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[00:00:44] Jenn Sherry Parry, Executive Producer, The Highwire

Yeah! Let's do this.

[00:00:46] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

Action. Good morning, good afternoon, good evening. Wherever you are out there in the world, it is time for us all to step out onto the Highwire. I'm not sure if you felt it. I don't know if you felt it this morning. There was a light rumble, is what it seemed like to me. Or maybe it was the sound of the universe tearing wide open. But what I'm telling you is right now, today, I believe we are marking a tipping point. A tipping point in the change in the world as we know it, especially when it comes to the pharmaceutical control of the world that we live in. Of course, a lot of this revolves around a powerful Senate hearing today with Robert Kennedy Jr. I have to say, if you were watching, if you were tuned in The HighWire, if you're signed up to be one of the people on our mailing list, you would have been told you could be watching this live this morning. To say sparks were flying would be an understatement to say that there were forest fires. There were earthquakes. These are the moments that many of us have dreamed about for a very long time. To watch Robert Kennedy Jr not trying to get a job, but standing firmly in a job, removing all of the corporate controls inside of our regulatory agencies, dissolving all the political controls that are taking place and getting back to science, standing his ground and telling the truth for the first time. It was epic. It was unbelievable. But there was one moment that for many, probably went unmissed went unnoticed. And ICAN actually has ventured into maybe one of the most ambitious projects we've ever taken on. This is a project that is literally almost a decade in the making. Let me point out that moment, and then we'll talk a little bit more about it. This is Senator Ron Johnson in the hearing this morning with Robert F Kennedy Jr.

[00:03:00] Ron Johnson, (R) United States Senator from Wisconsin

We're going to be holding a hearing next Tuesday on a study done by a high integrity health care facility that shows that actually looked at vaccinated versus unvaccinated, very high quality study. I'm not going to steal the thunder of Aaron Siri, who's going to be testifying on this. I think you're aware of the study that shows the vaccinated population far more prone to chronic illness than people completely unexposed to vaccines. That is just one example of how science has been corrupted by. By the way the study was conducted. And when they conducted this, oh no, no matter what the results are, we're going to release this. It is yet to be released. We're going to enter that in the record on Tuesday.

[00:03:48] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

Well, Senator Ron Johnson is talking about a vaccinated versus unvaccinated study. This is a conversation that has been a part of the medical freedom movement, a dream, if you will, for decades now. Of course, there's been small independent studies. You can talk about the Mawson study or the Thomas studies, but oftentimes they're too small. It's just a homeschool group. And the argument is, well, Doctor Paul Thomas was already not vaccinating kids. He had a bias. Well, I knew all of this when I ventured out on a tour with the documentary VAXXED, which put me in the middle of this entire conversation and changed my career forever. And as we were touring the nation in a bus that had VAXXED written on the side of it, people were writing the names of their vaccine injured children. I started recognizing that though this film was only about the MMR vaccine and autism, everywhere we went, parents were lining up to tell their own stories of vaccine injury. It wasn't just autism, System. And it wasn't just the MMR vaccine, it was every single vaccine. On the CDC's recommended schedule. And it wasn't just the autism, it was. Death after vaccines. It was paralysis. After vaccines. It was rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, multiple sclerosis, Guillain-Barré syndrome, you name it. Every single vaccine was being implicated by thousands and thousands of people. It was a tour that some say in a film that some say ignited the medical freedom movement.

[00:05:27] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

Well, while I was on that tour, someone introduced me to the head of infectious disease at one of the most prestigious medical institutions in the world. They decided to have dinner with me, mostly to try and prove that I was wrong, or to discuss what VAXXED was all about. They'd watched the film, they found it compelling. But in that conversation I said, look, if you want to prove me wrong. If you want to prove everyone that ever has this conversation wrong, or every parent that is claiming that their child has been injured by a vaccine, that that injury, that that lifelong chronic illness that they're dealing with. If you want to prove it's not vaccines, there's really only one way you can do that. You have got to do a fully powered vaccinated versus completely unvaccinated study. Compare those two groups of children and their health outcomes. We've asked for it for decades. We've never seen it from a major medical institution or a small independent studies. Well guess what? This was in 2016. That scientist said, I'll do that study. I believe you're wrong. Well, it took years of continuing that relationship. I even got Aaron involved and we went out and had dinner and we said, look, you said you would do this study.

[00:06:51] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

If you believe in the vaccine program, you have one of the most robust, you know, collection systems there is. You have your own medical system with your own insurance. You've tracked thousands and thousands, if not hundreds of thousands of children and their lives. Just compare these two groups of children. He did that study and the results were ready in 2020, but they were not what he expected. In fact, the results were so horrifying and so incredibly damning. He was concerned it would destroy the vaccine program if the world ever saw it. And he buried it, locked it away and hid it. And for years, we've been trying to figure out how do we get this out to the public. And we've been wondering, will Robert Kennedy Jr be able to do a study just like this in time. We see the pressure that he's under. Well, Senator Ron Johnson came up with a solution, and that solution is going to appear in the hearing that he's talking about on Tuesday. And Aaron Siri will be testifying about this very study. And we are going to premiere the trailer for the movie about this study and what it takes to make what it took to make it happen. And the movie is called *An Inconvenient Study The Cause of America's Chronic Disease Epidemic Exposed*. The premiere of the trailer will be at the Senate hearing on Tuesday.

[00:08:29] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

We'll be streaming it live here on The HighWire, and the film will release on October 3rd. If you want to be a part of that, if you want to be invited to the screen, if you want to see all of the developments as we're putting this all together, literally starting to put this plan together as it's taking off and flying, I am telling you, this is going to be the game changer of game changers. Never before has it completely Pro-vaccine institution of Pro-vaccine. Scientists set out to compare two groups of children to prove that we were wrong and accomplish the exact opposite. You are not going to believe what they found. It's so scary. They're afraid of it, and now we're going to do something about it. I want to thank Senator Ron Johnson for being a part of this world changing moment. If you want to sign up, definitely go to the website. All you have to do is type in an inconvenientStudy.com sign up to get all of the breaking information. The trailer as soon as it drops. And then of course, any discussions about premieres and how we're going to release this. I can tell you we could use funding help right now to make this as big, as impactful, and probably more so than VAXXED ever could be. This time, our detractors have done the study and they have been caught.

[00:09:48] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

And let me put, just put it very subtly, earmuffs for everyone at home on your children. They're watching this right now. I'm telling you, the shit is about to hit the fan. Alright. We're pretty excited about everything that's going on. The hearing with Robert Kennedy Jr was astounding. Jefferey Jaxen is going to cover that. In fact, why don't we let him get to it right now? It's time for the Jaxen report. I mean, it feels like Christmas today. Watching this hearing, I mean, we've dreamed of having someone like Robert Kennedy Jr just lay out the amount of baloney that's gone on in our vaccine program, pushing drugs and things on children, transparency and science, transparency and government. All of it going on on the same day that, we were shocked when Senator Johnson told us, I'm going to bring up the study today in the hearing. So we raced together to get this website going. We thought we had a little time. We thought we had till Tuesday, but very exciting things are afoot. Jefferey it's incredible to be in the driver's seat right now, as I believe the medical freedom movement is we are the ones that are now driving all that is taking place in the world of health and medicine.

[00:11:14] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

We're living through historic moments in this country right now as we speak. And ultimately, Robert Kennedy Jr was installed into HHS, the most powerful health agency in the country by We the People. Kennedy is now in a battle for the health of this nation. It's gone hot, if you will. And why did it happen? Um, people, this whole entire week, people can't open their computers or log on to their phones, social media without seeing a negative headline about Kennedy. What happened? Well, here's a couple suggestions what happened over the last couple of weeks to lead to this point we're in right now. Here's a headline I'm going to go through just a couple. The "American Medical Association and other medical associations are kicked out of CDC vaccine work groups." That's the AMA. That's the American Academy of Pediatrics. Others. Then this ACIP committee has listed its terms of reference. This is what it's going to study. This is its operation, its direction moving forward when it comes to the Covid vaccine. And here's 13 points it's going to look at I'm not going to read all of these, but just a couple "review existing published and unpublished research. Clinical knowledge related to the safety and effectiveness of the Covid shot."

[00:12:24] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

"Assess the risk benefit balance for the administration of the Covid shot with other vaccines." Remember, the previous CDC administration said, just put them in different arms. There's science for you. Then they're going to look at the "bio-distribution, the persistence of the spike protein, lipid nanoparticles, DNA contamination," all the stuff that we've been breaking here on The HighWire since the pandemic began, even in pregnant women, it's going to look at the safety of this shot. This will rewrite Del as you and I know, having sifted through this data and presented it week by week since this pandemic began, once this stone is overturned, that Covid shot is going to fly off the market faster than you can say, adverse event. And remember, the ACIP committee is meeting in two weeks. We can only predict there's going to be massive fireworks here. We have a new lean ACIP committee with its members. We have the work groups out of there. So we have AMA, the American Academy of Pediatrics. They're no longer in these work groups. What's what's set policy for vaccines. So they're basically the same as you and I were when we'd go sit at these meetings. They're at the level of the public.

[00:13:26] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

Let's see how they like it

[00:13:30] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

Let's go through some more headlines that may have kicked off this firestorm we're living in right now. "Hhs revives long dormant childhood vaccine safety Task Force." For some reason, it was pulled offline in 1989, as if we guess we didn't have to worry about safety of childhood vaccines anymore. This this vaccine safety group now is going to look at all the childhood vaccines, going to look at the reporting systems that are broken and find out how if we can make these safer, how do we get accurate reporting. It's going to be led by NIH's Jay Bhattacharya. It's going to be staffed by senior CDC, FDA, NIH staff. So this is a massive that alone is a massive storyline. Let's keep going. Kennedy, as you know, promised September, the month we're in right now, an announcement on autism, the causes and interventions on maybe how to stop them. Remember, the previous decades of administrations have said that's genetics. It's your problem. Something's wrong with you. That's why your kids have autism. That's what was given to the public. Now we're going to get some answers. We're going to get the start of a public conversation. And then finally, "RFK Jr announces repeal of policy that rewarded hospitals for reporting staff vaccination rates." They were getting money to have vaccinated staff. And for all of this, how was he treated? Take a look.

[00:14:47] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

Alright.

[00:14:48] Male News Correspondent

More drama this morning at the CDC.

[00:14:50] Male News Correspondent

Turmoil and controversy at the agency in charge of protecting the American public's health.

[00:14:55] Female News Correspondent

Nine former heads of the CDC slamming Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F Kennedy Jr. In a blistering New York Times op ed.

[00:15:03] Female News Correspondent

The Senate's Democratic leader, Chuck Schumer, called on the White House today to fire RFK Jr. Saying he is going to put lives at risk.

[00:15:11] Female News Correspondent

Four top leaders resigning in protest. Last week, staffers cheered outside CDC headquarters in support.

[00:15:17] Female News Correspondent

You have former CDC officials basically saying ignore CDC guidance at this point. Is there any precedent for this?

[00:15:25] Brandy Zadrozny, MSNBC SR. Enterprise Reporter

No. I mean, he broke the CDC. I don't think it's hyperbolic to say that they will say that themselves.

[00:15:31] Dr. Paul Offit, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

We have a secretary of Health and Human Services who is a virulent anti-vaccine activist and science denialist.

[00:15:38] Male Speaker

Rfk Jr doesn't know what science is, and when he says that he wants his common sense, it's actually a nonsense vision he has for infectious disease control. In CDC.

[00:15:47] Male Speaker

We are moving away from science and data and evidence and towards something that's much more troubling and unscientific.

[00:15:54] Male Speaker

For decades, Kennedy has made it very clear what his goal is. He wants to pull vaccines off the market. He wants to make it harder for us as Americans to access them. Nothing is going to stop them, and I fear we may not have yet hit the bottom.

[00:16:08] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

Yeah, it's kind of what we expected when he took that job.

[00:16:13] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

And notice, too, for the audience, when he the last six months, Kennedy has been at the helm and there's been a lot of change happening. There's been some historic changes in the ultra processed food system here in the United States. Companies are removing dyes. They're removing toxic chemicals from our food system. The food pyramid is being rewritten. No problem. Obviously, for the activists there. They worked hard for this. They've worked for many years. But industry said, no problem, we're actually going to help you. This is going to be new product lines, healthier product lines. They fell in line. Their stockholders wanted it. Everybody wanted it. No problems. But the second Kennedy started to touch one of the most powerful industries in the world, the vaccine industry, the pharmaceutical industry. Now we have problems. Now we have a concerted effort to get him to resign. And it started last week with the firing of Susan Monarez. She was the CDC director appointed for four weeks. She was booted along with others. They walked out and that started this new cycle, this attack. August 30th. New York Times Bernie Sanders writes an op ed "Kennedy must resign". Remember, no problems for the last six months. Now he must resign. We have Robert Malone, who's no stranger to hit pieces. He did a quick look across the media and said, this is interesting. Here's four pages of hit pieces on Kennedy. These are all the articles, all the journalists. Think about this. Hundreds of journalists just woke up one day and said, you know what I think? Kennedy must resign. They all came to the same conclusion, right? That's what we're supposed to. That's what we're supposed to think. Probably not. So we follow the New York Times.

[00:17:40] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

It's almost like the media is funded by pharma. It's really strange.

[00:17:47] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

Yeah. It's so. And one of the one of the pinnacle media outlets where if you want to see a narrative as it forms leading a narrative, sometimes untrue. In this case, I believe untrue. New York Times, New York Times went with an op ed from Bernie Sanders. Then they went an op ed from former CDC directors, nine of them. "Kennedy is endangering every American's health." So trust us. The ultimate appeal to authority those who presided over the chronic health illness in America Trust.

[00:18:15] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

Lied to us all during Covid. Let's definitely take their word for it.

[00:18:19] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

Exactly. I don't know that appeal to authority falls flat, so this pile on comes out of nowhere. And much of the public, and I would say Kennedy's colleagues in government are standing by his side. It looks like this.

[00:18:33] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

Okay.

[00:18:34] Male News Correspondent

The woke world has exploded with the firing of the former CDC director, Susan Monarez.

[00:18:41] Female News Correspondent

The CDC has humiliated itself. It has lost the trust of at least half of the country.

[00:18:46] Marty Makary, MD, MPH, Food and Drug Administration Commissioner

Cdc has been a disaster. Folks that you saw in the mass resignings that just took place were obstructionists. They wouldn't give it to us. They gave us a subset. They play games. We need an extremely strong leader at the CDC. And that's what Secretary Kennedy believes in.

[00:19:02] Karoline Leavitt, White House Press Secretary

The President and Secretary Kennedy are committed to restoring trust and transparency and credibility to the CDC by ensuring their leadership and their decisions are more public facing, more accountable, strengthening our public health system.

[00:19:14] Male Speaker

Secretary Kennedy, one of the world's foremost voices, advocates and experts on public health, is working hard to restore the credibility and the integrity of CDC as a scientific organization committed to the scientific method and getting to the root causes of the public health epidemic in this country.

[00:19:33] Marty Makary, MD, MPH, Food and Drug Administration Commissioner

It's time to rebuild public trust. And the way we do that as healthcare leaders is to show some humility and to invite a civil discourse. And that's what we're seeing right now as part of the new leadership strategy in this administration.

[00:19:49] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

So there you have a united front. And as you know, Kennedy is no stranger to hit pieces. Over the last decade, he's been the source of many of them, as we have here at The HighWire. But now he has the government backing him because these are nonstarter arguments to go against someone trying to fix the chronic disease epidemic, to go against someone who's trying to find the cause of autism when when we were never given anything. So it's interesting to watch this. And a lot of people looked at Marty Makary there, the head of FDA, and said, you know, before he starts doling out advice, maybe he should clean up his own backyard. Well, he's doing that too. At the same time, here's the headline. Epoch times "FDA removes first vaccine advisers." Who are they? Amongst them Doctor Paul Offit is among those who are no longer members of the panel. So that's right. The Verbac committee that we've reported on, we've watched the live streams during Covid, rubber stamping booster after booster for children and infants in perpetuity. They can no longer participate in this advisory committee work. Kennedy goes to Wall Street Journal. He writes his own op ed to counter The New York Times. "We're restoring public trust in CDC." Strong words, he says. "Over the decades, bureaucratic inertia, politicized science and mission creep have corroded that purpose and squandered public trust. This failure was no anomaly. For years, the CDC has presided over rising chronic disease. A true modern pandemic. And since 2014, declining life expectancy trust has collapsed. The American people no longer believe the CDC has their best interests at heart."

[00:21:13] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

"We have already taken steps to eliminate conflicts of interest and bureaucratic complacency. We have shaken up the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. We have replaced leaders who resisted reform. The American people elected President Trump, not entrenched bureaucrats, to set health policy," and you see the white House backing up that article by posting it out on X and supporting Kennedy. There is, again, a united front within government for his mission. The mission that the American people installed both him and Trump in there to do. And even President Trump had a moment of clarity. We've been watching him on the campaign trail throughout the last four years as well. Talk about how great Operation Warp Speed was, and this was a post on Truth Social he posted just days ago. He says "it's very important that drug companies justify this, the success of their various Covid drugs." And he basically says, I want an answer. He says, Pfizer has been really telling me that they show me these great numbers and results, but they don't seem to be showing them to many others. So he's asking Pfizer to show it to the public. And he says Operation Warp Speed was a was brilliant, as many say it is. But if it's not, he wants to know why. And that is the president of United States. So we see all the way up to the head of this country. There people are holding pharmaceutical companies accountable for the products and maybe the damage their products do, but it also is going down.

[00:22:35] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

That post is very interesting too. You know, I've been asked by the media about the relationship between Robert Kennedy Jr and President Trump. I stood in the entourage working with Bobby during his campaign in moments where he was interacting with Trump. They have a very special relationship. But we've all had this question right. When it comes, you know, we know that President Trump has talked about the belief that vaccines may be associated with vaccines, has been very open about that since the very first day he ran for president ever. But the question was if he was celebrating the warp speed vaccine, what was going to happen with this Covid vaccine if it started, you know, coming on, you know, into the crosshairs of Robert Kennedy Jr. I think what's interesting is and we saw him, on the campaign trail celebrating, the Covid vaccine, the fact that he created and getting booed during, his last campaign and dropping that talking point because it wasn't working for him. I think here may very well be the first time we have seen, can I say, like this level of possible humility, or at least a question? I know that President Trump stands by decisions he's made. I don't think there's any question that, he did what a president should do, funded every possibility. I think one of the things that gets lost in this conversation was he didn't just, you know, you know, fund more money into the development of vaccines than any president has in history, in the pandemic.

[00:24:03] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

He also funded a search for other drugs like hydroxychloroquine, which he celebrated. He didn't just find it, he took it himself, showed it was safe using his own body and also, I think most importantly, never mandated the vaccine when it was created. That was not, part of the plan, I don't believe was ever going to be a part of the plan. He's been clear he believes in choice. So really, this was a president that gave everybody what they wanted. You believe in vaccines? I'm going to fund one to get here faster than any. Now the media and everyone after that, did they misrepresent its efficacy? Yes they did. Did they misrepresented safety? Absolutely. You know, was was, did did President Biden mandate and take away our right to choice away? Yes he did. But when you see this tweet, what you're seeing, I believe, is the first time we've seen the Donald Trump saying, you know what? I am open to this product that I was a part of being criticized, but I want it out in public. I want to see every perspective. I want to see those that are saying it's great, why it's great, those that are saying it's not, why it's not, this should have happened during Covid. It should have happened with the school closings. I want to put Jay Bhattacharya and everybody that's talking to me out in front of the public. I think that now he's learning how you do this. I'm not just going to sit behind closed doors and listen to people's opinions.

[00:25:28] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

I want the world to hear the opinions I'm hearing, and I want them to challenge each other. I think I hope he really sort of takes that to heart and says, I'm going to start putting these debates in front of the public. I think it would be really great for us all to see it, but we are seeing him entertain the possibility that maybe the warp speed vaccine, though it was brilliant in execution and speed, did it end up being the great new salvation technology that we were hoping for? Obviously, if you've been watching The HighWire, we are clear it is not. It is not. This is a horrific technology. We've had many scientists and doctors, but the clearest, I think has been put was by Brett Weinstein when he came on and said, look, this is inserting a foreign protein into your heart, into your organs, into your muscles. That is never going to be good. Doesn't matter if it's just a spike protein. Any foreign protein is going to incite your heart to have an immune reaction, which you don't want to have happen. You don't want scarring on your heart. That's just the beginning of all the issues that you've just laid out, are now going to be under investigation by the new ACIp, but boy, Jefferey holy cow, change is now fully upon us. The most powerful representative in the world, President Trump, is saying, I am going to entertain this debate. We are going to do the science and look at this. It's really, really spectacular.

[00:26:55] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

And that's the accurate portrayal of what's going on. The media, corporate media and several politicians are using that as an attack point to create division between Kennedy and Trump, saying, do you believe in warp Speed was a success or not? And the rollout, the public private partnership, the effort to mobilize was a success, as Kennedy would say, or Trump would say product he chose? Not so much. And the administration, they handed it off to who mandated it and sent anybody that brought up any kind of issues. There was a problem there. But now it's not just Trump, it's not just Kennedy. It's not just at these D.C. level politicians that this change and this fight is happening. It's been going into the states, and we've seen this with a lot of this health conversation. The vaccines are no different. And sometimes at this inflection point, someone comes and says something that perfectly encapsulates the moment we're in. And that was Doctor Joe Ladapo, surgeon general of Florida. Take a look.

[00:27:51] Joseph Ladapo, Florida Surgeon General

What I'm most excited about is, is an announcement that we're going to make that we're making now, which is that the Florida Department of Health, in partnership with the governor, is going to be working to end all vaccine mandates in Florida law. All of them, all of them. Every last one of them is wrong and drips with disdain and and slavery. Okay, who am I as a government or anyone else? Or who am I as a man standing here now to tell you what you should put in your body? Who am I to tell you what your child should put in your body? I don't have that right. Your body. Your body is a gift from God. What you put into your body, what you put into your body, is because of your relationship with your body and your God. I don't have that right. Government does not have that right. They want you to believe they have that right. And unfortunately, they've been successful. They've been successful.

[00:29:09] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

What a week we are having. Amazing.

[00:29:15] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

And if you see the media report on what he said, they'll say he's dangerous. He's going to cause outbreaks. This is just one man. He doesn't represent the the will of the people in that state. Well, here is governor of Florida, Ron DeSantis. Take a listen.

[00:29:31] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

Okay.

[00:29:31] Female News Correspondent

Governor, the Left Democrats, public health advocates, many of them are going absolutely crazy over this. My question to you is why now? Why lift any mandate beyond just the Covid mandate?

[00:29:50] Ron DeSantis, (R) Florida Governor

Well, first, you know, we believe in informed consent and we believe in parental rights. Those have been core principles that we've operated on both during Covid and after Covid. Now, what the Surgeon general pointed out today is there are actually some mandates in Florida regulatory that never even made it into statute through his agency. Long before I was governor, long before he was surgeon general. So he has the ability to peel those back. He also has the ability, which he's doing to expand the religious objection to include moral and ethical concerns about it. And so we feel that's empowering people to make the right decisions for themselves and for their families. And as a parent, you know, you shouldn't be penalized right now in this country. You go in for a surgery. Some places won't see you if you haven't had the Covid shot or certain certain immunizations. Some pediatricians discriminate based on whether you've done hepatitis B or not. And that's not informed consent when there are coercive impacts, when they're trying to coerce choices and there's negative impacts, then that undermines your ability to choose. So I think it's typical everything we did during Covid. They screamed bloody murder on all of it. The reality is, is we've always been for informed consent and we've always been for parental rights.

[00:31:11] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

I just want to remind everybody our nonprofit was named Informed Consent Action Network for a reason. Uh, this was, you know, something we all sat and really thought about. What is it we want to bring to the world? What do we want to achieve? We want to bring back informed consent so that every free citizen in America and the world has the right to choose what goes into their body. It has been stated brilliantly by the Surgeon General, Joe Ladapo, and now by Governor Ron DeSantis. Watching this, it's like a dream. Can you imagine anything like this happening in the news? Just, 8 or 9 years ago. It's it's we we are moving light years ahead now. The pharmaceutical industry obviously is on complete full throated attack with every single media organization they fund.

[00:32:04] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

We believe in informed consent and parental rights. Period, says Ron DeSantis not but but you know, this outbreak or whatever. Why aren't we have to ask ourselves as a nation, why aren't all our governors speaking like this? And so we wake up this morning, we're preparing for the show, and there is a hearing in the Senate Finance Committee, and Kennedy is smack dab in the middle of that. And I want to just bring a couple highlights in here to show how this man, who the American people put in, held his own. Take a look.

[00:32:34] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

Alright.

[00:32:36] Robert Kennedy Jr, HHS Secretary

This morning I got a the latest numbers from CDC. That 76.4% of Americans now have a chronic disease. This is stunning. When my uncle was president, it was 11%. 1950, it as 3%. Today 76.4%. 8 out of ten of our kids cannot qualify for military service. We are the sickest country in the world. That's why we have to fire people at CDC. They did not do their job. This was their job to keep us healthy. I need to fire some of those people to make sure this doesn't happen again.

[00:33:18] Elizabeth Warren, (D) Senator Massachusetts

Did you tell the head of the CDC. That if she refused to sign off on your changes to the childhood vaccine schedule, that she had to resign.

[00:33:27] Robert Kennedy Jr, HHS Secretary

No. I told her that she had to resign because I asked her, are you a trustworthy person? And she said no. So if you had an employee who told you they weren't trustworthy, would you ask them to resign? Senator?

[00:33:44] Ron Wyden, (D) Senator, Oregon

The American Academy of Pediatrics has warned that the committee is being politicized at the expense of children's health. American Academy of Pediatrics. You think they're lying to you?

[00:33:59] Robert Kennedy Jr, HHS Secretary

I think the American Academy of Pediatrics is gravely conflicted. They get And their biggest contributors are the four largest vaccine makers. They run a journal, Pediatrics, which they make a lot of money on. That is completely dependent on pharmaceutical companies. So I don't think I wouldn't put a big stake in what they say that benefits pharmaceutical interests. Senator, I didn't politicize ACIP, I depoliticize it. Congress has been investigating that committee for 23 years because it is it is pervaded with conflicts of interest. What we did is we got rid of the conflicts of interest, and we put we depoliticize and put great scientists on it.

[00:34:46] Michael Bennet, (D) Senator, Colorado

Are you aware that another one of these new members, Doctor Levy, wrote that, quote, evidence is mounting and indisputable that mRNA vaccines cause serious harm, including death, especially among young people? Yes or no? Are you aware that he said that.

[00:35:05] Robert Kennedy Jr, HHS Secretary

I wasn't aware he said it, but I think I agree with it.

[00:35:08] Ron Wyden, (D) Senator, Oregon

I don't get letters from thousands of people who are not political, saying that this set of changes is going to damage American healthcare, and particularly these health care agencies, for decades to come. I don't get any letters from people saying, hey, this is going to make a big difference forever.

[00:35:26] Robert Kennedy Jr, HHS Secretary

Maybe you're listening to a selective group of people.

[00:35:29] Ron Wyden, (D) Senator, Oregon

You get you get me.

[00:35:31] Robert Kennedy Jr, HHS Secretary

And I will. I will tell you what, Senator. I will put my mailbag against your mailbag any day of the week. Senator, you've sat in that chair for how long? 20, 25 years. While the chronic disease and our children went up to 76%. And you said nothing. You never asked the question why it's happening. Why is this happening? Today for the first time in 20 years, we learned that infant mortality has increased in our country. It's not because I came in here. It's because of what happened during the Biden administration that we're going to end.

[00:36:10] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

Yeah. Oh, my God, that felt so good, Bobby. Yes, yes, yes. Bravo! Bravo! My God, has that been a long time coming? Jeez, these shills who can take it funded by pharma, spewing nothing but pure baloney. I know, you know. Look, my heart goes out to them. They do not know what they are doing. They have no science they're referring to. It's not their fault. They've been lied to. They're assuming that these academies, the pediatric Academy and the AMA and the CDC and the FDA have certainly done the mountains of evidence and studies that they've promised, but they have not. It was like it was like needles in your eyes to watch these attacks. But, you know, finally, just to watch someone like Robert Kennedy Jr, you could just feel the trial attorney in him just laying it out and calling it as he was. He was not, you know, timid in any way. It was really, truly, I think, one of the most spectacular and entertaining hearings we've ever had in the United States of America. Great. Great job, Bobby.

[00:37:17] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

And I think the American public, if I can say, probably sees through a lot of these attacks. They're thinly veiled. They're very transparent. And one of the big questions, or I should say, one of the pieces of data that was dropped in there, apparently, Kennedy said this morning he received these numbers from the CDC. 76.4% of Americans have at least one chronic disease. This is massive. And so this is how this is how that senators who presided over that chronic disease increase should have been spoken to for the last 20 years or so. So, Dale, you mentioned ICAN. The Informed Consent Action Network was started with the idea to end man made disease. We're basically our legal team has been America's watchdog. We've been the most successful health legal team in America and during the pandemic, certainly perhaps in the world. And that involves also spotlighting toxic environmental causes. And I want to switch now with that thought in mind to something that we, we don't really think about and put together, and that is windmills. That's solar panels. When people think about this, they think about we're saving the environment. But remember, there's conservationism and there's environmentalism. Big, big difference between the two. And so we go to the UK Plymouth Main Laboratories. This is one of the world leaders in the field of marine research. They just published a study showing "offshore wind farms could cause significant ecosystem economic and human health risks."

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So these wind farms, a lot of the windmills are put in water, they're put in the ocean. And a study found that they use these materials to protect these windmills from corrosion. But those materials leach into the surrounding water, ocean and marine life. And here's what the study found. "The study, published in Nature's Ocean Sustainability, estimated annual imports of metals from current European wind farms to be 3219 tonnes of aluminum, 1148 tonnes of zinc, 1.9 tonnes of indium." And we said here in the article "for zinc, this already exceeds the sum of all known direct inputs and river discharges into the North Atlantic from key European countries. Locating. Locating seaweed and shellfish farms in close proximity to offshore wind farms, like the world's first co-located commercial sail scale seaweed farm in the North Sea, could see metals from turbines build up in the species, leading to concentrations that could exceed safe limits for human consumption under current government expansion plans. These inputs could increase 12 fold by 2050, which raises serious concerns about the potential accumulation of metals in marine species like oysters, mussels, seaweed, which are also likely to be cultured near wind farms." And remember, the United Kingdom and the in the European Union are far ahead in the United States. They built out this, this net zero energy grid way before us, and they built it out very aggressively.

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So you see the wind farms and the solar panels are already put out there. In fact, last year in the Telegraph, this is what was reported in Britain because Britain, British farmers are having a massively hard time just continuing their livelihood. Ed Miliband comes, comes by Britain's farmers brace for Miliband solar shock. They're going to pave farmland with solar panels. And then the whole idea, the whole purpose of this obviously, was to help the environment to get to net zero. But it was also supposed to lower energy bills when they built out this alternative energy grid. Well, here's the current headlines. This is the Telegraph again. "Wind farms to blame for raising energy bills, says Ofgem." That's the UK's government energy regulator. Here's another one. "Pensioner fury as energy bills soar to pay for wind farms." Big issues here. So it's a big rug. Pull the whole thing. This unreliable power. Whoops sorry. You're going to have to pay more because we put up this unreliable wind farms. So here in the United States, the Trump administration is putting the brakes on this to look at the science deeper. And this is what happened just recently. "Trump administration Nixes giant wind farm approved last minute by Biden team." Remember the last minute Biden approvals? There's a lot of controversy around that. Autopen. Who's really approving these? Yeah, but that's this is the Department of the interior. And we go to their press release and it says "under President Trump, the Department of Interior will no longer provide preferential treatment towards unreliable intermittent power sources that harm rural communities livelihoods and the land, such as the Lava Ridge Wind Project that's in Idaho and the radical Green New Scam."

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It goes on to talk about burdening nations, uh, nation and public lands. But we go it talks about sustained, uh, subsidies. The government subsidies built out this net zero energy grid. It wasn't on the merits of this technology. It wasn't because it was so great it was going to replace it. It was government massive government subsidies. How much? Well, I want to go to this chart here. It was written by doctor Doctor Matthew Wilkie, and it shows this chart federal subsidies per unit of electricity generated for basically nine years. You can see solar there 82.42 USD per unit of electricity generated wind. Next in line 18.86. Then you go down to the bottom coal, hydropower, oil and gas. The once dominant energies in the United States here, not even 1% less than that, 0.73%. So you're seeing the subsidizing of an industry and the phasing out of another industry by the government. Well, that's not happening anymore in the United States, not at least for the next three years, it appears. Here's Reuters, it goes into the USDA. They're also getting involved to "USDA ends programs for solar wind projects on farms."

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This is secretary secretary agriculture Brooke Rollins. She took to X. She says millions of acres of prime farmland is left unusable. So green New Deal subsidized solar panels can be built. This destruction of our farmlands and prime soil is taking away the future of the next generation of farmers, and the future of our country basically starts to say that this. Starting today, there will no longer deploy these programs to fund solar and wind on productive farmland. It seems to make a lot of sense, obviously. And then they're going to end these taxpayer handouts, but they're also ending the use of the panels made by what they're calling foreign adversaries like China. So that's the story within the story is these are Chinese solar panels too, on top of that. But this whole conversation revolves around the science. Who's right about the science? We've been told it's settled. Here's the New York Post. We have the United Nations, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. That's the IPCC. They're the world's basically science, um, settled science body that that dictates the science for the entire world on climate, "UN abandoned science and hires climate change zealots to damn the facts." Obviously this is an op ed, but it says this important facts "because the IPCC has consistently failed to establish strong connections between greenhouse gas emissions and most types of extreme weather. A cottage industry of promotional studies have developed in its place."

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This is something called "extreme event attribution was invented to circumvent the normal process of scientific peer review, in order to have media impact, and to support litigation against fossil fuel companies." So when you see the do you see the, you know, the the temperature rise a couple degrees, you see a couple inches of rainfall falling. The media seizes on this and said, because climate change, because people are breathing and cows are farting, this is why we have this is why we have to have a net zero grid. We have to build this out because obviously we're getting more rain. Science is not even involved in that. Science will debunk that immediately. But it's a media op. So the new UN coauthor of the IPCC says this "as Friedrich Otto." That is her name. "The head of the World Weather Attribution explains, quote, Unlike every other branch of climate science or science in general, event attribution was actually originally suggested with the courts in mind. Otto WHO argues in a new book that racism, colonialism, and sexism are the root causes of global warming has just been appointed as co-lead of the forthcoming IPCC chapter on extreme weather." So it looks like they're going away from the settled science of climate change, and they're going to focus on extreme weather, to try to really push this for for the benefit of the courts.

[00:45:18] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

What's amazing is we, you know, we realize in looking at this investigation that the IPCC is, you know, it knows it's agenda driven down by the U.N., is to push climate change as damaging, you know, causing dramatic weather. But there's still scientists inside of there. They're like, look, hey, we're trying, but we just can't make the connection. Yes, we see tornadoes and hurricanes, but we also look at the historical data and we just can't get there. So a lot of these headlines were being manipulated after the fact, after the science is saying, you know, we're kind of like, even on this, we really can't prove it. The, you know, U.N. and others around them started making extreme headlines anyway. Well, now they're just done with it. Now they're just done with overriding real science. Let's just bring in guys that, from the beginning, are going to make the claim that the weather is being caused by global warming, whether they can prove it or not. I mean, and look, nothing shocking here. You know, my my big realization this week is just, you know what science is. As I look at more and more this as you go down these rabbit holes and all you find are just castles built on sand piles and mountains of assumptions upon assumptions. You know, I realized that science really, unfortunately, is the art of finding what you're looking for. You know, none of these people, none of these hypotheses ever prove themselves wrong. Somehow. They always prove themselves right somehow. They always find the right peers to push it through, and only later do we find out that not a single medical journal is able to recreate the science in over 50% of their studies. And here we are again, a new science body that's being designed to find and prove what they're looking for, even when the science isn't there. It's, you know, absolutely. It's unbelievable. Jefferey amazing. Amazing stuff.

[00:47:09] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

Alright. Thank you Del.

[00:47:10] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

Yeah. Well, thanks for for being a part of this team. Um, you know, we are watching just world changing events taking place. As I said, this really is the tipping point. We are feeling a shift now. And, you know, I want to celebrate all of the great podcasters and people out there that are now finally talking about these issues and the Ron DeSantis and government officials and attorney generals that are now suing and and doing something about all these issues. But Jefferey, I remember when it was you and I sitting here on our little show in a closet all alone. So what an amazing journey it's been with you, my friend.

[00:47:51] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

Yeah, absolutely Del. And I also want to say, too, since you said that it's we're at this moment because of the parents who wouldn't shut up about their vaccine, injured kids, about the issues with pharmaceutical drugs. We're here because of the dissident scientists. We're here because of the few journalists that ruined their careers to tell a story that wasn't popular at the time. So it's great to see everyone pile on. It's great to see Kennedy in this, in this symbolic moment in front of the Senate committee, say what he says. And it's even more amazing for me to stand next to you in this team at The HighWire and and keep going. This is an amazing moment.

[00:48:27] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

So well said. Great work Jefferey. I'll see you next week.

[00:48:31] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

Thank you.

[00:48:33] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

Well, you know, look you if you've been watching this show for a few years, maybe you came on during Covid and said, wow, like nobody is nailing it like this. And and if you look at our track record, we, you know, we would retract things if we've made a mistake. But we don't have to because I have one of the most amazing teams over there that is working directly on this show. And I have scientists and experts around the world that we talk to every single week to make sure that we're getting this right from every single angle that we can attack it. We have red team meetings. We challenge our own perspective so that we can get it right, and we do whatever it takes to get to the truth. We will put anyone on this show, even if they're being attacked. We don't care. We want the information out there and what is happening right now. What's about to release on Tuesday at the Senator Ron Johnson hearing is just another one of those tactics that we never talked to you about. I never, ever tell you that I meet with the other side, that I am meeting with scientists and journalists. I was just in a PBS interview the other day. I day. I don't know how it's going to turn out, but you know how I ended the interview. I said, you know what? I have to assume that this is a hit piece on me and probably Robert Kennedy Jr, but I am sitting in this chair right now doing this interview because I know you're intelligent people, and I know that if you knew that there was an issue that was destroying the lives of children, you would do something about it.

[00:50:04] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

And what I want to say to you right now is you have not been doing your job correctly. Even in the interview, they said, well, you know, they'll say you're a religious zealot. You're saying there's things like a religion. I said, only difference is I'm showing you my work. I'm showing you my science. I'm telling you right now, just type in FDA licensed vaccines and everyone shows up and then go to 6.1 on every single one of the vaccine inserts that's on the FDA's website. And look what it says about the placebo trials. Never did one, not on any of the childhood vaccines. They would tell you. They would tell you. They don't want to have to admit they never did a placebo trial. But there it is on the insert that was wrapped around a vaccine that you never got to see because you never had informed consent. And so you're going to talk to experts and say, of course we've done those studies. And you go see the expert says, And I'm telling you. And I said to them, Tony Fauci lied about six foot distancing. Everyone at the CDC and the regulatory agencies lied, as Robert Kennedy Jr clearly put out, lied about the efficacy of the Covid vaccine, that it would stop transmission.

[00:51:08] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

As Rachel Maddow says, if you take it, it stops with you. The virus stops with you. Bull crap. It does. And you heard that here at the same exact time, does not we know it doesn't. Fda has already admitted it. I said, you know, you have got to start asking people to show their work. You've got to see the evidence. Do not trust experts any longer. We've been lied to long enough. And I said to them, I hope this isn't the last documentary ever made that bought into the greatest lie ever told. You will not want to go down in history that way. That's how I do those interviews. I don't. I take every interview, by the way. I tell them all exactly what I think. I don't worry about how they're going to cut me, and maybe somewhere they're going to edit it and try to make me look crazy. It doesn't matter because people will see it and say, My God, I think I agree with that. What's this? Highwire? What's that? Bigtree up to? Well, while all of that is going on, I've been looking for the best evidence you could find. We've been talking about the Vaxed versus Unvaxed study forever. I had to work on a relationship with someone that wanted to prove me wrong. I had to take a risk with your lives and all of our lives, by the way, and say, I will trust whatever that study shows when you do it.

[00:52:25] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

One promise. Just publish it. Well, as you can well imagine when they saw what we know. You will see, as I've said it before, you know, the CDC has done this study a thousand times trying to prove that the vaccinated are healthier and they can't do it. Wait till you see how bad it is when you do this. Study the right way. Even when you do it to try and prove us wrong. The movie about this study is An Inconvenient Study, and boy is it inconvenient for everyone that was on those panels today. Boy, is it inconvenient for the pharmaceutical industry that owns your television stations. And boy, is it inconvenient for every CDC head, every HHS secretary, and everybody that was ever a part of covering up the real science. We're not going to take it anymore. And now we've got evidence like they have never, ever had before, made possible by you, by every one of you that donates to the Highwire, that says there's no other show like this on Earth, this one doesn't just report on the news. They go out and make things happen. And for \$25 a month, that's all they're asking for. I can be a part of changing history, literally changing how our species may be handled in the future, how our children will be treated, and how free they will be when they go to school or anywhere else in this country.

[00:54:01] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

All of that is happening here inside of this institution. The informed Consent Action network. So please, if you're not a recurring donor, become a recurring donor. Just go to the top of the page of Thehighwire.com and hit donate to ICAN the Informed Consent Action Network informed consent that's now being celebrated by people like Ron DeSantis and Surgeon General Joe Ladapo. Go ahead and become a recurring donor. \$25 a month would be amazing if you can do more than that. Trust me. We need your help right now. I've told you, we are cooking on all burners. We got 90 lawsuits across this country, and now we're launching what I believe may be the most important documentary ever made. And that's saying a lot. After what I watched VAXXED do, I just looked it up while we were working on this. You know what the number one films that have ever discussed vaccine injury are? Number one, Vaxxed number two. Vaxxed two. Number three. Vaxxed three. Well, this time the other side tried to beat us and they finally did the study. And it's inconvenient as all hell. Alright, well, look, if you don't want to be a recurring donor, maybe you just want to go another step. Why don't you stake your claim? Why don't you say not only did I help make that movie happen, that ended up changing the world.

[00:55:29] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

I put a brick on the sidewalk that will last forever. My name is there at ICAN. I believe so much in what they were doing that people will be doing tours centuries to come, looking back and say, how did that shift in mankind happen? It happened because we all walked the high road. A couple of years ago, we asked you to help us build the high road, and you did brick by brick, message by message. You helped pave the road that led us to historic legal victories like the release of the Pfizer Covid vaccine data the FDA tried to block for 75 years, or the return of the religious exemption in Mississippi, where kids hadn't been allowed to go to school without vaccines since the 1970s. So now, as we double down on our efforts to free the remaining five states from medical mandates, along with other exciting new projects designed to fulfill ICAN's mission to eradicate man made disease and secure informed consent. We want you to be a part of each step on our journey. So for those of you that want another opportunity to buy a brick and support ICAN, let me introduce you to phase two the Terrace, a peaceful, powerful space nestled at the very heart of the High Road, a sanctuary where reflection meets purpose, and a place where your voice, your story and your loved ones will inspire our path every day. Whether you already have a brick or this is your first time, this is your moment to renew your commitment to honor someone dear, to stand for medical freedom, transparency, and the right to informed consent forever.

[00:57:14] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

Because this movement has always been about you, your faith, your family, your future. As the world shifts around us, the foundation we're building here remains stronger than ever. So go to icon. Ikea.org and click buy a brick. Choose your message. Leave your mark and become part of the very heart of this campus at the center of the high road. Each brick comes with an open invitation to visit your brick and see a live taping of The HighWire. We walk this path together, so let's fill the heart of it together. Well, just like the last time when we put in the High Road, this is proving to be a very successful mission for us. And you know, the last one helped put. I wish you could see all the lights and the cameras and the things that have been upgraded so that we can bring you a state of the art production like we do here on the high wire, and also fund all of the incredible lawsuits, including, as we said, winning back the religious exemption. Mississippi were seconds away from pulling it off in West Virginia. But when you buy a brick or you buy a branch or a bench or all the other things that are available, it often gives you the opportunity, as I've said, to come and see that brick, to come and see this campus and watch a live taping of the show.

[00:58:37] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

I look forward to meeting you as you check all that for everybody that's involved is going quickly. Do not miss out. We had so many people last time saying, you know, can I still get a brick? Say, no, we actually finished that walkway. Well, now we're doing the terrace. This is your opportunity. Go ahead and scan that QR code. Um, and, you know, make your statement. You can put a family member on there. You can honor somebody. You can have a quote. Um, it's something that affects all of our lives here on the campus every single day. So everyone that's donating, everybody that's buying a brick or a bench, I want to thank you. Because without you, none of what we dream here is possible. Nothing about, you know, trying to bring back informed consent to this free nation would be possible without you. You are that network, the informed Consent action network. That's you. And I thank all of you. Um, last week we touched on a topic that was affecting all of our lives. It's something that we all shake our heads. Sometimes we even get tears in our eyes when we think about it. But there's one part of it that seems to be a pattern that is just very strange when we see these stories. Well, take a look and see if you've seen this yourself.

[00:59:56] Female News Correspondent

The shooter, Robin Westman, formerly Robert Westman, who legally changed his name in 2020 to be identified as female.

[01:00:06] Male News Correspondent

The shooter, identified as Audrey Hale, a 28 year old female who identifies as transgender.

[01:00:13] Male News Correspondent

Another shooting that killed five people at a Colorado nightclub. 22 year old Anderson Lee Aldrich. The defense says Aldrich identifies as non-binary.

[01:00:21] Male News Correspondent

The Denver shooter was trans. The Aberdeen shooter was trans, the shooter was trans, the Georgia shooter was trans. The Philadelphia shooter was trans. The Uvalde shooter was trans, the Colorado shooter was trans. And now the Minnesota shooter was trans.

[01:00:32] Male News Correspondent

When it comes to these shooters, there's clearly an issue with radical trans ideology that we are seeing in the United States.

[01:00:40] Male News Correspondent

There is something in the water with the untouchable nature of trans identity and what appears to be a kind of underlying mental instability that tends to disproportionately give rise to these school shootings.

[01:00:53] Male News Correspondent

I think we need some changes of policies, because when this sort of thing happens, we need to know what psychiatric drugs, if any, was the person on and which medical professionals was this person consulting. We need to know these things.

[01:01:11] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

Obviously, in the world that we live in today, this is one of those third rail topics. I want to be clear, I'm not here to disparage any group of people that's out there, but I am going to ask the questions that are troubling my heart, and I think they're troubling yours. At the heart of this is when we looked it up. The headlines say that roughly 3% of the teenage population in high school are identifying as trans, yet they're making up an incredibly disproportionate number of those that are committing school shootings. Now, I'm not putting this on trans people, but I wanted to ask some questions in an area I really do not understand. And to help me with that is psychiatrist doctor Stefani Reinold. Thank you for coming in today.

[01:01:56] Stefani Reinold, MD, MPH, Board-Certified Psychiatrist

Yeah. Good to see you Del

[01:01:57] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

Yeah. Um, I assume that you're going to be good at handling the sensitivity of this topic, but here's where I want to start on The HighWire. We've had some detransitioners on that are struggling, feeling like they were misled by psychiatry. When we do shows like that, lots of people write in that have a similar complaint that my child is questioning their identity or questioning their sexuality, and I cannot find any sort of holistic approach. Every psychiatrist I go to is telling me, no, they're in the wrong body. They need to immediately start gender blocking drugs. It's like, can't they? Isn't it possible they're just confused? Isn't there a possible another way to work through this? And they cannot find anyone in psychiatry that will take an approach is maybe the child has other issues and they're just putting it here. And so my question to you is why is that the case in psychiatry. What are psychiatrists being told. What is the, you know, protocol, if you will, in handling children who are having identity questions?

[01:03:06] Stefani Reinold, MD, MPH, Board-Certified Psychiatrist

I think that is the question. And it is a very loaded, complicated, delicate thing because gender dysphoria is a very real problem. It's a very real Experience of suffering that I want to give voice to, that there are a small but very vulnerable population of people that do indeed suffer from it. You know, I think there are so many factors that can play into what that actually looks like in a person. And you're right, there's not a lot of people taking a holistic stance on this at all. I think, frankly, because I think professional organizations are pressured to make statements very quickly to lead a large percentage, you know, their professional that they're trying to give guidance to. And I think, honestly, I think they're not taking a lot of time to make some of these consensus statements, and they don't actually have a lot of data. You know, we don't really have great research studies. We you know, there's some information just from reviews or, you know, meta analysis or meta analysis. It's just not It's not really conclusive. So then no one knows. And then there's constant fear. I think for professionals in particular, we're afraid to speak out. You know, we're afraid to take a different kind of approach because we're afraid to go against, you know, some guidance from a professional organization that's telling us you have to do gender affirming care, and that's the only way to do it. And once someone says this, you know, then we must go through this pathway. Yeah. Um, and it's interesting because I don't actually think that same pressure is coming from parents and family members. I think they themselves equally are confused and really want what's best for their kids.

[01:04:52] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

Very scary moment to have a child that's saying, I don't feel like, you know, I'm the person that I see in the mirror or whatever the case, I can't imagine. Thank God I haven't gone through something like that. But I am aware. Are you you know, over the years in your practice, have you seen an increase in this issue?

[01:05:11] Stefani Reinold, MD, MPH, Board-Certified Psychiatrist

I think I mean, I personally have seen an increase and I think the data shows that there is more and more people. I mean, I think the percentage, even by what you just said, it used to only be 1%. It used to be less than 1%. Right. You know, and and honestly, gender dysphoria has been real since the dawn of time. I mean, it was talked about in medieval literature, you know. So this is not a new problem. I think what is new is how much media attention is coming to this problem. And, you know, that is kind of where I perk my ears up. And I kind of want to ask questions like, why are we giving so much attention to this now? Um, it's interesting because along those same lines, you know, we used to be able to talk openly about there are certain conditions. One being eating disorders, another being suicidality. That gets worse the more we talk about it. You know.

[01:06:02] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

right. the public it gets

[01:06:03] Stefani Reinold, MD, MPH, Board-Certified Psychiatrist

correct. And so and I am seeing I think that transgender gender dysphoria is becoming one of those issues that the more we talk about it now, there's more adolescents, teens, young adults coming forward with struggles in this area and I. But again, we can't say that out loud. You know, we can't say the quiet part out loud that maybe this is like some of these other mental health diagnoses that equally have a contagion contagion effect to them. Um, that's also very unpopular to say out loud, though.

[01:06:35] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

I had a friend that, um, his teenage daughter was having issues and eating disorder, and so he was recommended, I think, probably by the school counselor, to put her in some group counseling thing. He thought it was a great idea. He says while she's there, she starts hearing about other kids that are cutting themselves and then ends up taking on that disorder. It's like, great. That was really helpful, you know? And now I've got two issues and one really seems horrific. And it's just it's sort of like once you put that thought in their head, whatever that dysfunction is, it can be placed in so many different ways. And you said something interesting and it's where I think that Robert Kennedy Jr. Finds himself right now in dealing with many of the issues he's looking at, including, um, you know, drugs, SSRIs, gender affirming care is you're saying there's not a lot of studies here. There's not a lot of information here. We're really looking for answers. But it's amazing to me when there's not a lot of science, how good pharma is at stepping up and saying, here's the answer, here's what it is, and everyone seems to go along with it. And so my question really is because it came up last week in SSRIs and things like that and gender affirming care, I saw some studies. Some people are pointing to studies that gender affirming care doesn't look like it causes suicide, you know, ideation or things like that. I don't know if that's the case, but what I want to ask you is, you know, as a psychiatrist, there seems to be a one size fits all that's happening, which is let's immediately get you on track to, you know, gender blocking drugs. Um, my question is, are SSRIs a part of that immediate recommendation? Is trans this issue when it comes to you or, you know, identity issues, is it seen as sort of like enveloped in depression and must be handled that way, or are they separated? That's one of the questions I had if I, if I'm watching the news this week.

[01:08:36] Stefani Reinold, MD, MPH, Board-Certified Psychiatrist

You know, I don't have data to support this, but from what I normally see is there's preexisting mental health struggles. So, you know, the gender dysphoria often comes on, or at least it's illuminated later in a patient journey. So oftentimes by the time they're even getting to the point of a puberty blocker or, you know, something like that for their treatment plan, they've already had some level of suffering from even just general anxiety, depression, maybe potentially even bipolar or other more serious mental health diagnoses. So oftentimes they probably are on psychotropic medications, maybe potentially long before even that conversation enters the picture.

[01:09:17] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

So you're saying rarely is the first issue you have is you have an identity question. It's usually coming, you know, with other things that were leading into it.

[01:09:26] Stefani Reinold, MD, MPH, Board-Certified Psychiatrist

My experience with it, I don't think there's great studies to prove that one way or another. And you may ask a different professional, they may see something different. But I often see, because so many of these patients, I mean, over 90% of them have a comorbid mental health diagnosis. And that often predates the desire to actually transition.

[01:09:49] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

And so, you know, when we hear these stories of psychiatrists that immediately start, you know, hormone therapies, are there any studies since the odds are it sounds like pretty good that you're going to be mixing SSRIs and hormone injections or whatever. Are there studies that show any pharmacokinetic issues there.

[01:10:12] Stefani Reinold, MD, MPH, Board-Certified Psychiatrist

Not that I know of. I mean, there's there's frankly, there's not a lot of studies talking about multiple medications, period. Not just multiple psychiatric medications, but there are not a lot of studies on polypharmacy, essentially. And so we kind of end up with this mentality where we have to look at, you know, we look at the drug drug interactions between different things, which we have really good tools and information for that just from a physiologic standpoint. But again, what's going on inside an individual human body in their individual genetics and how they are metabolizing something we don't know. We honestly don't for lots of things. So you may be talking about a patient that maybe they're on an SSRI and they're on a mood stabilizer. And now we're talking about puberty blockers. That's multiple medications that can all affect it can affect bone density. It can affect your neurological system. Obviously it can affect your other hormones. I mean, SSRIs also affect your hormone system. So by themselves. And now we're talking about additional heavy hitting medications. I mean, and I do think a lot of these conversations have just been rushed, and I, I really want to give the benefit of the doubt that I think this population suffers so greatly that the powers that be, the, you know, agencies, they just want to give some guidance so that doctors have a clue how to take care of these patients. And yet we're not really doing a great job of now following up. Is this helpful? Is this actually even serving their mental health needs. And, you know, now it's so taboo to even have these kind of conversations that we can be more open and just discussing some of these very real, honest questions.

[01:11:57] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

I think we could get to the bottom of a lot of the problems in the world today, if we would get back to being allowed to talk about them getting really tired of just, you know, being forced into very narrow hallway of words and ideas that you can share or things that you can question. We have real issues now, uh, and, you know, I think we're tired of watching results, but we can't ask how did we get here? You know, um, there was a couple of things from the manifesto that were written by this latest shooter that I think, you know, are chilling. And on this topic, um, these were just headlines because I think some of it's written in Russian and English. But "Minneapolis school shooter Robin Westman confessed he was tired of being trans. I wish I never brainwashed myself." I mean, that's an incredible statement, and I hear that from the people that we've had on the show discussing this that, you know, I was depressed, I had issues, maybe I was upset with my parents. This seemed like a way I could find a group of people. Then I'm online and they're telling me this is where I'm at, and they just slowly work themselves into is this, you know, very unfortunate individual is saying. They brainwashed themselves. Um, is that a term? Is that a concept? Is that something you have to think about as a, as a, as a therapist? Can someone, you know, brainwash themselves?

[01:13:20] Stefani Reinold, MD, MPH, Board-Certified Psychiatrist

I mean, I think if an entire body of people around you are telling you one thing, you know, and again, I really want to believe this is in the child's best interest. You know, parents, family members, loved ones, they're doctors.

[01:13:32] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

But it's more than that. They're going online to other adults that are transgender and or not, or have some sort of agenda that are grooming them into this position and pushing, uh, hatred. And do we have that video? Did we prepare that video? I want to play this video. This is something that was online that I found very disturbing.

[01:13:54] Male Speaker

Angry.

[01:13:56] Male Speaker

Go out, buy a gun.

[01:13:58] Male Speaker

It's okay to be angry.

[01:14:00] Male Speaker

Get out of my face now.

[01:14:04] Male Speaker

If you try to stop me from going into a woman's bathroom.

[01:14:07] Male Speaker

Excuse me, it's ma'am.

[01:14:09] Male Speaker

Be the last mistake you ever make.

[01:14:10] Male Speaker

It is ma'am.

[01:14:11] Male Speaker

Find that anger just because.

[01:14:14] Male Speaker

Hey.

[01:14:15] Male Speaker

Harness it to do good in the world. This anger.

[01:14:27] Male Speaker

You're done. Man. We can just make a batch and say that someone has.

[01:14:32] Male Speaker

Well, anger is probably my primary source of motivation.

[01:14:37] Male Speaker

You want to call me sir again? The thing is, you don't have to leave. Loser.

[01:14:42] Male Speaker

For everything that I do.

[01:14:43] Male Speaker

Cut that out now or you'll go home in an ambulance.

[01:14:47] Male Speaker

You up?

[01:14:47] Male Speaker

It was a call to action or a call to arms.

[01:14:51] Male Speaker

I'm sorry, sir.

[01:14:58] Male Speaker

Don't be afraid to show your anger.

[01:15:02] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

Not a very not a very helpful, I think, guidance for someone that's questioning what they're going through.

[01:15:09] Stefani Reinold, MD, MPH, Board-Certified Psychiatrist

Yeah. It's not.

[01:15:12] Stefani Reinold, MD, MPH, Board-Certified Psychiatrist

This isn't new for the mental health community though. I mean, we see this with eating disorders, you know, and I, I wonder, you know, there's some cultural and there's researchers that know way more about this, but they're they're sort of the mental health diagnosis of the day, if you will. You know, it was psychosis back in the 50s, 60s. You know, there was you know, there was articles and advertisements about antipsychotics for the stay at home mom, you know, then it turned into eating disorders come 70s, 80s, where we were looking at magazines of these like rail thin women and finding these unrealistic beauty standards. And now you see, really, in the last 10 to 20 years, we've seen this escalating rise in gender dysphoria. And there is a glamorization of this from culture. Yes. And I think social media probably exacerbates it where adolescence is hard. I mean, your changing body, just in a healthy, changing body, is very complicated for anybody to live through. And so when you're feeling any sort of distress or anxiety or you go through trauma, you know, you are seeking some solace somehow. And I'm not saying this is everybody that is dealing with gender dysphoria, but I think some individuals and we've seen it with detransitioners that speak out, most of them share the same story that, you know, I was just suffering, period. And this is the community that sort of let me in. And then you get so far into it and then it becomes taboo to ever leave because you feel like now this tribe that has welcomed you in, you're leaving the whole tribe, and that's your whole community support, your whole mental health support system. So now you have to live kind of by all of their constructs.

[01:16:55] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

And they often then attack when you talk to them like, how could you let us down? You know, we were here for you. So there's a huge guilt trip.

[01:17:02] Stefani Reinold, MD, MPH, Board-Certified Psychiatrist

Yes.

[01:17:03] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

That's put in there. And pressure. Um, there was another headline about another statement from this manifesto. "Minneapolis gunman Robin Westman blamed massacre on mom, warning him not to change gender, and then discouraged people from letting their kids transition." Obviously just a very, very, um, confused individual. Um, but then you add in SSRIs or SSRIs, a solution to this level of confusion because we looked it up, Robert Kennedy Jr made headlines last week saying, look, I am looking into this. We are looking to see if behind these school shootings, you know, is this, you know, incredible rise in the use of SSRIs in our children, amongst other things. I would I would probably say you should look at add medications, attention medications. I mean, these kids are drugged. They're not sober. But what he's saying is there's black box warnings. And I wanted to look it up and we did. We looked up the top drugs just for people out there. Prozac. Um, it has a warning label. It talks about suicidal. Here it is increased risk of suicidal thinking behavior in children, adolescents and young adults taking antidepressants monitor for worsening and emergence of suicidal thoughts and behaviors. Well that's great. I thought the whole point of this product was to avoid that. And then, you know, we'll just sort of list through them Lexapro. Same thing. It gets into suicidal thoughts, increased risk of suicidal thinking behavior. We can go on to the next one. Zoloft. Um, so they're warning you. And so, um, what I didn't see and I was expecting is I thought I was going to see suicidal thoughts and homicidal thoughts, which I feel like I've seen someone label. It wasn't in any of these. Do those sort of live in the same place in a person? If you were suicidal, are you more likely to be homicidal or not care about your fellow man? Is that you know? Do we know how those things interact, those.

[01:18:54] Stefani Reinold, MD, MPH, Board-Certified Psychiatrist

I think we see sometimes the reverse. You'll see individuals that have homicidal thinking. Almost all of them at some point in the recent past had suicidal thinking. Um, I want to be clear, mental health diagnoses do not naturally lead to violence in the vast majority of individuals with a mental health diagnosis. So that said, I mean, these are very troubled souls. I mean, they have lots of suffering. And I think what's unclear is even how much counseling, how much people are even screening for suicidal thinking, you know, if you're not even really seeing a psychiatrist, you're going to maybe an endocrinologist, maybe you're getting all your treatment through a primary care doctor or an adolescent clinic. I don't even know how much on an ongoing basis, they're actually even screening for mental health symptoms. Um, but I mean, when you look at school shooters, I mean, over 90% of them had mental health diagnoses and even even more of them. Actually, the vast majority of them actually were connected to some level of mental health treatment. So the the issue is not that these people are not being identified as someone who's suffering. The issue is probably that we need complete reform in our health care system, because obviously, even getting mental health treatment, whether it is through drugs or not, drugs, because maybe the drugs are making you worse, but we don't have data for that either to know or it's just the treatment is significantly failing these people.

[01:20:24] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

Yeah. I mean, I think that and that's the argument that drug makers make, right? They were suicidal when they started taking the drug. How can you blame our product for something that we knew was their issue anyway? But I would assume if we're seeing warning labels, that means there were some form of placebo based trials where they saw heightened risk. I'm certain of it a heightened risk of increased suicidality and things like that.

[01:20:47] Stefani Reinold, MD, MPH, Board-Certified Psychiatrist

But and I see that. I mean, I see in kids, they get overactivated, they get overstimulated, even if it's not full blown suicidal thinking. You still see sometimes that their symptoms get worse. Now, that said, I also see that sometimes they're life changing for people. But we also don't have great tools, you know, is this because of their genetics? Is it because of other confounding variables? Is it just because of a simple thing like a sleep cycle or their environment? We don't really know because we're not testing some of these things either.

[01:21:17] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

Yeah, I think and that's what I think we're all hoping that, you know, Kennedy will get happening inside of NIH, CDC, can we start doing more thorough testing? And by the way, I think these pharmaceutical industries, you know, oh, some money into that, you know, to because they're making fortunes, fortunes off these products. They obviously do pretty well in courtrooms when they fight back because they can afford incredible, you know, these incredible cases that are affecting far too many lives. But I think the big question too is then, you know, when we look at other countries where there must be depression, there must be issues where they're not as drugged as we are, we take more drugs than any nation in the world prescribed. Um, and we are having this school shooting epidemic. And by the way, you know, I look, I think guns should be on the table. I'm not I'm not saying we should. I mean, I want it all on the table. I'm not going to choose sides. But there are nations with plenty of guns and they, you know, almost every household are not having the school shooting issue. And so I want I'm going to ask you a really you know, I feel like I grew up with discipline. I grew up with discipline in my house, you know, God forbid I even got spanked. I know that that's like, you want to talk about the third rail. I don't spank my kids. My wife will never have it. But I feel like I'm missing a tool that worked really well for me as a kid. Like, I knew when I was out of line and had to overcome that adversity my parents represented, you know, resistance to me just getting my own way on everything. And it just feels like our society is just going softer and softer and just support your child. Don't give them any pushback. They've got to find themselves. Well, then how are they going to deal with a world that isn't going to kiss their ass?

[01:23:08] Stefani Reinold, MD, MPH, Board-Certified Psychiatrist

Great question. It's a good question. I mean, I do feel like at some point, you know, it's interesting looking at historical context, right? I mean, we have these baby boomers where they had, you know, arguably very strict childhoods. You know, some of them even kind of their parents living through the Great Depression era. And so, you know, very strict discipline. And now, a few generations later, now we're living with, yes, very permissive parenting, very affirming parenting, where we affirm emotions. We anything that they say, yes, you can do it. I believe in you. And so much of that is lovely and beautiful and awesome. And I think we are raising very confident, capable individuals who who do have strengths and talents, but we're also raising very anxious children, and that is proven in research. We're raising children that are very anxious. They need almost lots of coddling because they're now almost addicted to the affirmation and the validation from the world around them. And so, you know, you see it within the mental health care system at large. Now that you have providers that are just affirming of your suffering without also helping them give tools and boundaries to, you know, what does that look like? Like, you know, yes, you're suffering. Well, how can we get you out of this? You know, sometimes there's also a mindset piece, but coming full circle, I mean, it's speaking to the holistic part of it. It's not just medication. It's not just diet. It's not just environment. There's a mindset piece. There's a boundaries piece. There's your own lived experience. You know, what was your childhood like? Yeah. Um, all those things relate.

[01:24:46] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

as we wrap this up, I think people we, you know, our kids are hanging around other kids now that are their parents are just affirming all sorts of crazy stuff. Frankly, that's how I see it. It's my opinion, not yours. I'm not going to put you on that. But, you know, I've had my kid come home and say I was just at a camp and they had a furry there. Some kid that thinks he's an animal and his parents think have him going to the bathroom in a litter box. How am I supposed to talk to my kid about that? I mean, I want I want my kid to be accepting. For me, it was simple. We just dealt with racism. Like everyone's a child of God, you know? But we sort of shared ideas of how we live in this world. My kids are talking to kids that, you know, don't want to use the bathroom that they're designed to use, you know, or might not even think they're in this species and want a litter box. I can't hide them from that world. It's out there. We've been homeschooling. I still, a church camp. It came up. You're like, what? So how do you prepare your child? What is it we tell our children about acceptance, but not taking it on themselves?

[01:26:05] Stefani Reinold, MD, MPH, Board-Certified Psychiatrist

I think you first have to help your child have their own strong identity and really enforcing your own personal boundaries. I mean, we are all entitled to have our own values, our own philosophies, our own belief systems within a family that you choose to impart on your children. And I think, you know, you you joke. All we had to deal with was racism. You know, don't talk about politics and religion. We'll be fine going forward in life. But I think you can kind of view it like that because for a lot of these people, it is a very fixed belief system. And so you're not going to change their mind. You're not going to change their parent's mind. You know, I think for our own children, our own families, we have to do our own soul searching as the parents to decide what is it that I do really believe on this issue? And how do I want to communicate that to my child? And that I think level of firm confidence is actually really healthy. That's actually, you know, parenting styles that actually are more firm with like strong levels of boundaries, strong levels of discipline, however, that looks to your family and your values. But I think that that is actually what kids need. You know, there's been several, several research studies and books that show that more permissive parenting actually creates more mental health struggles for children. So I think the worst thing we can do for our kids is to not have strong opinions about things. So because not just thinking that they're going to figure it all out, we need to give them guardrails. That's actually healthy Parenting where we show them, hey, this is what it's like to have a strong opinion. Um, and for people watching your show, I mean, probably people have lost friendships over their strong opinions. But what a wonderful thing to model for your kids, actually, that you're so confident in something that you know, this matters so much to me. I'm going to model this for my kids that it's okay to lose friends on certain topics that really you value.

[01:28:06] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

And Stefani, I want to thank you for coming in today and helping us through some of this. I know there's no concrete answers. I know we need more science. Hopefully we have someone now that's not going to be afraid to look at everything and put it all on the table. I think that's what we're doing here. But I want to thank you for your guidance today.

[01:28:22] Stefani Reinold, MD, MPH, Board-Certified Psychiatrist

Thanks Del. Thank you. Good talking to you.

[01:28:25] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

Alright. Well, you know, it is great to have an opinion. Uh, let your kids. I've said it. They're watching you. They're watching how you're walking around in the world that's affecting them. So be aware of what you're saying around them. But also be honest if it's working for you. If you like the way your life is working, don't just accept. Expect. They're going to get there. They're watching you talk about why you have the ideas. I think, we all know just watching the age of your children as they come along. But we are raising our children in many ways, like it's wartime, you know, that it's not the same world we grew in. You can't protect them enough. The billboards that you're driving past are in the car. There's no way to hide it. These conversations need to happen. I would just say, talk to your kids. Be open. Listen to them. Well, today as I was walking, uh, on the high road, one of the bricks that popped out I thought was just perfect for this seismic moment, this tipping point that we find ourselves in right now. Take a look at this. There's a brick that I think perfectly suits today's show. It's this one right here. Truth and freedom of the press. Thank you, Del B, RFK Jr and I can for fighting the good fight. Love CRC I think that's really going to.

[01:29:38] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

Fit with this show today with Robert Kennedy Jr in the hot seat in front of the Senate and some of the announcements we have of one of the most courageous projects we've ever embarked upon. It's this inspiration. It's these bricks that we walk every day that gives us the power and the vigor to decide to do what we do. I'll see you on the show.

[01:30:00] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

It really is so cool to walk and look at all these different comments and just feel your energy and your thoughts that went into the bricks. So I hope you'll take us up on this new opportunity. It's a beautiful place. It gives you a reason to come to Austin, Texas and feel a little bit of the Texas freedom if you're in a more oppressed state, but also to check out The HighWire. So I hope you'll take up that opportunity. I really hope that if you're out there and you want to make a difference in this world and you haven't started donating, we really could use your help. We are taking on big projects. This one, I think, is maybe the most ambitious project we've ever taken on. You know, God works in his time. Um, and, you know, when we, uh, all come together, we're able to sort of meet that challenge. And so get a brick, help us make this film. We've got to finish it up. October 3rd is right around the corner. We want to have a massive push through social media. Obviously, some of that will be grassroots, but anywhere that you can help us right now is going to make a huge difference.

[01:30:59] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

We do not want to have this study go unseen. We do not want this movie unseen. This is that one of those moments we have all been waiting for an inconvenient study. This is going to blow people's minds. It is going to be that film you want to show to your friend that is maybe pregnant, or thinking of getting pregnant and just saying, look, you have got to see these numbers. These were not put together. This is not a study by anyone that could be considered anti-vax. In fact, they were pro-vaccine and set out to prove us wrong. I think it's a one of a kind moment. It is going to be earth shattering. And why does this matter when when you see Robert Kennedy Jr in the hot seat? It matters because of who is making our policies, who gets to decide how your child should live, who decides, as Joe said, you know, is it my right? Am I the one that should be deciding what you inject into your body, or what your children inject to your body? Well, look at who they're parading around in the news saying this guy should decide who's injecting what into your body.

[01:32:10] Dr. Demetre Daskalakis, Former Director of the CDC

Hepatitis B vaccine is on the agenda for the meeting in September. I predict that what they're going to do is try to change the birth dose of hepatitis B vaccine so that kids don't get it when they're born. So if you have a mother who is well connected to care, you know her hepatitis B status, that may not matter very much. But if you have a mother who has not gone to prenatal care who comes in to deliver. We have one bite at that apple so that child gets that important hepatitis B vaccine. Why does it matter?

[01:32:47] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

I mean, you can't make this stuff up, right? That's who they decide should go out and sell us on a hepatitis B vaccine. Let's make one thing clear. That is a man who probably needs a hepatitis B vaccine. Okay, that right there. Just hold on that image. That is who this vaccine was made for. Full stop. They said it when they were designing it. We need to make a vaccine for people who partake in promiscuous sex with multiple partners or share heroin needles. Okay, now, I'm not going to accuse this guy of sharing heroin needles. I don't need to. We can see that he meets, you know, Group A, right? And so why should this guy demand that my child be given a hepatitis B vaccine, which I hope you know, look, I have nothing against it. This is the United States of America. Let your freak flag fly. But you do not get to mandate your freak flag lifestyle on my day. One old baby. Come on, let's just be realistic about this, all right, I get it. It might seem like the end of the world to you. I don't know why. Because that vaccine being given on day one will never last long enough to help you in the middle of your sex rave. That's just that's just the reality of these products. But my God, if that's the best that they can roll out. And this is the this is the war. This is the hill. They're ready to die on hepatitis B, every mother's tested for it. We know if you're positive or not. And if you are not positive with hepatitis B, which is I think 99.95% of you, if I remember the stats being correct, that are pregnant in America.

[01:34:30] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

Then why do I need to inject my child with their first sexually transmitted disease on day one of life? I want to ask every minister and every priest and every religious leader in this nation and around the world that says, you know, that we've got to support this vaccine program, that this is given to us by God. Really, whether you're a muslim or a Christian or you're Jewish or whatever faith it is, do you plan on having your child sharing heroin needles? Is that a part of your religious belief? Do you believe that there's an original sin that God forgot about, which has sexually transmitted diseases? And while they take their first gasp of the precious air here on this beautiful planet, right behind that should come an injection with their first sexually transmitted disease. Because this is what it means to be created in the image and likeness of God. Boy, have we lost our way. We've got a lot of work to do. I want to remind you, there's only three days left to take part in the presales of tricked by the treat. This is where you can get, you know, all of those natural goodies for Halloween. Yes, we're a little ahead, but this is how it works. I'm telling you, Halloween is going to be here in just a millisecond. You're going to want to do something about it. So there it is. Go to the website. Trickedbythetreat.com. Um, this is an initiative by Jen Sherry, our executive producer.

[01:36:02] Del Bigtree, Host, The Highwire

Half the proceeds are going to us and moms across America. So that's a great initiative, folks. We're changing the world. We truly are. We are making a difference. And you know, you're out there, you're sharing the show. Whatever you're doing, you're speaking to your representatives. All of it matters. You're going to voting booths right now, by the way, you know, flood your representatives with praise on Robert Kennedy Jr. And what happened in the Senate hearing today. Alright. There's a lot of you that have questioned or have been challenging. This guy is in the hot seat. They are trying to drive a wedge between him and Donald Trump. I don't think they'll be able to do it, but let's make sure they don't just send praise to both these guys for standing up for the first time in our lifetimes. For science to get rid of assumptions and forcing products upon us. And thank God for Joe Ladapo and Ron DeSantis. May they represent the future of where, you know, representation in America is leading. These are spectacular, spectacular moments. It's amazing to be a part of it. It's amazing to feel your presence in what we're doing that is guiding us, that is supporting us, that is making this happen. Never forget that you can change the world. All it takes is a small group of passionate individuals. In fact, that's the only thing that's ever done it. As Margaret Mead said, thanks for being on our team. Thanks for supporting the The HighWire and get ready. Things are about to get real. I'll see you next week on The HighWire.

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