stuff.

[00:08:03] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

Where is it going? What if you found it was being dumped right next to your children's school, or just right up the road from your own home? We're going to be talking to some mothers that are stepping out about that and really fighting in what was supposed to be the most environmental state in the country with an absolute environmental disaster that's affecting families there so that's a great story coming up. But first, it's time for The Jaxen Report. All right, Jefferey. Well, I mean. By the way, you were amazing at FreedomFest, and it's been fun to watch. Just honestly, you and I have worked together for a very long time, but the level of journalism that you're at running, you know, live interviews with some pretty wiley characters. I mean, FreedomFest, these people are very outspoken, no holds barred, and yet you were there just really delivering. The audience was riveted, people watching live. That's going to continue streaming on all of our social media, but I want to give everybody a chance to feel a little bit what that was like. So really quickly, Jefferey, let's just take a look at some outtakes from your live interviews last week.

[00:09:17] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist

Welcome to Palm Springs, California. I'm Jefferey Jaxen, and I'm here at the FreedomFest, one of the largest libertarian conventions in the world. Let's do this. I'm here with Joel Berry, father, veteran of the Marine Corps, and also the managing editor of the Babylon Bee.

[00:09:39] Joel Berry, Managing Editor, The Babylon Bee

We are united with the truth. And we're going to, we're going to poke holes and lies no matter what political side they're on.

[00:09:45] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist

Doctor Robert Malone, a staunch defender of informed consent, of medical freedom, the rights of individuals.

[00:09:51] Dr. Robert Malone, MRNA Vaccine Pioneer

Anyone spreading mis-, dis-, or malinformation is defined as a domestic terrorist by the former HHS secretary.

[00:10:00] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist

So do you think we need to bring Nina Jankowicz back and run Homeland Security, run the Homeland Security gambit on these people so she can sing Harry Potter tunes at them. Your story is absolutely incredible. It's a story of human rights, it's a story of moral courage.

[00:10:16] Li Schoolland, Survivor of Mao's China

We were told we were not human beings. We were the offspring of dogs.

[00:10:24] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist

You just published a book. I have it right here. The Children We Left Behind.

[00:10:28] Adam Coleman, Founder of Wrong Speak Publishing

The vast majority of these people, as adults, were children who grew up in tumultuous homes.

[00:10:33] Efrat Fenigson, Independent Journalist, Host of You're the Voice Podcast

Looking at Bitcoin in dollar terms, it's the only scarce asset that can really hedge your hard-earned money.

[00:10:42] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist

You have been an advocate for MAHA, now HHS Secretary Kennedy.

[00:10:47] Andrew Gruel, Founder: Slapfish Restaurant Chain

The reason that our food is so cheap and so crappy is because the government is trying to keep the prices of food low by utilizing mass-produced chemicals.

[00:10:55] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist

Ronald Reagan signed the 1986 Vaccine Injury Compensation Act.

[00:10:58] Mark Joseph, Producer, Reagan Author, Making Reagan

I think it was a big mistake.

[00:11:00] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist

I want to congratulate you for being on ACIP. I know the American population, the people, the public, most people that are know what's going on are very excited about this, so thank you very much.

[00:11:14] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

Fantastic. Was there, you know, when you do interviews like that of so many really dynamic individuals, was there any, you know, one aha moment or take away that you came away with there?

[00:11:25] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist

Well I think the best part was getting Robert Malone to laugh because he's pretty stoic individual. But I think the libertarian fest, FreedomFest that this is, you know, it's people that want limited government, fiscal responsibility, and it's been remarkable to see the trajectory over the last several years that we've been going there. Now it's expanded, you can see just from that preview. We're talking Bitcoin, medical freedom. We're talking human rights. It just goes on and on, even like the family talking about properly raising a family with respect and dignity. It's just, it's, everything goes under this umbrella now which is really, really interesting to see.

[00:12:07] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

Yeah. Very, very cool. Well it was great being out there. All right,, so what do we have happening in the news this week?

[00:12:15] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist

Yeah. Well, we have, we have some homerun stories here. Let's start with the global RSV market. What is RSV? This is respiratory syncytial virus. This is a common cold for most people, but for the elderly and the infants it can lead to hospitalization. So we have a market now developing with the vaccinations, and there's vaccinations and there's monoclonal antibodies, so they're both kind of competing for this market in those age groups, the older age groups and then the infants. And you can see here in this kind of overview of the market, looking at the 2030 forecast, it says, "Considering both the modalities (antibody and vaccine) targeting all three key age groups, the global RSV vaccine and antibody market is expected to be worth US\$2.61 billion in 2024, rising to US\$13.59 billion by 2030." Now, this has been a market that's been historically plagued with some issues in the clinical trials in trying to get these vaccines, especially in children. So when I saw this headline from NBC Chicago, "FDA approves Merck's RSV shot for infants, ramping up competition with Sanofi and AstraZeneca," you, this is for newborns and infants. The FDA authorized use of newborns during the or whether they're entering or during the first RSV season of their life. So this is a monoclonal antibody shot, and let's look at the clinical trials for this. So all drug companies have to go through clinicaltrials.gov, they have to basically state their intentions and in any updates on these trials they have to post this here. And this is the final trial. This was the efficacy and safety of Clesrovimab, that's their RSV monoclonal antibody shot, and this is in infants. So just to start out here, twice as many people, and this is a caveat, in the trial group as in the placebo group. So you got about almost 20, a little over 2400 people in the trial group, about 1211 people in the placebo group. But they did use a saline placebo. So that is a positive. They did use an inert saline placebo on this to compare against their monoclonal antibody shots.

[00:14:19] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

So just to be clear, normally we're used to seeing randomized controlled trials, they're equal size. The drug group or in this case the vaccine or monoclonal antibody group, you know, was twice as big as the placebo group. Is that what you're saying? Okay, so when we look in the numbers, we have to do that math and recognize that, you know, you sort of have to cut in half that sort of comparative structure, and I know you're about to take us through that. But, I mean, it's weird that they would do that anyway. I mean, I don't even understand. It's almost like they just want to make a mess of things. Like why change how we know these studies are always supposed to be done? Like one group got it, one group didn't, same sized group, here's your numbers. But, you know, I'm. You know, we're all going to get exhausted if we keep trying to question why the pharmaceutical industry does things the way they do it. All right, but what did we, what did we find?

[00:15:09] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist

At the clinical trials. Yeah, up at ClinicalTrials.gov, we look at, let's look at first the deaths. Obviously you don't want these things to kill anybody. So from the deaths, that first column here are the Merck antibody monoclonal antibody group, three deaths in that group. That second box is one death in the placebo group. Now let's keep going a little bit, we have a whole lot.

[00:15:29] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

Hold on, wait, I don't even want to go anywhere. Let's take a look at that and just explain to people what we're saying then. You cannot say that there was three times the amount of deaths because that's twice as big a group. So what you're saying is cut that in half. So essentially what we would say is there is 1.5 deaths in the Clesrovimab, or however you say it, compared to the placebo group. So still worse, it still did 50% worse than not getting it at all, which I thought the whole point was to stop deaths. So at the very least, it's not even a break even. It's performing slightly worse than getting nothing at all. Okay, got it. When it comes to death. Okay. All right, understood. Yep.

[00:16:08] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist

....a conversation we have with COVID vaccine, all-cause mortality. Now let's look at that with Clesrovimab. So on this first column here we have seven, all-cause mortality affected in the risk there. And then in the placebo group we have three. So again, you cut that seven and a half because we have a double the size of that group. We're still, we're still not coming out with greatest odds here. And that's, you know, that's why we're questioning it....

[00:16:32] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

Where the drug is doing slightly worse, 29% to 25% as it says there.

[00:16:36] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist

Right. Right, right. And so RSV is a respiratory disease, so let's look at how it tracks with the respiratory illnesses. So the infants, the children, kids in the respiratory, upper respiratory tract infections in that group when they're tracking that they had nine after receiving the treatment and only one in the placebo group. And then, lower respiratory tract infections, 15 compared to four in the placebo group. So that's a big conversation there because obviously....

[00:17:08] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

I mean, if the entire purpose of this thing is to, you know, keep you from having dangerous levels of RSV or like this disease that could be problematic and in every category. But those numbers, I think, smack of something different when I look at it, Jefferey. That looks like, you know, I'm almost wondering, it's making me think about disease enhancement, right? Why is it not just across the board doing the same amount? We're talking about how many of them got like, serious upper respiratory tract infection? Like nine. You know, I guess 4.5 times the amount. And then in, you know, in the other one it's 15, so seven times. So that's saying that this product is actually making you more likely to have a severe upper respiratory condition, which is the exact opposite. But you know what it really is bringing up for me, Jefferey, is Peter Hotez. Remember when we first started reporting on COVID-19 and he said, there's no way they're going to be able to warp speed this vaccine out because he's seen the animal trials and it's causing something called disease enhancement. He actually brought up RSV as the example. I want to just throw this into the mix, not to get you too far off track, but just take a look at this, Jefferey, because I wonder if what he stated here, even though it's supposed to be about COVID, can give us some insight into what we're actually talking about with RSV. Everybody, take a look at this.

[00:18:27] Dr. Peter Hotez, Texas Children's Hospital Center for Vaccine Development - Co-Director

One of the things that we're not hearing a lot about is the unique potential safety problem of coronavirus vaccines. This was first found in the early 1960s with respiratory syncytial virus vaccines, and it was done here in Washington with the NIH and Children's National Medical Center, that some of those kids who got the vaccine actually did worse, and I believe there were two deaths in the consequence of that study. Because what happens with certain types of respiratory virus vaccines, you get immunized, and then when you get actually exposed to the virus, you get this kind of paradoxical immune enhancement phenomenon. When we started developing coronavirus vaccines and our colleagues, we noticed in laboratory animals that they started to show some of the same immune pathology that resembled what had happened 50 years earlier. So we said, oh my God, this is going to be problematic. These clinical trials are not going to go quickly because of that immune enhancement. It's going to take time.

[00:19:29] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

So there he's describing it as immune enhancement, meaning the body's somehow overreacting caused two deaths in an RSV trial back in the 1960s which derailed that. Now we're looking at three deaths not derailing it. Nine upper respiratory infections over one and, you know, 15, you know, over, four. Remember, do those in half, but still it's performed, it appears to be making you more sick. And I really, it leaves me with this. For folks. I just really want you to let this sink in for a second, what Peter Hotez is saying. We don't really know why this thing with upper respiratory conditions, when we vaccinate for it, somehow, sometimes in these animal models, it looks like it makes you more sick. It has a disease enhancement, immune enhancement. And then we had an RSV trial, we did it on kids and we did see that and we pulled out, and we were working on the COVID vaccine, it was like, oh no, hold on a second. We better slow down because we're seeing the same thing. Well we're seeing it here, and are you telling me this just got approved?

[00:20:32] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist

That's the headline. That's what I'm reading in the headlines, just like everyone else. So we're unpacking this alongside of, the investigation, we're investigating alongside everyone else in full public view here. So I want to stick on that idea of enhancement, disease enhancement. Because remember there's monoclonal antibodies and there's also vaccines. So traditionally that issue was in children, not so much adults with RSV. So Moderna was working on their own vaccine for RSV. It was using mRNA technology, so this was the traditional vaccine that we thought about over the last four years, you know, a la COVID. And this is the headline that came out just in December of 2024. "'Safety signal' in Moderna's RSV vaccine studies halt trials of other vaccines for childhood killer." And you go in here, it says, "In recent clinical trials, two experimental RSV vaccines for babies may not only have failed to protect them, but actually made some of them sicker when they got RSV or another respiratory virus." So that's a pretty big swath there. RSV or, you know, any other respiratory virus floating around. And at that time. So they paused it, but at that time we had the FDA's VRBPAC committee. This was before Kennedy took the helm at HHS, this was under Biden administration, and listen to what the committee had to say about this pause.

[00:21:48] Sarah Meyer, MD MPH, Chief Medical Officer, Immunization Services Division, NCIRD

This was a very well thought-out process, but again, as others have pointed out, here we are, you know, talking about a safety signal, and we don't really understand the mechanism why. So for me, it makes it very difficult to comment on the second question about what additional safeguards or what new ways to study this we can put in place without really understanding what we think may have happened here or why our, you know, why the safeguards we put in place didn't necessarily predict severe outcomes. So I'm really hopeful that, you know, some of the additional investigations that Moderna has discussed can shed some light on this and some of the other studies that my colleagues have recommended. So for me, it makes it very difficult to really comment on that one.

[00:22:35] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

This is. Jefferey, let me just jump in, and I know people are like, why do you interrupt Jefferey so much? For those that are watching right now, I need this to sink in for you, especially if you're brand new to this show, and you're like, oh my God, my doctors are amazing. The CDC is brill-, FDA, they are so genius. They are blah blah blah blah. Listen to what she just said. She just said, we don't know why this is happening. It's exactly what Peter Hotez said back in 2020 when he said, you can't rush a coronavirus vaccine. We don't know why, but in upper respiratory conditions when we vaccinate, sometimes it makes the disease worse and we don't know why. We just showed you a monoclonal trial that has now been approved, and still, just know it got approved while the consensus of all science is, we don't know why treating this makes it more dangerous than not treating at all, and yet they're saying there's a, what, a 2 billion, you know, a \$2 billion market this year, potentially \$15 billion down the road. They're not stopping and they've had this problem since the 1960s. Folks, this is where I have always jumped off the pharmaceutical train. I'm off. You are playing God, you have no idea what you're doing. And by the way, where are the ethics? They want to talk about ethics issues of doing, you know, placebo-based trials. Well, look at right here. They are so addicted to an RSV vaccine, they keep putting innocent children into trials, knowing that they don't know jack about how the immune system works around these things. They know that people die and once again, three are dead in the trials of the monoclonal antibodies. They're stopping this one down because kids are dying. So get this. Your regulatory agencies are having trials, not having any understanding of how the immune system actually works around this and they are killing children to try and get to their \$15 billion payoff by 2030. That's how I see this.

[00:24:30] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist

And those comments are emblematic of the medical system we are trying to move away from. That's why we brought Secretary Kennedy, HHS Secretary Kennedy to power, and Trump brought him in the fold as well, because we are voting to move away from this idea of, well, we really don't understand the fully evolving immune system of children in all its aspects. That's what the MAHA report, I'm going to go into that in a little bit, but that's what the MAHA report did when it came out from the White House. It said children are not adults. So we have all these considerations, it's not just 1 to 1. And so that's the RSV conversation. But at the same time all this is happening, again, that was late 2024, the FDA is having shorter review times for drug developers. So this can be looked at either way, I'll let the viewers do that. But "US FDA to shorten review time for drug developers under new voucher program." It says, "The regulators said on Tuesday that the commissioner would determine whether a company aligns with health priorities such as delivering innovative medicines, addressing a health crisis or unmet public health needs, and increasing domestic drug manufacturing....FDA Commissioner Marty Makary said the program will allow companies to submit 'the lion's share' of an application before the clinical study is completed, which he said can reduce inefficiencies." So I look at this, you know, with shaded glasses as positive, because if they're addressing health priorities which would have unmet public health needs, I could think of a handful of those. Hopefully these companies are doing that. Yes, fast-track those in a way that's safe, if that's possible.

[00:25:58] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist

But that's one of those conversations we have here. But when it comes to the vaccine conversation, let's stay on this one more moment. We have something that has been shared all over social media, it's become very popular. It's the ICAN Placebo Pyramid. And this is the previous FDA, we're going back decades and decades and generations. And the vaccines on the childhood schedule, the CDC childhood schedule, were licensed by the FDA, not with gold standard, placebo-controlled, double-blind studies, but against other vaccines, against comparator vaccines. So you have this pyramid, this basically pyramid scheme. So that brings us to the next conversation. This is the US FDA's approval of Sanofi's meningococcal vaccine for infants. Now this vaccine has been approved for children, but now they've lowered that exception, they've lowered that approval to six weeks to two years. So a six-week-old infant, up to two years of age, that is now the FDA's approval for this vaccine. So when I saw that, I said, interesting. Let's go into this conversation with that vaccine placebo pyramid in mind. So we have MenQuadfi, that is the name of this meningococcal vaccine. We go to the package insert from the FDA and we read it. Just really quick, anybody can follow me along on this journey. "The safety of MenQuadfi in infants from six weeks of age vaccinated with 4-dose series...was evaluated in Study. The safety analysis set included 1727 participants who received at least one dose of MenQuadfi...and 867 participants receiving at least one dose of Menveo..." All right, well, what's Menveo, we go to Menveo. Was that approved with a placebo?

[00:27:33] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist

We go to Menveo safety insert, "...safety of MENVEO in children two years through ten years of age." You go through that and says, you have clinical trials, subjects received MENVEO, or they received comparator vaccines Menomune or Menactra. All right. Let's go to Menactra. So safety, this is the FDA's from Menactra. Safety of Menactra was evaluated in eight clinical studies. Great, this is good, a lot of people in these. What did they receive? They received Menactra or they received Menomune. Uh oh, I've heard that. I've heard that name before. So let's finally go to Menomune, because this seems to be the last one in the list. How was that clinical trial? Well, you go to that insert and we're almost done with this rabbit hole. "In three clinical trials designed to assess the safety immunogenicity of another vaccine, Menactra" what do they use? At the bottom there they use Menomune. And so what we have here, and I have to give them credit in this insert. This is I believe from 2016 all the way back here at the bottom of this rabbit hole. It even says in this insert there's this moment of beautiful truth. It says, "Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical trials of a vaccine cannot be directly compared to rates in the clinical trials of another vaccine and may not reflect the rates observed in clinical practice." So they just undid everything that they're trying to do there.

[00:28:52] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

But let's be perfectly clear. Since we ran a bullcrap study of a bullcrap drug against another bullcrap drug, and that bullcrap drug was tested against another bullcrap drug, this entire safety trial that you are looking at right now is complete bullcrap but we are going to approve it anyway, and so don't give us any crap. Just like. Sorry people, for everyone out there homeschooling. I tried to keep it as clean as I could, but this is absolutely nuts.

[00:29:18] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist

And for the visual learners out there, everything I just went through, check out this slide. This is what we're talking about. MenQuadfi was the license based on Menveo, Menveo was Menactra, and then Menactra and Menomune kind of played around with each other, but in that whole sandbox, there's no placebo-controlled trial that we're looking at here. And at the end of the whole thing, the vaccine that was approved for six weeks to two years now, let's go back to that insert, the one that was just approved by the FDA. We look at their serious adverse events. This is the safety trials. It says, "In Study 1 and Study 2, following any dose in the 4-dose series...."

[00:29:52] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

So you gotta get four of these dang things by the way. Don't you love these products, that they don't even work the first time. Four doses you've got to get. I mean, all right, just go ahead.

[00:30:02] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist

It's repeated. So it says, there "were reported 5.3% of participants following MenQuadfi and 3.6% of participants following Menveo during the entire study period." So, you know, normally when you ask somebody that....

[00:30:14] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

So SAEs being serious adverse events, and serious usually means has the potential to kill you, right. If it was left unchecked, I mean, it means it's serious.

[00:30:26] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist

Right. And so when you ask people that, you know, are really involved in these trials, they say, well, we use the comparator drugs because it would be unethical to deny a child these lifesaving vaccines even in a trial of safety. But, you know, you peel back the cover a little bit, it's also to hide some of these serious adverse events. So if you look at this, you take 5.3% minus 3.6%, and that starts to look pretty good because both of these have safety profiles and issues with them, adverse event issues, and you put them together, it doesn't start to look too bad.

[00:30:57] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

Well, and hold it up there because again, I know it's math and a lot of us are just our eyes roll back, but what they're saying here, folks, is you used to hear that serious adverse events were 1 in 1,000,000 in vaccinations, they were 1 in 1,000,000. Right here, this product is being approved and it's 5.3 out of 100. So it's about 1 in 20. It's 1 in 20 is what they're accepting, a serious adverse event. So out of every 20 kids, one of them is going to have a serious adverse event. Can you imagine having 20 cupcakes in your classroom, and just say one of those, your kid's going to have to be rushed to the hospital for it. Would you let your kids take that, that that cupcake? And by the way, you should feel better because we compared it to the old product, and that one only had about, you know, 1 in 30. So it used to be a little better, we're going with one that's a little bit more dangerous, we're never going to explain to you why. But folks, we are way outside of, you know, Oz, and the world, the curtain has been pulled back of the 1 in 1,000,000. They are accepting adverse events inside of 1 in 20 right now and saying good enough for us.

[00:32:02] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist

Right, right. And Del, one of the issues that does affect our children as well. You know, we're talking about the vaccine conversation, but there's other conversations as well and real strides are being made, and I want to also spotlight those as we're talking about this entire picture, because, you know, the folks at the FDA, they're sorting things out. When you're seeing these trials, this is our job is to point this stuff out and to talk to the public and hope there's some type of communication there. But I want to go to the MAHA report, and in many ways, this was a transitional moment for the United States government. And the second section of that report looked at the cumulative load of chemicals in our environment specifically for children. So, again, children aren't adults, and the U.S. government acknowledged this, which is huge. And why? Because children, you can see the list here. They have sensitive developmental windows, they have developing immune systems, they have problems detoxifying like adults, not like adults. Accelerated brain development, endocrine disruption is an issue. So all of these things are now being considered by food manufacturers and by basically big ag. So big ag, we're talking about all the big food manufacturers, but also up the food chain, that's not so obvious, like the pesticide manufacturers. So let's stick on this conversation, because one of the moves that just happened, Kraft.

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Kraft is following in-line now with General Mills, with PepsiCo. Huge, huge multinational corporation. "Kraft Heinz to remove synthetic dyes from U.S. products amid 'Make America Healthy Again' pressure." It says, "Instead, the company plans to replace them with natural alternatives, but that will alter the bright rainbow of colors shoppers have grown to love, food scientist Bryan Quoc Le told The Post. These natural dyes typically come from a food source, giving them a slight taste. Using turmeric for yellow color and beetroot for red, for example, can add an 'off flavor' to products, Quoc Le said." So they're kind of prepping you. I'd rather just, obviously, I think most people would have that, just get out of the food. We really care where it's coming from as long as it's like natural turmeric, beetroot, great. We'll take an off-flavor on top of that, no big deal. But there's a big opportunity for the US government, for HHS to really make a move in this, in this conversation. And this is in the conversation of glyphosate. So every month now, pretty much you look into the media and you see headlines like this. This is the most recent headline. "Missouri appeals court upholds \$611M judgment in Roundup liability case." This is cancer-causing. Wow. Here's another one.

[00:34:26] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist

"Bayer seeks new Roundup settlement while exploring Monsanto bankruptcy." They are getting clobbered, they have been in court, we've been reporting on this since way before COVID, and this is a new study that just came out to add to the conversation. So the conversation around glyphosate is politics and science. Here's the science. "Carcinogenic effects of long-term exposure from prenatal life to glyphosate and glyphosate-based herbicides..." So what's interesting about this, it's in rats, but they're not looking at, not only looking at glyphosate in a vacuum, they're looking at the business end of what comes out of that nozzle that people are using on their yards, which is the glyphosate-based herbicides, the entire formulation. Some of that's still proprietary, especially in the European Union. People don't even know what's being sprayed in that proprietary blend. But it says, in this report, the conclusion, it says, "This report from the carcinogenicity arm of the GGS <global glyphosate study> found that glyphosate and GBHs" --basically glyphosate-based herbicide, so that's the full formulation-- "at exposure levels corresponding to the EU glyphosate ADI" --the acceptable daily intake. So the EU has this acceptable daily intake, which is lower than the US, they're very cautious. So what's great, these researchers use this acceptable daily intake and they dose rats in their water with this. And the NOAEL, which is the no observed adverse effect level.

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So that's basically, you want to bring it all the way up to the edge until it starts to have adverse effects. So it starts to really show health issues, they back it off a little bit. So you have this window, you have acceptable daily limit and there's no observed adverse effect level. And this is what they said. They said it "caused statistically significant, dose-related increased trends or increased incidences compared to RI and NTP historical controls, of" --here we go-- "multiple benign or malignant tumors of blood, skin, liver, thyroid, nervous system, ovary, mammary gland, adrenal glands, kidney, urinary bladder, bone, endocrine pancreas and circulatory system." And that goes on to say, "Most of these increases involved tumors that are rare in SD rats." It goes on to say, "We also observed early onset and early mortality for a number of rare malignant tumors, including leukemia, liver, ovary and nervous system tumors. Notably, approximately half the deaths from leukemia seen in the glyphosate and GBHs <glyphosate based herbicide> treatment groups occurred at less than one year of age...Our results indicate that, while glyphosate alone is capable of causing a number of benign or malignant tumors, GBHs co-formulants may enhance the carcinogenicity of glyphosate, particularly in the case of leukemia."

[00:36:56] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

Wow, that's horrifying. Wow. And you're saying at the accepted, the acceptable daily intake doses, saying, this is where we said it was acceptable. Not even the, you know, where is it, you know, it's, I mean, it's a huge discovery because usually like, well, in the study, they gave the rats so much of this stuff that obviously can cause cancer at high doses. It's all about dose. When now they're saying, well the dose that was said to be safe is actually killing rats in the study and showing cancers like we've never seen.

[00:37:27] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist

This is a really bombshell forward-looking study, and I want to show an image from this study as well. This is the leukemia deaths in the rats. And most of those, 40% of those deaths in the treated groups occurred in the first year time window, 52 weeks basically. And the ADI is the acceptable daily intake in the European Union. And then that no observed adverse effect level, that NOAEL at the end. But even in the middle there, the researcher said, let's go ADI times ten, let's see what happens, and you see dose-dependent. This is dose-dependent effects. And I want to point people to the EPA's 2017 Children's Environmental Health Impact Report. And it says this. "Cancer is the second leading cause of death among children between ages 1 and 14 years old. Leukemia, cancer of the white blood cells, is the most common childhood cancer. The number of children diagnosed with leukemia has increased by about 35% over the past 40 years, especially among Latino children as shown in recent studies in the US." So this is the conversation. This breaks barriers of race, of ethnicity. This brings everyone together under one hood to demand change. And this is really what we're doing here. The science is clear and a lot of times industry will look at study by study in a vacuum and say, well, this study had this issue with it and this issue, and those researchers really can't be trusted because they've published things before in the past that have been not scientific. So let's really quickly run through, because we're at an inflection point here, where glyphosate, that herbicide, that pesticide can be removed, the science is speaking.

[00:39:03] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist

A 2025 published review, happening just two weeks before this rat study I just presented. This was looking at 15 years of published studies, and they found this. Here's the infographic they use, and you can see they looked at glyphosate and the co-formulants, that's the entire formulation. And look at this, look at all of these issues, the pathways it shows and then the issues on the right side that kicks out. It says, "Based on published studies, common side effects following GBH <glyphosate based herbicide> applications include the disruption of the microbiome, neurotoxicity, cytotoxicity, reproductive, oncogenic, and teratogenic effects. New modes of action and impacts at several trophic levels continue to be discovered," --they're still discovering them-- "many driven by the sheer intensity of GBH use." Now, let's keep going. Really quick, just I want to nail this. 2023 and we go back every year, we can see these. This is, "Association of lifetime exposure to glyphosate" showing liver inflammation, metabolic syndrome in young adults that's, you know, leading to diabetes, heart disease. This is all the stuff MAHA is trying to stop, so this is a home run for them. 2022. "Toxic Effects of Glyphosate on the Nervous System." You have an infographic here showing glyphosate and the formulations, it's showing neurotransmission, interrupts, behavioral impairment, neuroinflammation. It says, their conclusions, "The information summarized in the present review indicates that exposure glyphosate, AMPA," --that's the co-formula-nt- "or GBH could induce several toxic effects on the nervous system of all species studied."

[00:40:37] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist

"Although there are important discrepancies between the findings analyzed in this review, it is unequivocal that exposure to glyphosate, alone or in commercial formulations, can produce important alterations in the structure and function and nervous system of humans, rodents, fish and invertebrate animals." So what's happening right now? At the legal level, Bayer is really seeking to change laws at state levels, using lobbying. At the federal level, and through courts, they're getting clobbered, really, and in the court of public opinion as well. And so in North Carolina right now, a bill just passed the Senate, it's moved into the House, its the North Carolina Farm Act of 2025. Senate Bill 639. And you can see here, this was published by Bayer, this was a helped, written by Bayer's lobbying company, Modern Ag Alliance. And you can see, every time you see these bills in the state houses that are being passed, you see this section, limited liability for pesticide manufacturers. They're modeling this after the 1986 Vaccine Injury Compensation Act, and they're trying to basically escape with this, because if something comes down from the federal level banning this, then they're going to have to be a federal and a state level fight if they can get these bills passed. So a lot of people are standing up against this. If you're North Carolina and you believe this bill should not pass, this is the bill that you want to call your representative on if you have that belief.

[00:42:01] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

I mean, when we look at these skyrocketing rates of leukemia in babies, you never, I mean, when we were kids, Jefferey, babies didn't get cancer. And now babies are, you know, the numbers are astronomical. And now we see this direct link to glyphosate. And for everyone out there, I think you have to start taking this really seriously. It's very easy to just go, well, I mean, I think no matter what we do, we think, well, it can't be that bad, it's being allowed. You know, what did they say? 80, over 80% of the crops in America are being, you know, sprayed with this stuff now. And so I think about the fact that, you know, Zen Honeycutt, who we've had on the show, Moms across America, has done such amazing work on this exact issue, like trying to point out, she's done the studies, they've shown that it's in the breast milk. So this baby, from day one, in this beautiful connection between mom and baby, the mother is probably trying to have a good balanced diet, eating vegetables. That glyphosate is pouring right into this brand new baby. It's literally the first chemicals that it is just saturating its body with. Then I imagine all the times that we were steaming vegetables for our children.

[00:43:11] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

We tend to buy organic. You know, I hope, I hope that that means it's clear of the stuff. But how many people can't afford that and aren't, but are steaming their vegetables and mashing them up, and the little kids doing that, and the baby foods you're using that are vegetables, you know. What is the process? You can't get glyphosate out. Remember, it cannot wash off your vegetables. It's in the vegetable. You know, you're using it in your lawns, your dog is dragging that in. Your baby is petting your dog. Your dog was rolling around in the grass. The stuff was all over. I mean, it's everywhere. It's everywhere. And this is such a critical issue. It's also, I'm going to give a shout out to Zen Honeycutt. Go to Mom's Across America because she's really on top of this. We're going to have her on the show again to discuss some of this stuff in the future. But it's really, it's really horrifying. Jefferey. Honestly, Jefferey, that may have been one of the more depressing Jefferey Jaxen series that we've had so. But I appreciate it. We got to know this stuff.

[00:44:07] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist

Yeah. The best thing this is going to hope for. And, you know, we do this, Del, as you know, to light a fire under people that will listen. And we know that people listen all the way up into the highest levels of the government. And so we're here to point these things out. And it's such a flashing red light at this point. It's time to move on this issue. This has been an issue over a decade. People have, the March for Monsanto is the biggest protest. That's been going, that was going on in the early- and mid-2000s so, it's time, it's time.

[00:44:37] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

It's time. Jefferey, keep up the great work. I'll see you next week, thank you very much. I'm sure, I would imagine through some of this segment, some of you are screaming at your televisions right now. Well, what is Robert Kennedy Jr doing? What is HHS? I mean, we're still like bringing on vaccines with terrible studies, comparing themselves to other, you know, terrible products that went through terrible studies. Kids are dying, you know. It's disturbing. I want to, I want to just, I just want to take a moment and be here with you. I feel exactly that too. And I think what I want to say is, we still have to say focused. And it's something that is very important to point out in any movement. And this has been the case in the medical freedom movement from day one. I have watched organizations argue that it has to be judicial, it has to win in a courtroom or it doesn't mean anything. Then I've seen people argue, no, no, no, it's the legislation, it's the legislation we got to do it. No no no no no no, it's the court of public opinion. We've got to make sure we're doing the social media. And throughout, I mean, I'll tell you, one of the biggest jobs that I've had, you know, running the Informed Consent Action Network is trying to say, hey, everybody, it's going to take everything. Stop arguing with each other. If you are a social media genius, then focus on getting the story out. Warn every mom you know.

[00:45:54] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

Don't eat those vegetables. You got to go organic. You got to figure out a way through. It is poisoning your child. Don't get those vaccines. They weren't properly safety tested. Let me show you the insert here. You know, go ahead and spread the word. If you are great, if you're a lawyer and you know how to bring a lawsuit, or you know something that needs a lawsuit, then and you're a nonprofit that's really good at funding lawsuits like ours is, then do lawsuits. If you know how to get into legislation, if you think there's a great candidate out there that can represent you, then get them in there. But let me be clear. Not one of these things was ever going to work all by itself. And some of the things we do may literally be sand paintings that come and go. And right now we are all wondering, what is Robert Kennedy Jr doing inside of HHS right now? It was an amazing achievement last week, by the way, to kick out ACIP and start putting better people in there. But, you know, I got a question what Vinay Prasad is doing right now. Why are you approving products where kids are dying in the trials, and they're being tested against a product where kids are dying? You know, why is that happening? Why are we putting these products out there, what is the rush? And why are you just looking the other way when you have your top officials saying, we don't even really know how the immune system works around this? Well, then full stop. Full stop, stop it.

[00:47:10] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

Stop approving anything. Stop putting kids through dangerous trials, run by the very pharmaceutical industry. I mean, let's put, let's call it what it is. These trials are literally the best way they could spin it, because guaranteed, they're trying to make a sound as great a product as they possibly can, but they can't overcome 9 to 1 ratio of upper respiratory, or I mean, let's 4.5 to 1 upper respiratory, and similarly lower respiratory issues. Meaning the product's worse than not getting it at all. And so I want to say this. We have been here. ICAN and The HighWire has been driving for change. We brought more winning lawsuits against, yes, HHS, FDA, CDC, NIH, than anyone. That is what we do. Frankly, it's what Aaron Siri does better than anyone in the world. We're not like any other nonprofit. We don't just hear about a lawsuit and a lawyer that's trying one for the first time and say, hey, we'll fund that. Oh, and Lucy over here has got a lawsuit, why don't we throw some money at that and, you know, Timmy over there has got a lawsuit. We've had one guy, one genius that keeps hiring a bigger and bigger team. He teaches them what we learned. He teaches them how we're going next. He strategies what's going to be the next most important way to bring this thing down. It's how we won back the religious exemption in Mississippi.

[00:48:26] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

Nobody else could do it. No one else is going to do it. No one is going to step into this space for the very first time as a lawyer. Doesn't matter how well-intentioned they are, they don't know how to win this. They haven't lost, they haven't won, it's just like anybody. You have to have won like an athlete. You have to have the moments where it didn't work out, where you crashed, you burned, and you learn. We have been learning and learning and learning and winning and learning and winning and learning. And right now, I just try to picture Robert Kennedy Jr. surrounded by zombies inside of a castle. And we're all screaming, why aren't you opening the gate? He's probably in there like, because I am surrounded by evil. So while he's fighting evil, we need to be attacking the gate from the outside. We're not going to sleep. I'm sorry, ICAN's not go to sleep, and Aaron Siri is definitely not going to sleep. Probably should be following him on his social media and you'll see what I mean. We need your help now. This war is not over, it's only just begun. We may have won Bobby Kennedy among 65,000 employees in there that is on our side. Maybe he's trying to open the gate, but shouldn't we be pounding this gate from the outside? That's what HighWire intends to do, that's what ICAN is going to do. And we can't do that without you. Do not go to sleep.

[00:49:38] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

Obviously, clearly this week we are all recognizing, there's no time to go to sleep here. This thing isn't just swinging easily open in our direction, it needs our help. And I would go ahead and assume, by us suing HHS, help us sue HHS right now. Help us sue HHS. Scan that barcode right there. Yeah, we got Bobby in there, and he'll make it easier, hopefully, on the other side. And he probably needs this pressure. He's probably, hey guys, try to help them pull this gate up from the other side. We got to do this together. This is our moment. We have fought way too hard to go to sleep now. Goliath is rocked on his back, but Goliath has a lot of friends inside of HHS, FDA, CDC, NIH, and so our attack is bigger than ever. We got the trebuchets lining up, we're letting them on fire and I need your help right now. So please, become a recurring donor. It's never going to matter more than right now. Go to the top of the page. Donate to ICAN. Help us sue HHS so we can get to the bottom of this and stop this insanity. You know, we're looking for recurring donors. When you get into a recurring donation situation, it helps us know how many lawsuits we can bring, what we can actually do, because you can't get in there and then come up short on the amount of money because the case isn't over yet. We're asking for \$25 a month for 2025, but honestly, get involved.

[00:50:59] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

Vote with your dollars. I want you to feel what it feels like when we win. We're fighting right now, by the way, in West Virginia. You know, the governor wants there to be a religious exemption, but there's a whole pushback. ACLU is in there. There's a whole mess of stuff going on. Aaron is fighting like hell right now, and we are pouring money into it so that he can fight. Please, make this happen right now. We're going to free the five. We told you. We won all the California universities, you got a religious exemption there, but you don't have it for your elementary schools. We're not going to stop. This is it, and frankly, this is the last stand. We may have three and a half years. Let's say one thing is for sure. With Robert Kennedy Junior in there, this target is as soft as it's ever going to be. Now could it be softer? We could all dream whatever we want to dream, we live in the real world. We are seeing what's going. So please get involved right now, and help ICAN do everything we've been doing all the time. Now we're going to hit even harder. We are going to be relentless, for you, for the children of this world. And by the way, if your friends aren't watching The HighWire, how many mothers do you know do not know they should be staying away from that RSV vaccine right now? How many mothers that you know know they shouldn't be going near that meningococcal? Do not keep this show to yourself.

[00:52:22] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

Do not be afraid. This is a tool you should be sharing with everyone you know. Let's break this thing through media, through truth, through understanding. You can watch it. Tell your friends you can watch it on The HighWire.com, Rumble.com, x.com, Roku, Apple TV. You know, we've worked hard to get in all these places. And follow us on social media and follow Aaron on social media and me on social media, @DelBigtree, @ICANdecide, @HighwireTalk. This is the moment. It's critical. Please do not spend this time, you know, licking wounds. We are in the catbird seat. This is our power moment. Let's work together to make it everything it could possibly be. Now, one of the things that's an easy way to help us out is you can also buy some merch. I actually ran into someone just yesterday with a HighWire shirt in the middle of the airport. So guess who went out of the way to go and say hi? So go ahead and throw on a HighWire hat, a shirt. If I see you in an airport, I will definitely come up and shake your hand and have a little bit of a conversation. And by the way, so many other people around you might start that conversation too. Hey, I watched The HighWire too. That's why we love our merch store. Take a look at this.

[00:53:35] HighWire merch announcer

Summer is coming in hot, and it's time to get fired up with exclusive HighWire gear in our biggest sale ever. Everything in our merch store is 25% off, from hoodies to hats to our signature HighWire tees, and it's happening right now through May 31st. Our gear is more than just apparel, it's a statement. So join the HighWire tribe. But hurry, these deals won't last long. Shop now at TheHighWire.shop to support our mission and bravely spring into summer with style.

[00:54:10] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

You know, I want to sweeten the pot just a little bit, you know. You can watch those commercials. You ever see one of these things, these Pop Sockets, like wherever you go, you got that tv on the plane? I mean, it kind of was like, where do I put it, and then you got this thing and there, you got it on the tray anyway. These pop sockets were going like hotcakes out at FreedomFest. And so what we've decided to do is this week, if you spend more than \$20 on anything, a hat, an umbrella, whatever it is, you're going to get a free pop socket. Which is also, if you just want to sort of, you know, be under the radar but someone can catch it. It's like, do the sign, you know, they see you like, hey, I'm walking around there in public and you just might know what I'm into too. All right. And by the way, let me remind you, we're talking about Palantir, that the government appears to be selling, you know, all of our data into some giant AI system. This right here, you know, is a Faraday bag. I think you better start getting used to using one of these the way that I do, which is, you better not be having any conversation that really matters to you and letting everyone weigh in on it. This is one of my favorite products on there. It works. They cannot hear you. When you're having that, oh, what do I do? Do I put it in the microwave? When your friends are, like, talking about stuff like, did you see the last HighWire, you start talking about it and maybe they're trying to, shhh.

[00:55:22] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

Wait. Hold on, hold on, hold on. Faraday bag time. Faraday bag time. All right. All right, well, look. There are warriors everywhere. People step up all the time. And I hope you're one of those people. I'm so excited. So often we hear about the audience and how active you are. I think we have one of the most engaged audiences out there. You're watching The HighWire, you care about what's going on. But we were told about a story that I wasn't even paying attention to. Sure, we see about the fires and, you know, all the people and the insurance scandals that are going on and people losing their homes. But I will tell you, one of the most toxic things you can ever do is go and visit your burned out home, which I had to do after the fires that were in Malibu. Think of all of the disease that came from those people that worked in 9/11 on the towers there, just on that smoldering pile of all of the metals and the computers and it's burning aluminum. I mean, it's really horrific asbestos. Now think of California and all of the batteries in the cars. I mean, they're like the electric car capital of the world. All of those things are burned. Where do you think they go? I mean, they're not launching them, Elon Musk isn't launching them in space. Where is it going? Imagine if it was going, you know, into a landfill right next to your school or right next to your home. That is the issue that's at the heart of what's going on right now. Take a look at this.

[00:56:46] ABC 7 reporter

More pushback over fire waste dropoff site.

[00:56:49] NBC reporter

Dozens of people gathered over the weekend to protest and block incoming trucks.

[00:56:54] ABC 7 reporter

Neighbors in Calabasas are demanding crews stop dropping off hazardous waste from the devastating Palisades fire.

[00:57:00] NBC reporter

Thursday's protest happening two days after the L.A. County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to increase the amount of fire debris allowed in landfills.

[00:57:09] Protester

Calabasas says no way.

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Protests included TV star and Calabasas resident Kourtney Kardashian.

[00:57:17] Kourtney Kardashian, Protester/TV Personality

There's no place for these toxic chemicals in a city where there are children, parks, schools.

[00:57:24] Fox 11 reporter

Officials insist that hazardous materials are being handled safely, but residents and some local leaders remain concerned about potential health risks.

[00:57:33] NBC reporter

People in Calabasas and Agoura Hills both say that they feel really left in the dark about this. Even the Calabasas mayor.

[00:57:40] Mayor Peter Kraut, Calabasas

We need to know that that material is not going to get into the water and poison our water supplies.

[00:57:45] Natasha Downing, Calabasas Resident, Co-Founder, Protect Calabasas

No one wants to subject themselves to cancers, to respiratory disease, to all sorts of things that can happen to you and your family.

[00:57:52] Michelle Geller, Protester

We should be dumping this in an area that is allowed to take hazardous material. I don't want to sit here and put this in anyone's backyard. This needs to go to a landfill that is deemed hazardous.

[00:58:05] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

It's my honor and pleasure to be joined right now by Natasha Downing, who's one of the mothers at the center of this controversy. Thank you for joining us.

[00:58:12] Natasha Downing, Calabasas Resident, Co-Founder, Protect Calabasas

Thank you so much for having me.

[00:58:14] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

This is something that people don't think about and, you know, I've had a house burn down, you have to wear masks. That probably doesn't even really do it. But Calabasas, you know, you think about well, it all happened in Palisades. Calabasas is, like, up and over the hill, like, way out of the way and so this fire that happened in one part of the city is really coming to your neighborhood.

[00:58:39] Natasha Downing, Calabasas Resident, Co-Founder, Protect Calabasas

Yeah. It's seriously affecting us. The trucking route that they're using to bring it to us goes straight past three of our schools, a middle school, a preschool, and a special education school. So and that's, that's hundreds and hundreds of trucks a day. So we're also getting, on the route to the Simi Valley landfill. So we're getting at least 10,000 truckloads, 10,000 tons of trucks coming on our roads, past our schools, every single day. We take 5000 tons a day of debris in our landfill. Now that landfill is within a one-mile radius of six different schools and over 2000 homes. There is a playground 100 yards from this landfill. It's, it's horrible. My home is 0.3 miles away.

[00:59:23] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

Wow.

[00:59:23] Natasha Downing, Calabasas Resident, Co-Founder, Protect Calabasas

Yeah.

[00:59:24] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

And are all these trucks the same? Are they always the closed up garbage trucks, or are they ever like the open ones with, like, the sheet over them?

[00:59:33] Natasha Downing, Calabasas Resident, Co-Founder, Protect Calabasas

They're all the open one with the sheet over them.

[00:59:35] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

Really?

[00:59:35] Natasha Downing, Calabasas Resident, Co-Founder, Protect Calabasas

Yes.

[00:59:36] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

So literally just air and wind is just blowing through this and blowing through your neighborhoods.

[00:59:41] Natasha Downing, Calabasas Resident, Co-Founder, Protect Calabasas

They have a system that they call burrito wrapping. So they wet it down and they put it in this plastic wrapping, right. But we've now had it fall out of the trucks and onto our streets at least twice now. So. And we've also seen video footage of it being dumped and it goes airborne. And especially now in the summer months, they're wedding it while they're dumping it, but it's not five minutes to Calabasas so it's 90 degrees out. This starts to dry and, I'm not a scientist, but I believe.

[01:00:11] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

And windy as all heck. Calabasas. I mean, you get those Santa Ana winds whipping down through there, this stuff is going to be everywhere. And so, you know, obviously I speak from some knowledge having been in California. Let me ask you this. I know it's like anything else. There are some landfills that are designed for toxic waste to be dumped into them. What is the sort of standard that's set for the where this landfill is that's near you?

[01:00:42] Natasha Downing, Calabasas Resident, Co-Founder, Protect Calabasas

So a class 1 landfill is supposed to have a liner that has a certain half life, so it lasts for X amount of years. Ours is a class 3 landfill and it has a liner, but it's not for a very long time. I actually don't know specifically how long, but it's supposed to take only municipal solid waste. So that is household trash.

[01:01:01] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

Did they have to, like, change any rules or anything really to sort of like bring all this stuff in?

[01:01:06] Natasha Downing, Calabasas Resident, Co-Founder, Protect Calabasas

So what is remarkable is California has some of the strictest environmental regulations in the country, but when Gavin Newsom used his state of emergency, they bypassed all of them. So usually what happens when a fire like this happens is the debris needs to be tested before going to any landfill and designating where it's supposed to go. So what's happened is the testing has been bypassed, so it's not being tested. It's tested only for asbestos, and that goes to a class one, but anything else it comes straight to us. So the city of Calabasas actually sued the county of Los Angeles over this. And the biggest issue now is they need proof that it's toxic and the county is blocking testing.

[01:01:47] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

Wow. So I mean, again, it's so tiresome and Gavin Newsom that screams about environment, as you're saying, California holds itself on this level of just being, you know, so environmental. They're so worried about global warming and climate change. And I'll say to you, in all honesty, thinking about the situation as you're describing it, that liner is, by the time that liner dissolves, all the damage will have been done. It really is this stuff floating in your air and it really is winds up there. It creates why these fires get so far out of control. And you're right, it's hot, it's drying. There's no way they're controlling for that, there's no way to keep that that pollution down. 0.3 miles you are away from this landfill. I'm so sorry to hear that. We actually sent a crew out to sort of hang out a little bit with you and some of the other mothers and people that are really fighting this. Let's just take a look at some of the things we saw behind the scenes.

[01:02:45] Natasha Downing, Calabasas Resident, Co-Founder, Protect Calabasas

Protect Calabasas started because a number of different residents were incensed about what was happening. There was a city council meeting in Calabasas where our city council discussed what was going on, and a few of us who were all there joined together to start this fight.

[01:03:01] Melissa Olen, Calabasas Resident & Mother of Three

I would say there's at least 200 trucks a day coming through here, every single day. So this is less virgin, this road. And it's also like the school that my son goes to is sandwiched in between these two roads. So he crosses right at this school crosswalk. And then at any given time, there'll be like a stack of dump trucks on either side waiting to go through and then these kids are just crossing it.

[01:03:24] Natasha Downing, Calabasas Resident, Co-Founder, Protect Calabasas

I think they've chosen Calabasas because it's close. And this is what we heard them say, it's convenience. They want the cleanup to be done quickly, as it should be. But the issue is they're not testing it and they're bringing toxic things to people's homes, and it's being trucked in a manner that is not totally safe.

[01:03:43] Tonia Aray, 20-Year Resident of Calabasas, Running for LA District 3 Supervisor 2026

We're at the top of the trail across the street from residents where I live. This is the Calabasas landfill. We got one, two, three, four trucks, a fifth one coming to the left. Now we're getting busy. How far do you think those homes are to here in a straight line? That has got to be maybe a mile. This is what the governor allowed. This is what the mayor allowed. This is what our county supervisor district three allowed. If you live in a city where you cannot even smoke cigarettes or anything in public space, and waste management drives around for a greener tomorrow, how would this make you feel? It infuriates me.

[01:04:27] Melissa Olen, Calabasas Resident & Mother of Three

If you look at that sign, those are all the fees, the dumping fees, and you can see they expanded the amount of debris that can be dumped here to 5000 tons a day. It used to be 3800 and they average like 800, before all this. Now it's up to 5000 tons a day. I think it's \$95 a ton. I believe it's FEMA paying the county. I did a public records request to try to see. I wanted to get, like, the cash stream from when the sanitation district gets paid by all these guys and then how much do they actually pay the county? But they sent me some like ridiculous checks that were for not very much. They didn't send me the full thing that I asked for. But if they're charging \$95 a ton, that's like a couple million dollars a week just here.

[01:05:10] Tonia Aray, 20-Year Resident of Calabasas, Running for LA District 3 Supervisor 2026

Now we're dealing with toxic, hazardous debris. Everybody has an EV car, burns down in the Palisades. It's here. How many TVs is in one household? There's a TV in the kitchen, there's a TV in the bathroom, there's a TV in the kids room, the primary bedroom. That's there now.

[01:05:30] Natasha Downing, Calabasas Resident, Co-Founder, Protect Calabasas

In the beginning, we made a lot of noise.

[01:05:32] Protester

Save Calabasas.

[01:05:34] Protesters

Save Calabasas.

[01:05:35] Protester

Protect our children.

[01:05:37] Natasha Downing, Calabasas Resident, Co-Founder, Protect Calabasas

We protested at least 20 times.

[01:05:40] Protester

Protest Calabasas.

[01:05:42] Protesters

Protest Calabasas.

[01:05:44] Natasha Downing, Calabasas Resident, Co-Founder, Protect Calabasas

We were all over the local news, we were in the LA Times, we made TMZ.

[01:05:48] Kourtney Kardashian, Protester/TV Personality

There's no place for these toxic chemicals where there are children, parks, schools.

[01:05:54] Natasha Downing, Calabasas Resident, Co-Founder, Protect Calabasas

Protect Calabasas has been working with UCLA to get testing. So we've been collecting soil samples and water samples, and those are being tested as we speak.

[01:06:05] Melissa Olen, Calabasas Resident & Mother of Three

Calabasas, Las Virgenes Unified have been pretty powerless against the county and FEMA and just getting anything done, getting any response. I send an email every single day to like five different representatives, Lindsey Horvath, like every single day sends the same email. They just don't, they don't care. All the things in the state, like I have complaints about a lot of things like the homeless problem, the illegal migration and giving away money. Those things you're never going to get them to address, but I was like an environmental thing, that's like in their wheelhouse, that's what they care about.

[01:06:38] Natasha Downing, Calabasas Resident, Co-Founder, Protect Calabasas

You don't think about landfills until you have to think about landfills. And then one day this stuff starts happening where the government just turns on you. You shouldn't have to fight for your children's health, you just shouldn't. You shouldn't have to wake up and worry every day whether staying in your home means that your children will get cancer.

[01:06:59] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

Yeah, definitely things that we shouldn't have to be worrying about. I'm joined, now joining us in this conversation is Steve Slepcevic from Strategic Response Partners, one of our good friends of the show.

[01:07:10] Steve Slepcevic, Expert in Natural Disaster Management

Good to see you, Del.

[01:07:11] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

Steve, thanks for joining us today.

[01:07:12] Natasha Downing, Calabasas Resident, Co-Founder, Protect Calabasas

Good to see you.

[01:07:12] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

You deal with toxic sites like this all the time. One of the biggest jobs you do is where there's fire, you know, Strategic Response Partners will be there. What type of toxins? I mean, you have to worry about your own safety, your own health, the health of your employees. So when we're talking about toxins that are in these environments, what are those toxins and what's needed to make it safe to deal with them?

[01:07:38] Steve Slepcevic, Expert in Natural Disaster Management

So, on these wildfire sites, there's always a pre, like when you're testing us to what's in the debris, and even that's subjective so you could actually strategically pull samples where you know there's no roof mastic, where you know there's no joint compound, where the area's where there's no asbestos. So even that could be skewed as to, as a contractor, you could pull certain samples with your environmental consultant. It's the fox watching the henhouse when these <unclear> people working together. So with the Army Corps of Engineers and EPA and them doing their first phase and second phase, they can say this site is, there's no asbestos in it, we could take it to that landfill.

[01:08:13] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

Okay.

[01:08:14] Steve Slepcevic, Expert in Natural Disaster Management

The issue is that there was a lot of people also pulling and pushing, putting stuff in trash bags and saying that it's just yard waste. And so a lot of this stuff is, is in that landfill, because I witnessed it as people doing it the incorrect way.

[01:08:28] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

Right.

[01:08:29] Steve Slepcevic, Expert in Natural Disaster Management

The interesting thing is that after 20 years of doing a specific way that was regulated, you have to, once the lot was cleared, you also had to do post-testing, which we call exit or a clearance test. And they just decided that they weren't going to go, and they weren't going to do it. They were just going to eliminate it. Gavin Newsom, the government, decided that we're not going to do any post-clearance. We just find that if we cut six inches, it's going to be clean. But in the campfire, and the Woolsey Fire where it was required, 30% of those lots failed exit testing.

[01:09:00] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

Wow. Woolsey fire, which you helped me with. My house. I lost my house in the Woolsey Fire in Malibu, my wife and I and our kids. It was, it was scary, and you're right. I mean, those things, they're just. And they, and they kind of smolder for days, and then you're just like, what is all of that?

[01:09:18] Steve Slepcevic, Expert in Natural Disaster Management

And then we had heavy rains shortly after, before the lots were cleared. So this stuff leached into the water tables, leached into the soil, so cutting six inches is not fixing the issue.

[01:09:26] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

Right.

[01:09:28] Steve Slepcevic, Expert in Natural Disaster Management

In Hawaii, after the wildfires in Hawaii, even Doctor Payne, the Department of Health, clearly said, hey, my daughter's thinking of having children. I'm not having her come to this side of the island for the next seven years.

[01:09:40] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

Right.

[01:09:40] Steve Slepcevic, Expert in Natural Disaster Management

These new fuels that are burning, all these cadmium, all these new synthetic fuels burning at this fire, we haven't, we don't even know what those toxins are that we can't even identify. We don't have tests to test those dioxins. We're not just talking about what we know now. Even when you talk about glyphosate, and then 20 years later, we find out the impact. 9/11, New York ground zero, 15, 20 years and an act of Congress to finally pay for the lung and respiratory issues that were there. So the environmental impact on birth defects, childhood cancers, leukemias. There's a short, short study that was done by The Lancet that's published out there. You can find it, there's an article written. What Lies Beneath When the Smoke Clears. The Lancet published a report on a short term that shows there was a 20% increase in excess deaths within a 25-mile radius of the wildfires because it's not a brush fire, it's actually considered an industrial fire. You know, it's different from trees burning versus...

[01:10:44] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

And I would say, you know, and, you know, you started a group Protect Calabasas. Tell me what the goal of that is. What is the thinking behind it?

[01:10:53] Natasha Downing, Calabasas Resident, Co-Founder, Protect Calabasas

The goal of Protect Calabasas is to stop the dumping. And we have tried to exercise kind of every avenue that we can think of to have that happen. So media, legal, we had a lawsuit. We were not able to raise money as quickly as we wanted to, so we had to drop our lawsuit but the city has their lawsuit, so we're supporting them in any way we can. Testing, community outreach. So that's the point of Protect Calabasas is to somehow get this dumping stopped. And political pressure. As Melissa said in that video, we write to these politicians as much as we can. She writes every single day, and just continuing, continuing to put political pressure until hopefully someone listens, someone steps in, because it's a it's a travesty. The fact that we put convenience and money before human health, that should never happen.

[01:11:42] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

I mean it's, when I think about this thing, I mean, honestly, Pacific Palisades. I think you might be able to make the argument that this is the largest electric car fire that's ever happened.

[01:11:53] Natasha Downing, Calabasas Resident, Co-Founder, Protect Calabasas

Yeah.

[01:11:53] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

You know what I mean? We are talking, every one of those people, I know them, are driving Teslas, hybrids, electric cars, the most expensive ones are. You even saw, in that shot, I would say four out of every five cars was some giant battery that has smoldered. And to your point, we find out, you know, 20 years later how bad glyphosate is. We find out how many years later was at 9/11. 9/11 was not a pile of Teslas. This is a pile of, not to out Tesla, electric cars. Like, I'm not trying to get Elon Musk in any trouble here, but we have no idea what these things are. We know that they're bad already just being out in some landfill. What happens about a burned one, that the shell of it is melted, all of the contents in it, you know, Steve, and why would they ever be shipping this inside of a neighborhood? I mean, just over the hill, you have the, you know, the desert is out there. They can't find a landfill, you know, 100 miles from humanity?

[01:12:53] Steve Slepcevic, Expert in Natural Disaster Management

It's money. If you look at the price of how they increase the price substantially per ton of dropping it at that landfill, the county owns it.

[01:13:00] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

So they increased it.

[01:13:01] Steve Slepcevic, Expert in Natural Disaster Management

Oh, yeah, by 70%. So even the con-, they're making a killing, literally.

[01:13:06] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

And the counties make it. So you're saying the county is the one making the money?

[01:13:09] Natasha Downing, Calabasas Resident, Co-Founder, Protect Calabasas

The county owns the landfill.

[01:13:11] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

So the city's screwed and you've got your own, you know, head of the city's on your side saying, we want to see this stuff studied.

[01:13:17] Natasha Downing, Calabasas Resident, Co-Founder, Protect Calabasas

The city council voted unanimously to not allow the dumping, or at least, and to have it tested. But they've tried to get it tested now for months and the county is blocking the testing.

[01:13:28] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

Is that, I heard that that might be shifting. Is it, did this go, did the judge rule on this at all?

[01:13:33] Natasha Downing, Calabasas Resident, Co-Founder, Protect Calabasas

There was a hearing on last Friday, June 13th, and he said they have 20 days to either come to a settlement, and if there is no settlement, then the city of Calabasas can test the debris. But now we've had some independent testing but there's no chain of custody. It's me and Melissa going in and. But we've tested a lot in the Palisades that was cleared of stage one and not of stage two so that's what we're getting, and we know that it is high on lead.

[01:13:59] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

High on lead.

[01:13:59] Natasha Downing, Calabasas Resident, Co-Founder, Protect Calabasas

Mm hmm. And that's the only thing that we've gotten so far so it could be high in a plethora of other things, but we have our lead results because that's the fastest to test for heavy metals.

[01:14:08] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

What is a journey? You've seen some of these things as they go down the road. You know, it's, I think we're all just getting sick to our stomachs with governments that have some form of liability protection around everything they do. But let's say the city finally gets to the place and they start testing. I mean, you can't undo the damage you've done. They've been, and my team was there. They said, literally hundreds of trucks all day. Like it is nonstop. This isn't like a couple of trucks. This is just a jam-packed, bumper-to-bumper freeway of toxic waste, in essentially like open railroad cars that are just blowing through. You know, what happens if the city starts testing this stuff and saying, oh my God. Houston, we have a problem. What happens if 4 or 5 years down the road, we start hearing studies, like you've said, within 25 miles of this dump, we are seeing a rise in childhood cancers and, you know, is that a class action lawsuit? Does it end up being lawsuits against the county? Do they have protections? Where is this going to end up?

[01:15:09] Steve Slepcevic, Expert in Natural Disaster Management

The studies are already there, showing even on a short-term study, they've done over 700 locations in 43 countries, Brazil, Australia, and they show 20% excess deaths directly correlated to those burn zones. So what she's doing with her team is incredible. This is how you do it. You, the moms stand up, and I always say, where are the fathers at? They need to be on the front row of that thing and really hammering on those cities, pushing that stuff through. Her city is doing a good job. Here's what really troubles me. When they say they want to, if they settle it then it goes away. Well that's a great payoff. But wait a minute, you're now talking about paying off that, you're basically imdenifying the people that come up with these other health issues later. So the question is, say we get to the testing. Great. An environmental assessment. And city, when you're bringing your environmental you're against the county, I'll bring some great CIH's, and we'll bore right in that same area, we'll pull the samples from the ground in the same locations. You send it to your labs, we'll send it to our independent labs, and we'll pay for it ourselves, right. Because I can't be bought, right? I don't, to me, that's., This is my world. It's about our children, it's about the future. And that this stuff, type of stuff doesn't happen. But you can send it to your lab, I'll send it to my lab, it should come out the exact same. And when the site is being assessed as to where you're going to pull it, again. No, no, no, you're going three feet over because that's the highest probable issue, that there is going to be some contaminants in that area that got mixed in. So this is big.

[01:16:45] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

Yeah it's big.

[01:16:46] Steve Slepcevic, Expert in Natural Disaster Management

It's really big, and it deserves to take a look at it. When we talk about the health of America, right, and the environmental toxins in food, in vaccines, and all this other stuff that we're starting to pay attention to, well, this is the elephant in the room, and if it's that, what other parts of your neighborhood or your area, maybe from the flood waters after a hurricane. It may be from a chemical plant down the street. Those are all areas that need to be properly looked at. But what they did was they just rushed it. They knew what the issue was, but it was all money-driven. So it's profits before people.

[01:17:21] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

Always is.

[01:17:22] Steve Slepcevic, Expert in Natural Disaster Management

And the sooner that somebody gets in there and does a proper testing of it, it becomes a Superfund site, and the millions of the county collected, that exposure. Yeah, now they're like, oh, we should have thought about it, we shouldn't have put money. Now we're going to have to deal with this thing and possibly then remove that landfill and move it to the desert, but then it'll be done through a proper remediation, recycling....

[01:17:44] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

Now it's going to be under review, now it's going to be under a microscope. Are you sort of hoping that there isn't a settlement, or is this, what's the position of people in the city? I mean, what does this settlement mean? Enough money that we could move it ourselves or what is that, what is the, what does the settlement even mean in these situations?

[01:17:59] Natasha Downing, Calabasas Resident, Co-Founder, Protect Calabasas

It's a great question. I don't know the answer to that. I don't, I don't, I can't even imagine what the argument is for not testing the debris, but a settlement. What settlement would, I would be happy if they stopped dumping it and moved it somewhere safe.

[01:18:10] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

If you do blah blah blah blah blah, we'll allow you to keep your heads in the sand and la la, nothing to see here. I mean, isn't it a crazy world, like no testing allowed? I mean, how crazy is that? What, is it, do I live in North Korea? You know what is happening.

[01:18:25] Natasha Downing, Calabasas Resident, Co-Founder, Protect Calabasas

And that's what's legally supposed to happen. They use some loophole so they don't have to do it. It's wild.

[01:18:31] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

How is this affecting? I mean, this isn't a political show, but, you know, watching Gavin Newsom, you know, what are the conversations amongst your friends and things about leadership right now in California? It just seems like everything you could do wrong, you are doing wrong.

[01:18:47] Natasha Downing, Calabasas Resident, Co-Founder, Protect Calabasas

Yeah. And to have this happen on a platform that you stand on, right. California's all about environmentalism, but you're poisoning your own people by choice? This is wild. So, I mean, politically, I was a lifelong Democrat, and then I moved to California.

[01:19:08] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

It kind of squeezes it out of you. I was a lifelong Democrat, too, and it's wild when you live in the democratic utopia.

[01:19:17] Steve Slepcevic, Expert in Natural Disaster Management

I live in California and I was a democrat.

[01:19:19] Natasha Downing, Calabasas Resident, Co-Founder, Protect Calabasas

What, you too.

[01:19:20] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

There's something about like being the democratic utopia, you start realizing, you know, you mean the Republic of California, and, you know, people's, you know.

[01:19:28] Steve Slepcevic, Expert in Natural Disaster Management

So I wanted to add, he's, Gavin Newsom's asked for 40 billion, you know that recently. I don't know if you saw that.

[01:19:34] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

No, I didn't see that.

[01:19:35] Steve Slepcevic, Expert in Natural Disaster Management

And that was approached by Trump and I'm watching this, this comedy show. I'm like, wait a minute. Gavin Newsom is asking for 40 billion for wildfire victims. That's \$3 million per house that burned down. Wait a minute. You can't even build a railway, do you know what I mean. You've spent billions, but yet you're asking for that. It's not going to the people. By the time the NGOs, the management companies, everything else, it's wasteful fraud and abuse. So to me, I'm, I always go, when are the people of California going to wake up and change leadership. From the disaster of how they responded to the fires, from Gavin Newsom to Mayor Bass to the fire captain, right. And the same thing with the protests. Same thing. Like you're waiting, you know what's going to happen, and you're not moving on it.

[01:20:20] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

Right.

[01:20:20] Steve Slepcevic, Expert in Natural Disaster Management

But you want to point fingers.

[01:20:22] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

Well, to to wrap it all up, you've started a group. Is there a way that we can track what you're doing, maybe even, you know, donate or get involved?

[01:20:30] Natasha Downing, Calabasas Resident, Co-Founder, Protect Calabasas

Yeah, we have social media to Protect Calabasas, and we have a website, ProtectCalabasas.org, which has our whole mailing list on there. So for us, what would be hugely helpful is any kind of political pressure. So if anyone wants to write, call, you put pressure on these politicians to stand up and say something. So many have just been silent. That would be remarkably helpful. And follow us on social media, Protect Calabasas.

[01:20:57] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

Okay. Wonderful, Natasha. Thank you for standing up, being a warrior mom. You guys are always the ones that get it done. Steve, once again, thank you for all the great information. You guys should probably get together. This guy is the man. And speaking of the man, he was actually down in LA during the LA riots. We have one of our own with firsthand accounts what's going on, so I'm going to make that the Off the Record today. I'm going to talk to Steve about something we don't usually cover on the show, which is the beauty of Off the Record, right? I get to get outside of the vaccine space and, you know, maybe the drug space or all the things we're talking about. We're going to talk about what the heck is going on on those riots on Off the Record. This is one of the parts of HighWire+, this is our give back to those of you that donate that allow us to do all the work to do this show, to bring the lawsuits, to make a difference in the world. But if you're not sure what Off the Record is, then that's what this is for.

[01:21:49] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

It's time to go Off the Record, the show exclusively for our donors. All right, we're rolling, here we go. I want to thank you for just sticking around a little bit. We call this Off the Record. This is what we couldn't talk about on The HighWire. I actually want to dive into a very sensitive topic.

[01:22:04] Bret Weinstein

You have no obligation to be honest with these people.

[01:22:06] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

Is anyone telling me the truth?

[01:22:08] James Neuenschwander, MD

No doctor wants to say that they're killing people.

[01:22:10] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

Yeah, but doesn't every doctor want to stop killing people?

[01:22:12] Roseann Barr

You have no freedom, you have no liberty. You're a slave.

[01:22:16] Matthew Guthrie

Journalism massively failed the United States.

[01:22:18] Sharyl Attkisson

It's silly to call people anti-vaccine.

[01:22:21] Savannah Hernandez

It's nonsense.

[01:22:22] Jim Breuer

When all the vultures come out. Are you married?

[01:22:25] Dr. Robert Malone, MRNA Vaccine Pioneer

All of that's B.S..

[01:22:28] Matthew Lysiak

This whole system is rigged, and they don't care about our health.

[01:22:31] Michael Connett, Esq.

We will have full discovery power.

[01:22:33] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

Watch what happens when we go Off the Record. You are not going to want to miss this.

[01:22:38] Jim Breuer

Good hanging out.

[01:22:39] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

Indeed.

[01:22:44] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

You know, one of my favorite things as I travel the country, I've said before, so many of you come up and say, you know, thank you for The HighWire, you give me hope. You make me feel like I'm not crazy, that, you know, the things you're talking about are the things that are bothering me, they're what's on my mind. And that's probably the most important function. It's the most important function of community is knowing you're not alone, that there's people that think like you. I think that that was, if there was a side effect that was like the bonus to COVID and the pandemic, even in the heart of California, I talked to people that were in the worst of it. Luckily, my team and I, we all got out in 2019, right before, so we were in Texas, a lot easier to handle. But even the people in California say, you know, Del, in some ways it was awesome because it really helped me understand who my friends are. It helped me know who we could hang out. And we actually got closer together. We met at each other's houses. We broke the rules. We took off our masks. We homeschooled our kids. We built community, which is really going to, it's really the focus that I have right now, that no matter what's going on and what we have achieved, we can't spend so much time patting ourselves on the back that we sort of let go of what's to come or what's going to happen.

[01:24:02] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

You know, I actually have an anecdotal story that I think sort of fits this. I was a rock climber in Boulder when I was about 18 years old, and one day my, one of my best friends and I, we climbed a very steep mountain outside, it's called El Dorado, El Dorado, Colorado. And this storm blew in in the middle, we were on the side of a rock. I mean, and in Boulder, just like they're calling the Chinooks, it was like 80, 90 mile an hour winds. I was holding on the rock. The rain was whipping sideways. I mean, we were hanging on for dear life. It was really quite terrifying. Lightning, you know, all over the place, and then it just sort of blew through and it blew out over the mountain, and it went out over Denver. And, you know, we were clinging on the rock. We, you know, and so we finished the climb. We got to the top of the climb and, you know, we sat down at the top of the mountain and we were just, like, congratulating each other. We didn't die. We didn't fall off the mountain. I mean, it was a sheer cliff all the way down. And then we decided to just sit there on the top of the mountain and watch the storm out over Denver. And it was like lightning and amazing. And it was beautiful. It was like we'd made it through that storm and look how beautiful it is in the distance. And then all of a sudden it was like the sun got turned off.

[01:25:15] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

It was, it was like early evening, 4 or 5 in the afternoon, and it went black. Because the entire time we were watching this storm over Denver, a storm was coming in behind us over the mountain, and we didn't see it. And suddenly the most terrifying, really, that night ended up being the most terrifying moment of my life because then we couldn't get off the mountain. We couldn't repel. It was even worse. Now it was 100, I think they marked it was like 120 mile an hour winds. The rain was sideways. There was lightning everywhere. In the, when they say lightning doesn't strike twice in the same place, get a little bit off track. But I watched inside of a canyon that was only about 50 feet wide that we had to get down through, lightning just kept striking down inside of it. I've never said more prayers in my life. Luckily, obviously, we did get down. It was a harrowing experience. But I say that to say that, you know, just because you've made it through a storm and it's exciting, take in a moment, take a breath, but don't ponder there. Don't sit there like this whole thing is all over. There may be even a darker storm upon us, and we need to move, and we need to act accordingly. Which is why, you know, I'm sitting here with you. I am very disappointed this week and some of the things that is coming out of HHS.

[01:26:35] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

I, with you, am asking the same questions. Is Robert Kennedy Jr going to be able to overcome all of the corruption that is inside of that government? I have no idea how much the Trump team is on his side. Are the people around Trump all in favor, or what Trump wants to do? Maybe Trump and Bobby really wanted, but Trump's surrounded by people. I don't know. And I'm going to be really honest with you, and you know me if you've been watching this show, I always say it. I'm not really smart enough to lie. I got to just tell you exactly what I think. Which is why, by the way, I probably don't have an inside scoop anymore. Bobby's not calling me, guess who I'm picking for ACIP? He knows he can't do that because I'm getting called by the press all the time, and I'm not good at lying, so don't tell me what you don't want the world to know. But I'm going to be really honest with you right now. I don't feel good about this week. It doesn't mean, I know the man that's in there. I kind of keep saying this every week, and it's going to be a weird space because I put so much effort into helping Robert Kennedy Jr get there. We all did. And I will still say, it's better than nothing. And but we have work to do. There are vaccines that are coming out right now. There are COVID vaccines.

[01:27:45] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

There are people injecting, believe it or not, COVID vaccines in their children right now, and it could be deadly. And if you saw the panel I had with Bret Weinstein this week and Doctor Robert Malone, he put it so brilliantly that this is something we maybe have to accept as a part of what we're trying to get to the end goal, but we should not really actually emotionally allow ourselves to say it's okay. We are living in a time, this stuff, it's not okay. It's not okay that the FDA and, you know, Sieber are approving vaccines without proper placebo trials. That they're approving products that are showing that some children died, more children died, sorry, more than in the placebo group. You're not allowed to go in there and go, well, we really analyze it. We figured that, we explained away the deaths. You mean the pharmaceutical industry explained it away. There's a reason we do these studies. There's a reason they're supposed to be being done. There's a reason we have run on the idea that we need double-blind, long-term placebo trials before anything is even available to our kids and forget about it being mandated. So I just want to say, we are community. We are a community. And it doesn't matter, we can elect a king and we can get a king inside and that will have whatever benefits it has. But by the way, if you're expecting the government to ever be, you know, the bastion of purity and the leadership of your health, then you're looking in the wrong places.

[01:29:23] Del Bigtree, Host, TheHighWire.com

We need to start working together. We certainly cannot look the other way. We have work to do right now. We had one achievement, it was great. We made it to the top of the mountain in a storm and we got Robert Kennedy Jr inside the castle. There are dark storms coming in behind us, all around us. But it's a different moment. It's not going to catch us by surprise this time. We're smarter. I never climbed and made that mistake ever again. And we're not going to make the mistake together to believe that it's all just going to be okay because we changed one politician or one bill in Mississippi. This is an ever ongoing fight. It's the fight our founding fathers told us about. If you do not fight to hold this republic together, if you do not fight for your constitutional rights, if you do not stay vigilant, perpetually recognizing that your freedom is in your hands, that your freedom will only last as long as you decide to make it important to you. That is our mission. It's what The HighWire is on, it's what ICAN is on. Nothing changes our opinion. Doesn't matter who we're talking about. What we're talking about is truth and science. And I don't believe anyone does it better than The HighWire. We're not going to stop. Just like this week, we'll see you next week on The HighWire.

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