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

Yeah.Let's do this.

[00:00:46] Del Bigtree

Action! Good morning, good afternoon, good evening. Wherever you are out there in the world, it's time to step out onto the Highwire. I have to say, last week was sort of like a pinnacle event, at least in my life, and certainly in the work that we've done with the high wire. And I can the Informed Consent Action Network. When I started this journey looking at the damage that vaccines was doing and put out the documentary VAXXED and walked away from my television career at CBS. Um, you know, there's certain milestone moments that you were praying would one day happen. And the, you know, one of the biggest ones, the biggest story we had, the easiest way to talk about what was wrong with this vaccine program was the hepatitis B vaccine, the world's stupidest vaccine for 99.95% of babies born in America. Of course, if you're born to a mother, that's hepatitis B positive. Maybe you need to look at this differently. But for all the rest of the 99.95% of babies born in America, why were they being forced to take the risk with aluminum loads and all of it? The story goes on and on. We've covered it here. A five day safety trial, but all of it has always just been from podcasts and from The HighWire. And, you know, I guess Robert Kennedy junior started talking about it and then ultimately becomes HHS secretary. But to have this conversation happening inside the castle walls, inside the CDC, uttered from the mouths of scientists on the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. Houston, the world has changed, man. We are in a totally different world now. Of course, I'm talking about the ACIP meetings last week. Two days. They were historic and they made the changes that we were hoping for, that we were praying for and that we were dreaming about. But that's not to say there wasn't a different side of the story, a different representation, those that were still shilling for pharma and saying, where is the evidence of harm?

[00:03:05] Cody H. Meissner, MD

I am asking you, what is the risk of a hepatitis B vaccine? Is there any evidence of harm? There is clearly evidence of benefit.

[00:03:15] Joseph Hibbeln, MD, Former Chief of Nutritional Neurosciences of NIH, Voting Member ACIP

Is there any specific evidence of harm of giving this vaccination before 30 days, or is this speculation?

[00:03:24] Jason Goldman, FACP, President of the American College of Physicians (ACP) Liaison Representative to ACIP

How does changing the recommendations and going against decades of data and safety and efficacy correct the problem of process of not having informed consent?

[00:03:36] Cody H. Meissner, MD

All you're focusing on are these very rare, ill defined side effects, and completely ignoring the extraordinary benefit and promise that these vaccines apply to us?

[00:03:54] Joseph Hibbeln, MD, Former Chief of Nutritional Neurosciences of NIH, Voting Member ACIP

Anyone in the presenter? Any of the presenters or anyone on the ACIP is welcome to present any solid and reproducible evidence of harm.

[00:04:07] Cody H. Meissner, MD

I guess people are opposed to the neonatal birth dose because they think there's harm that outweighs benefit. Well, why does that change it? Two months? Is there any less evidence or any evidence of less harm if the series has started at two months instead of one month? Uh, I, I'm unaware of that. We'll lose at least some of the protective effect. And I don't think there's any, uh, reduction in in in risk. Not that there is any risk that we're aware of.

[00:04:43] Joseph Hibbeln, MD, Former Chief of Nutritional Neurosciences of NIH, Voting Member ACIP

The hepatitis B vaccine program is one of the world's greatest achievements in medical health and the protection of children. And I will reassert that. For that reason, we have a very high bar to consider before we change. Make any changes to the current program.

[00:05:03] Jason Goldman, FACP, President of the American College of Physicians (ACP) Liaison Representative to ACIP

As physicians, your ethical obligation is primum non nocere. First, do no harm and you are failing in that by promoting this anti-vaccine agenda without the data and evidence necessary to make those informed decisions. So I urge this committee to make sure that you do your job appropriately, so that we can take care of our patients and not political theater, which what this has become.

[00:05:34] Del Bigtree

I mean, it was such an incredible exchange at these meetings last week. Of course, hepatitis B vaccine was on the chopping block and it is now changed, not recommended for healthy mothers that are hepatitis B negative, not recommended for their babies. It's now shared decision making, but probably one of the most important voices in the country on this conversation has been fighting it in courtrooms. Was also sitting inside those hearings. I am honored to be joined right now by our attorney for the Informed Consent Action Network, Aaron Siri. Aaron, I mean, just breaking that down, right? Where is the evidence of harm? We didn't see it in the four day safety trial that we had with no placebo group. I mean, it's literally when I think of the work that you've done with Stanley Plotkin and what the world just got to see, and I mean, the world. This wasn't just people that have tuned in. Stanley Plotkin. This is the whole world is now seeing how these doctors think. They have no studies. They do no science. They avoid doing the science. And then when you have a problem, they say, well, where's the evidence of it? I don't see any evidence because they've never done the science to get any evidence. And I really think they showed their cards at this hearing.

[00:06:51] Aaron Siri, ESQ. Lead Legal Counsel, ICAN

There's probably more evidence of harm than, um. Let's put it this way. It's incredible how they could not see stuff that's literally staring them right in their faces. And I'm not talking about the, the, the families who are saying that these vaccines injured them or hurt them. And, you know, in case reports, even I'm talking within their own federal government data, for example, just a few not that long ago, there was a newborn baby that died within hours of getting a hepatitis B vaccine at birth. Okay. So that's the only shot they got. You know, when the babies die at two months or four months, there's a lot of other vaccines. So this was only the hep B vaccine. The it wasn't a table injury. It was adjudicated as having been caused by the hep B vaccine and the vaccine injury compensation program, which I will tell you, is no small feat because you are going up against the Department of Justice. They have all the experts. You have no discovery. You can't get documents. You can't depose anybody. You still have to prove it. You have to get an expert that's willing to do it, to prove that is a monumental feat. And let me. So here we have clear as they, evidence of a baby dying at birth right after being born from the hep B vaccine. You know how many babies have died on day one from hep B itself? The disease zero never happened, never happened. So. So here we have on day one. We know which one death from the vaccine. None for it. But they don't want to look at that. And they don't want to look at the myriad of other injuries caused by this product. They don't even believe what the manufacturers are saying about what harms this product. They have a basis to believe are causally related to these products, and be probably the most common hep B vaccine given to babies. Disclosures in section 6.2 as required by federal law, only those reactions for which there's a basis to believe there's a causal relationship. Encephalitis,

[00:08:52] Del Bigtree

Brain swelling.

[00:08:53] Aaron Siri, ESQ. Lead Legal Counsel, ICAN

And encephalopathy. Brain damage. They're not disclosing that for fun. They threw it in there because as the federal law says, you only include things for which there's a basis to believe. There's a causal relationship. And they want to play, you know, they want to cover their their behinds.

[00:09:09] Del Bigtree

And they want to keep saying what I mean. Meissner by the way, it looked like he was about to cry. He was so just over this whole thing, but he just kept saying, where's the evidence of harm? I mean, an ill defined issue that is so rare. You know, why are we, like, backing off? I'll tell you why. Because this disease you're fighting is so effing rare in babies. So why does rarity matter when it comes to the injury? When, I mean, when I was hearing these numbers, did I hear this right? The known transfer like studied of like children that actually somehow got hepatitis B in community transfer is something like 400. I think it was said to be 16,000 something, but it's something like 400 cases have happened. Is that right? Am I getting that number right.

[00:10:01] Aaron Siri, ESQ. Lead Legal Counsel, ICAN

So so, you know, if Cody Meissner could calm down enough. Yeah. To actually rationally weigh the risks versus the benefits, which I don't think he can because he believes they're completely safe, it doesn't matter. Yeah. You know, he has endless apparent sympathy for anybody that's injured by by hep B itself the disease which he should.

[00:10:20] Del Bigtree

Same thing. Yeah.

[00:10:21] Aaron Siri, ESQ. Lead Legal Counsel, ICAN

He has he gives no accord clearly. And he calls almost just dismisses that family whose child died of hep B that the dad who testified or even this compensated case which is a separate one. And there are other numerous cases of reported deaths from hepatitis B vaccine. But putting that aside, if you could calmly and rationally weigh it, he would say, okay, on the benefit side for a non hep B positive mother a non hep B positive mother grandmother giving birth. What is the number needed to treat? Meaning how many injections? How many babies do you have to inject to prevent one case of chronic hepatitis B? And what you heard me say who's from MIT and Mathis's bailiwick? It sounds like he's saying it's somewhere in the hundreds of thousands to millions that you need to inject to prevent one case of chronic hep B.

[00:11:11] Retsef Levi, PHD, Professor of Operations Management at MIT, ACIP Voting Member

What is the number needed to vaccinate related to babies born to mothers tested negative to prevent one case of chronic hepatitis B? And I think that I suspect that there is no answer to that question. And the reason why there is no answer to that question is that the risk is so, so small that the numbers is probably in the millions.

[00:11:36] Aaron Siri, ESQ. Lead Legal Counsel, ICAN

Okay, then that means the risk better be really.

[00:11:39] Del Bigtree

Well, especially when they're always saying well, you know, injury is 1 in 1,000,000. Well, we're right inside of that. We're in that we're in that we're in that ballpark right now. So you're saying that you don't think this thing is delivering 1 in 1,000,000 risk, the vaccine itself, that would defy every moronic I mean, it's a moronic statement anyway, but we're literally in those numbers right now.

[00:11:58] Aaron Siri, ESQ. Lead Legal Counsel, ICAN

And if you take every, you know, compensated case in Visp, you take you give a core to their system. Because, look, no doctor spends the time to file a report unless they really think it's related to it. We know that it takes forever to file a report. You know, it's incredibly frustrating. I know they say it doesn't prove causation, and it doesn't. But doctors aren't following those for fun. They don't have time, and they do it when they really feel compelled to. And when you take accord to all of the case reports of hepatitis B injuries out there, and when you look at the data that compares kids that have gotten hep B versus those that don't look at the Goodman studies, for example. Um, yeah, you're are way, way more than 1 in 1,000,000 serious injuries from hepatitis B vaccine.

[00:12:41] Del Bigtree

Yeah. Yeah. I mean, it's incredible. The conversation that was the first vote that went on hepatitis B. Should we change the recommendation. They did. They changed the you know voted to remove it from direct recommendation. Now it's only recommended if you're hepatitis B positive. Is that essentially.

[00:12:59] Aaron Siri, ESQ. Lead Legal Counsel, ICAN

So. Yeah I mean just just to just to put just to put into perspective what they're losing their collective minds about. All they did was they said for a non hep B positive mother, our recommendation starts at two months versus birth. For a hep B positive mother we keep it the same. That's what they did. Just to be clear. Because you know what, the odds of a baby catching hepatitis B that is not whose mother is not hep B positive is very ill. They're they're saying well, well there's you know we miss some hep B positive mothers. And for that reason We want to vaccinate every single baby. Well, you're talking crazy. A birth cohort of 3.8 million babies a year. 3.8 million injections, anyway.

[00:13:48] Del Bigtree

Yeah, for 99.95% of babies are being born to hepatitis B negative. Meaning 99.95% of babies have no risk whatsoever. You are vaccinating everybody to try and protect against this tiny, rare group of people. And I think some of the most important part of the conversation is their argument is, well, the blood testing of mothers has dropped down to 88%. It's lower than it was even from 2002. Therefore, I mean, it was I want to jump through the television. You want to scream? So you have no problem enforcing a 100% vaccine uptake, and you are putting parents. And by the way, you and I, I call you Aaron. I got another person calling me there in the hospital. They've given birth. They're their hepatitis B negative, and they want to get out of the hospital without getting a hep B vaccine. And they're calling Child Protective Services. They're threatening this mother. They're threatening taking away that kid. But all of her kids, all you know, that's what's on the chopping block here. And yet, that doesn't seem to matter. We shouldn't have a choice here, because that point 5% of children that might be at risk. I mean, the whole thing is so frustrating as a conversation. And so why would it? Well, you know, what is the possible risk? I'll tell you what the risk is. The risk is to these parents that do not need this vaccine, that are being threatened to have their kids away, taken away. That's the risk. That's the risk we're going to mitigate here and get rid of.

[00:15:18] Aaron Siri, ESQ. Lead Legal Counsel, ICAN

Yeah, I we get calls and really there's no it doesn't seem to be geographically cabined or hospital cabin. It often seems to come down to who the attending physician is at that moment. Where here. You have a family. They just had their baby, You know, it's supposed to be a joyous moment, and that attending physician decides, no, this baby is going to get a hep B vaccine. And the parents say no, and that maybe the attending physician had a bad day, fought with their spouse, who knows? And decides that's it. No. Threatens to call CPS and we get calls from parents in that in that moment, that's supposed to be joy, you know? I mean, I think that's why maybe the number of folks choosing to have their babies at home, um, is what it is, um, with a midwife, so they don't have to deal with that kind of nonsense. But, um, uh, it is deeply it is deeply troubling. And you have to ask yourself, like, if you're going to use the coercion of the state and have the government get involved, well, why don't you start by enforcing if you're going to enforce anything you shouldn't, you shouldn't.

[00:16:23] Del Bigtree

How about how about you give birth? You have a woman give birth and she didn't get a blood test. You lose your license. That's malpractice. How about we go there comfortably? Go there instead of you give birth your hepatitis B negative. You try to walk in this hospital or taking your baby away. Are the pressure on the doctor? How about do your damn job?

[00:16:40] Aaron Siri, ESQ. Lead Legal Counsel, ICAN

Right, right. Exactly. So if you're going to start with the start with the thing that's 100% safe, you know, is I'm not aware of any any injuries that come from maternal screening for hepatitis B surface antigen. So so enforce that if you if you're going to mandate something fine then do that. You shouldn't mandate anything.

[00:17:00] Del Bigtree

Yeah.

[00:17:01] Aaron Siri, ESQ. Lead Legal Counsel, ICAN

But they don't. Um because there isn't a you know, it's a different type of belief around it. But but at the end of the day, like you said, parents should be able to choose if they want it. They should be able to get it. If they don't want it, they should not have to get it.

[00:17:14] Del Bigtree

That sounds like the United States of America to me. That sounds like.

[00:17:18] Aaron Siri, ESQ. Lead Legal Counsel, ICAN

It actually sounds like Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland, most provinces in Canada. It is pretty sad when I can start rattling.

[00:17:26] Del Bigtree

Even, I think. Don't you get a choice in China?

[00:17:29] Aaron Siri, ESQ. Lead Legal Counsel, ICAN

A lot of those I believe China is is listed. I've never verified that one myself directly. I don't list it, but yes, it's a reported a lot that China doesn't have. I mean, it's pretty sad when there's lots of countries you can start listing that are have more freedoms than supposedly the land of the free.

[00:17:45] Del Bigtree

I love that out of this, President Trump came out in support of Bobby, in support of ACIP, uh, at this meeting and then saying he's now put upon Bobby, I want a comparative study done immediately of our vaccine program. Compared to these other nations that are using less vaccines, that just seems genius to me. It also, I mean, I know that's you know, I know that's been in the mix, but holy cow, we have a president that is is like, do we have a potential future where we're getting the Denmark schedule, which is what is the Denmark schedule when we talk about it right now.

[00:18:16] Aaron Siri, ESQ. Lead Legal Counsel, ICAN

It has nine less vaccines than here in the United States, nine less. I actually can rattle the whole schedule off. It's so simple. At three, five and 12 months you get four shots DTaP, Hib, IPV, and PCV. Okay, then at a year and something and four years, you get an MMR, you get another DTaP at five years and then they give Gardasil. Believe it or not so bizarre HPV vaccine at like 11 years and that's it. And that's the whole schedule.

[00:18:44] Del Bigtree

Still all but.

[00:18:45] Aaron Siri, ESQ. Lead Legal Counsel, ICAN

There's no mandates in Denmark.

[00:18:47] Del Bigtree

I love this. I mean that's that's the part I want to make it clear to my audience because they're like, oh, what, you like the Denmark schedule? My kids aren't getting any vaccines. I'm fighting to make sure I won't live anywhere where they were ever forced a single vaccine. But my favorite part of the Denmark schedule is it's not mandatory.

[00:19:03] Aaron Siri, ESQ. Lead Legal Counsel, ICAN

It's not mandatory. And and Doctor Gotzsche I actually was was I was talking with the other day. He's like, we don't really have vaccine wars here. We don't have that. And he's like, you don't want to get him, get him. Don't want to get him. You don't have to get him. Um, and they have a culture there. He said amongst, you know, the medical profession where they um, and I've talked to others about this in Denmark, where they recognize the more vaccines they include, the more hesitancy they're going to have. So So they're very sensitive by adding, for example, hepatitis B vaccine rate amongst children, there is like 0.01 because they only give it to hepatitis B positive mothers and to high risk groups. In fact, my understanding, I was told by a medical professional in Denmark, you can't even get a hep B vaccine for a child in Denmark if they don't fall into those categories, you can't even get it, apparently.

[00:19:51] Del Bigtree

Wow.

[00:19:52] Aaron Siri, ESQ. Lead Legal Counsel, ICAN

And so America very high hep evade Denmark virtually zero. You know what the hep B actual hep B rate difference between Denmark and the US among children is. There's not really any difference. There's no statistical difference.

[00:20:06] Del Bigtree

Wow.

[00:20:06] Aaron Siri, ESQ. Lead Legal Counsel, ICAN

There's no difference. So that just gives you a mindset. So they don't have that. They don't have Tdap. They don't have RSV. They don't have Covid vaccine. They don't have flu vaccine can keep going. Yeah. So and you know, um, and by the way, they have far better health outcomes in Denmark than the US.

[00:20:21] Del Bigtree

There was another vote after the hepatitis B recommendation vote that got into titers. Should we check for titers? And if you're showing titers, if you're showing that you still have antibodies from shot one, you don't need to get shot 2 or 3. Again, this amazing conversation, there's no data on that. We don't have data on that. Well, let's take a look at some of what they had to say about this part of the vote.

[00:20:45] Cody H. Meissner, MD

We do know that a a titer of ten milli international units within three months after the third dose is sufficient. It is protective. But I think the question has been asked is whether 15 milli international units after a single dose is sufficient. And now we do not know. But, um, when you talk about minimizing harm, well, giving one dose and then letting a child be become susceptible later in subsequent years, because we don't know if that will induce sufficient cellular immunity. I mean, that's to me, that's the harm. The harm is not giving three doses. We have plenty of evidence of efficacy. There is no evidence in regard to lack of safety. I'm surprised to hear you say that one dose may be as effective as three. There are absolutely no data to support that. And just because we achieve a serologic titer of that, we're trying to pass based on our limited understanding of a correlate of protection. Um. That passes ten after one dose of a vaccine, that we would get the same immune response as we would after a series of three doses. I think it's an important question. I just have to say, again, there is no evidence of harm. People talk about a blood brain barrier. Yes, it's different in infants than it is in older children and adults. But what does that have to do with, um, reactions to the vaccine? I mean, you can always find something. Um, if you look hard enough that you want to worry about. I just don't understand, uh, what people are worried about.

[00:23:03] Del Bigtree

Here's what's amazing. There's a couple of things in this that, first of all, I think are very disturbing. They want us to just believe, like, believe in the science unequivocally. But they tell you we've never studied whether one vaccine does the job or not. Even if it shows the antibody response, antibody response is all that they ever look at to say that a vaccine is vaccine's working, but here they don't want to use antibody response as a reason to not give other vaccines. But even more importantly, the hand that I felt was outed here was we don't understand how cellular immunity works in this vaccine. Oh, yeah. I mean.

[00:23:36] Aaron Siri, ESQ. Lead Legal Counsel, ICAN

They don't.

[00:23:36] Del Bigtree

Completely and totally like, we don't know, right? So for anyone out there that may be questioning why we're here, oh, they're, you know, they're geniuses. They've got this wired. They don't even know how the damn product works. I mean, because what they're saying is we have seen people that have no, you know, antibodies but still mount a defense, which means there's a part of the immune system we have no concept about that is somehow working, and it somehow works. After three shots, we're not sure why, and we're not sure it might even work after one. But we haven't done that science. We don't know jack is what he's saying. We really don't know Jack, but we want all of you to shut up and stop asking any questions and just stick to the program that sells three of these products instead of one, because the manufacturer is going to make a hell of a lot more money selling three than one. He didn't say that. I'm adding that part in myself.

[00:24:25] Aaron Siri, ESQ. Lead Legal Counsel, ICAN

I make two additional points. One is if they in the absence of data, he says, oh, we should not make a decision to make it one dose. But when the when it comes to efficacy, right. Absence of data.

[00:24:41] Del Bigtree

Is a reason to just halt your tracks. Don't move.

[00:24:43] Aaron Siri, ESQ. Lead Legal Counsel, ICAN

Don't do it. But when it comes to safety, absence of data means let's just run forward.

[00:24:49] Del Bigtree

Pedal to the metal, let's not worry about it. No issue.

[00:24:52] Aaron Siri, ESQ. Lead Legal Counsel, ICAN

So that's one I think that that highlighted that very clearly. Yeah. Number two is um, so, you know, if you open a immunology textbook like the summer I have on my shelf in my office. Right. Yep. Um, and you start reading them, um, and you get to the end of any particular chapter. It often ends with at least the immunology, the textbook, the medical ones. I've got, um, with, And here are all the things we still don't understand. How they work, why they do it, how it happens, you know. How does your body, for example, when it's creating, um, you know, naive B cells and so forth? How does it prune out the ones that would attack self? That would be for self. They don't even understand how that process works yet. They don't understand how some of the most basic parts of your immune system work, but yet, you know, they'll confidently do. I mean, he says, yeah, well, there's cellular immunity because when they tracked it, the antibodies for hep B do wane over time. In fact, some people it's undetectable, but yet they do appear to, um, mount a response even without antibodies. Yeah. And obviously they also, you know, they know their cellular immunity because there are people who don't have the ability to create antibodies, and those folks can live full lives.

[00:26:09] Del Bigtree

Right.

[00:26:09] Aaron Siri, ESQ. Lead Legal Counsel, ICAN

So, um, yeah,

[00:26:12] Del Bigtree

They know it's there.

[00:26:13] Aaron Siri, ESQ. Lead Legal Counsel, ICAN

They know it's there. But but the most revealing part is that. But but it shows you I mean, you know, again, it's it's the, you know, the absence of evidence. They are fine. They're like, oh, we cannot proceed. But on the efficacy side, but on the safety side, they have no problem. That just shows you it's really revealing.

[00:26:32] Del Bigtree

It's a it was a very major revealing hypocrisy. But it also shows, I think for people that were really watching the whole thing. It's something I've said, these are not evil people. These you can tell they just have this blind spot. They don't see that the whole world just watched the hypocrisy where there's no data on safety. Then we just move forward and assume safety, where there's no data on the amount of vaccines that take. We can't move at all. We shouldn't change anything at all. We got to stay where we are. I think a lot of people saw that taking place going, wait a minute, you care about data when it suits selling the product? You don't care about data when it suits. Maybe being conscious, like for day safety trial maybe wasn't long enough.

[00:27:11] Aaron Siri, ESQ. Lead Legal Counsel, ICAN

I'll put it in the most. I'll put it in the nicest light I can for them. Okay. Yeah. And this is the nicest light I can. And I've seen this over and over with them. The way they see it is every shot in the arm is a benefit because they're protected. But that's not the right metric. You could say every shot in the arm is a potential for harm too, but they don't view that metric either. They need to look at what we talked about earlier, the number needed to treat, how many shots in the arm does it take to prevent one x of what you're trying to prevent, which is chronic hep B? They don't look at it that way. He sees every shot as the benefit. And then when it comes to the risks, he has to say it's completely safe because if he thought about it in terms of number needed to treat the risks would have to truly be 1 in 1,000,000.

[00:28:02] Del Bigtree

Yeah.

[00:28:03] Aaron Siri, ESQ. Lead Legal Counsel, ICAN

If it's any worse than that, they're in bad territory for non hep B positive mothers.

[00:28:07] Del Bigtree

It was really awesome to hear ICAN mentioned in an ACIp meeting. Uh, the fact that they brought up, you know, our query to the CDC, you know, asking, is there any do you have any example, one single case of a child catching hep B in a school setting? Of course, they came back and said, we don't have anything that responds to that. That was brought up at the ACIp meeting. Yeah. Let's take a look at that's a great moment.

[00:28:34] Cynthia Nevison, PHD, Presenter

Yes, it can occur among certain high risk immigrant communities. But, um, the evidence for horizontal transmission among most U.S. children is very, very sparse. And really, all these years has been based on a fit to seropositivity data that really wasn't statistically significant. Just a final note on horizontal transmission in childhood, the Informed Consent Action Network ICAN ask the CDC through their lawyers, and I believe one of them is testifying tomorrow here for documentation. Uh, Sufficient to to reflect a case of transmission of hepatitis B in a school setting. The CDC's response. A search of our records failed to reveal any documents pertaining to your request.

[00:29:23] Del Bigtree

But look, there's being, you know, having ICAN mentioned in a case that you brought, but nothing beat watching you give, you know, an entire dissertation on the vaccine program. First of all, how did you find out that that was going to happen? Bobby reached out to you directly?

[00:29:39] Aaron Siri, ESQ. Lead Legal Counsel, ICAN

No, I had a call from the CDC.

[00:29:42] Del Bigtree

Really?

[00:29:42] Aaron Siri, ESQ. Lead Legal Counsel, ICAN

Yeah.

[00:29:44] Del Bigtree

Wow. I mean, it was just amazing. Of course, it's the body of the work that we've been presenting here, like, years and years in the making. A lot of the lawsuits that we won. But just for a taste of it, here is what that that incredible dissertation looked like.

[00:29:57] Aaron Siri, ESQ. Lead Legal Counsel, ICAN

I was asked to speak about the development of the US childhood vaccine schedule. I understood actually, I'd be speaking about the schedule alongside Doctor Paul Offit and Doctor Peter Hotez, who I understood were invited. Um, but it appears I will be presenting about this on my own to provide a visualization of the schedule between 1983 and today. On this slide, what you will see are all of the standalone routine vaccines given in 1983 versus today. So you can see there's been a significant increase in just the routine vaccines. The concern is that not one of them was licensed based on a placebo controlled clinical trial, nor was any vaccine used as a control to license any of those vaccines licensed based on a placebo controlled trial. Nowhere down the chain. And we shouldn't even have to do this, because the Secretary of HHS has made this point clear many times. It's a critical point because without a proper baseline of safety, your your laying assumption upon assumption that that the product is safe, as you see serious adverse event rates in those trials because you're just looking to see as safe as the existing product.

[00:31:11] Aaron Siri, ESQ. Lead Legal Counsel, ICAN

Why do we need the 1986 act if vaccines are so safe to? Why does the product need immunity if it doesn't cause harm? Why do products that have been on the market for decades, like the hepatitis B vaccine, still need that immunity? Do we still not know they're safe enough to lift the immunity on those products? If there are members of this committee and prior committees and any future committee that wants to increase vaccine confidence, I would say that there are three things that they should think about and look at. Number one, need to depoliticize vaccines. You need to take them out of politics. And the way you do that is you have to end mandates. Mandates make vaccines political. When you take away somebody's right, you have made it no longer just a medical question. You've made it a legal one. You've made it a political one. Lastly, I would say we do need to care about everyone. We should absolutely critically important to care about any child that would be injured or die from an infectious disease. Critically important.

[00:32:11] Del Bigtree

It was incredible. I could talk about that, but I think really let's talk about the response at the end of your presentation. Everyone got to weigh in or ask a question. And Cody Meissner was just absolutely out of his mind that you were even allowed to give this presentation. Let's take a look at this.

[00:32:28] Cody H. Meissner, MD

The implication is that the safety of this vaccine was not measured. That's outrageous. We're preventing disease. Uh, all you're focusing on are these very rare, ill defined side effects and completely ignoring the extraordinary benefit and promise that these vaccines apply to us. But for you to come here and make these absolutely outrageous statements about safety, I think, um. It's a big disappointment to me, and I don't think you should have been invited. I will be completely honest.

[00:33:13] Aaron Siri, ESQ. Lead Legal Counsel, ICAN

I think the most egregious thing, if I may, is to call, um, and reflect on folks who've been injured by these products as somehow rare and ill defined. There are there are clear, serious risks. You just you've just stopped listening to parents. The institute HRSa didn't give that long list of harms to the Institute of Medicine out of nowhere. It didn't come out of grok or ChatGPT. It's real. These are real lives. These are real people. Now I understand I totally understand that an infectious disease doctor every day is confronted by folks who are harmed by infectious disease. So I understand that they are more oriented towards that. And obviously, for me, I every day have encounter folks who are injured by these products. And so obviously I'm more oriented to that. I accept that bias, by the way. I accept it. Um, um, and but I, but I am willing to, to say that vaccine that that children can die of infectious disease. Um, but you know, the families who are impacted the other way, they're not they're just not treated. Right. And, uh, and until they are recognized, treated well, accepted by medical community, don't have nasty notes put in their file if they say it's from vaccine. I've seen that often. And over and over. Um, that's just going to continue to grow vaccine hesitancy in this precious program that you're, you know, that you're that you're worried about. It's you're going to be its own undoing.

[00:34:45] Del Bigtree

I mean, he was obviously very upset. Of course, you know, it's ridiculous to have a problem with a five day safety trial. I mean, I just in what world? In what world? I mean, it's just we are living in two different worlds. I mean, watch just the two of you right there. And there's many watching the show. Probably most are rooting for you in that moment, but you sit there and going, these are two people that believe what they're saying. How could they be so far apart? Right. I mean, it was mind blowing to watch.

[00:35:18] Aaron Siri, ESQ. Lead Legal Counsel, ICAN

Well, he's taking issue and he's using adjectives and pejoratives to describe. He's tending to deflect it on me, but he's really talking about, you know, the data. He's upset, really, about what he saw substantively. And instead of a substantive response, what did he respond with?

[00:35:40] Del Bigtree

Emotion.

[00:35:40] Aaron Siri, ESQ. Lead Legal Counsel, ICAN

It's ridiculous. It's it's how dare you say they weren't properly studied. How dare I? It's me saying it. It's what the studies were like. He got all apoplectic about it.

[00:35:51] Del Bigtree

I don't think you said that's too short. I think you just said this is how long it was. You know.

[00:35:57] Aaron Siri, ESQ. Lead Legal Counsel, ICAN

His, that it was ridiculous to claim that, the, you know, the pneumococcal vaccine wasn't properly trialed. I mean, I literally quoted CDC, FDA own scientists saying, yeah.

[00:36:09] Del Bigtree

He got upset when you quoted Stanley Plotkin and Paul Offit just quoted them. How dare you bring them into this conversation as anti-vaxxers?

[00:36:18] Aaron Siri, ESQ. Lead Legal Counsel, ICAN

It was. Yeah, it was. Orenstein and Plotkin, as if I'm making it. I'm just. They're the ones pointing out the gaps. So it's okay for them to say it in their 2024 article, when they were trying to get money right, to do supposedly more safety science, even though they in that article, while admitting all that, you know, also describe what they kind of wanted to do, which was going to not really be they wanted to affirm safety, not study safety. So it's okay for them to do that. But for me to quote them saying the gaps somehow. That's inappropriate. It really is amazing. It just shows you the blind spot he has. It's because the man is not thinking in that moment you could see that he is leaving. He is emotional about it. He cannot accept the evidence that was right in front of his eyes. He can't accept it because it's, um. It's destructive to what he believes, not what he's thinking.

[00:37:11] Del Bigtree

I love the point that you made there. You ultimately said, look, I get it. If you're looking at infectious disease, that's what you're looking at. That's what you're seeing. You know, all I'm seeing, I get that I'm a lawyer and I'm getting all the injuries.

[00:37:23] Aaron Siri, ESQ. Lead Legal Counsel, ICAN

I said, I'll see both. I accept both

[00:37:24] Del Bigtree

But that's what I love that you said. Say, I'm willing to admit that people die from the disease, but you are not willing to admit it doesn't sound like that. People are dying from this vaccine. And that is the problem. It's been the problem from the very beginning. It's what I dealt with when I was director of communications for Robert Kennedy Jr. I just kept saying to Bobby, this is very simple. You just say all that we're saying is there is a group of people who've been maimed, injured and killed every year by these products, and we just want them to be recognized. And we want science to figure out how to stop injuring them. We want science to figure out how to help them once they have been injured, but it takes recognizing that they're there and ignoring them is only making this worse. And you made that point, so clearly it's the only point. Vaccine injury is real. If it's rare. Okay. Prove that. By the way, where's the data on how rare is it? Right. We know how rare hepatitis the disease is, especially amongst hepatitis B negative moms. But how rare are these injuries.

[00:38:29] Aaron Siri, ESQ. Lead Legal Counsel, ICAN

Whether it's rare or not which it's not is not the right question anyway. But that's what they want to talk about. It's the it is doing that comparison which they don't even want to do. And even after you've done it, then you have to be honest about it. Right. And then you should also try if you're going to keep these products to minimize it. They don't do any of that. And that's the problem. They just want to pretend like these folks don't exist. They want to pretend. Those kids who are dying are not dying. Kids who are seriously injured are seriously injured. The kids who are in wheelchairs, who are paralyzed from vaccines are not happening. The kids who have neuropathies, that's not happening. The immune issues are not happening. They just want to pretend none of these things exist. But that is going to be the undoing of this whole program. It really is.

[00:39:15] Del Bigtree

I agree.

[00:39:15] Aaron Siri, ESQ. Lead Legal Counsel, ICAN

And the more that they keep mistreating the folks who are injured by these vaccines, the more they're going to end up in a really bad place in Denmark. Probably the folks who aren't getting vaccines are the ones who are injured so they can avoid them. But then they go and they say, no, you're in California. Don't care if your older kid died with a vaccine. You got to keep giving them to the younger ones. Don't care if your kid's in a wheelchair from a vaccine. And we know some of those folks in Cali, they're out of school now unless they get more of them. What do you think you're going to do? What do you think you're creating when you do that? Leave that percentage of the population alone. And if you don't, that will be the undoing of this program. And that's why what the AAP did. I said it on the show by saying get rid of all exemptions, non-medical exemptions because you can't get medical exemptions. It's controlled by the medical community. They're not going is that is going to be the death knell to this program?

[00:40:06] Del Bigtree

I have to say, you know, this is not a political show. I'm not into being political, but this is only happening right now because President Donald Trump is allowing it to happen. Robert Kennedy Jr in. But I said earlier in this conversation, he really went out of his way to make a point. You know, ding dong, the witch is dead. There goes the hepatitis B vaccine. A vaccine that so many people didn't need. Overused really was outspoken about it. But I am, you know, demanding essentially that Robert Kennedy Jr. Now do a comparative look and study at our vaccine program to other nations that are getting far less. They are doing just fine. What are the implications of the president of United States making a statement like that? What do you think that means, really?

[00:40:49] Aaron Siri, ESQ. Lead Legal Counsel, ICAN

Oh it's massive. So article two of the Constitution invests in one person, the entire executive powers under this Constitution, right? So right now, Donald J. Trump is the embodiment of article two. Effectively, right? He is he has all of the executive powers embodied in the Constitution under article two, including those that are given over by Congress under article one and so forth. Um, and so when the president speaks and the president says this is now the policy within the confines of the Constitution, obviously, and within the confines of the statutory scheme that Congress is allowed to enact, um, that is the directive of what the executive branch is supposed to do, right? It's a it's a pyramid, and he's right at that top. And so that directive that empowers Secretary Kennedy to now go and do, in fact, Secretary Kennedy actually is required constitutionally to do what the president has directed him to do. And you know what else that means? Any deals that Secretary Kennedy had, like, let's just say with one or more senators, okay, those deals, first of all, like with, you know, this supposed deal that Senator Cassidy says he has with Secretary Kennedy, that was an enforceable to begin with. You can't bind one member of Congress, can't bind the the executive branch to do anything in that way. That's totally unconstitutional to begin with. But now now that the president has spoken and given that directive to Bobby, if Senator Cassidy tries to say to Bobby, no, you had a deal. He'd be Senator Cassidy will be violating the Constitution because article two vests that power in the president. And basically what he's saying is, no, I get to override the president. That's not the way this works. That's not the way it works. If he wants, he can go try to pass a law as long as it complies with the Constitution to direct the executive. But barring that, um, he needs to sit on the sidelines.

[00:43:08] Del Bigtree

Amazing. Amazing stuff. Aaron, I know you got to run. Um, you've got a case potentially going to the Supreme Court amongst Amish children. So beyond just having this incredible week that you just had at ACIP, uh, this may be could end up being one of the most important cases on religious freedom. Uh, there is. What just happened? There was a ruling that came down. Explain what that was.

[00:43:31] Aaron Siri, ESQ. Lead Legal Counsel, ICAN

Sure. So, uh, New York state, um, the Department of Health decided that they wanted the Amish to abandon their religious beliefs and adopt instead the Department of Health's religious beliefs. They have a religious belief about vaccines, and they want the Amish to basically abandon their way of life and inject their children, even though it violates their sincerely held religious beliefs. And it started to find them, finds that essentially would ruin them. Basically, they're trying to kick them out of New York. Okay. And remember, these Amish communities, they don't take government money. They still pay taxes because they want to be law abiding. They send their children to school in Amish schools on Amish land, totally self-funded, totally on their own property. No government involvement in their own communities. These usually 20 kids in a room with no air conditioning. One teacher just teaching the kids. So it was the New York State that just kept coming to this community and finding them. And the Amish, they don't they don't want to fight. They're very, you know, they're peaceable people and they don't want to engage with, you know, the non with the outside community as much as they want. But you know this is an existential issue for them. They had to defend themselves and we ended up representing them. Um and the um as expected the lower court and the Second Circuit ruled that no, the fines are fine and it's okay to basically, uh.

[00:45:09] Del Bigtree

Force their will upon the religious beliefs of the Amish. Yeah, essentially. And and that's what Roe I mean, not Roe v Wade. Um, Jacobson versus Massachusetts made them pay fine. Made him pay a fine for not wanting to get a smallpox vaccine. So in some ways is mirroring that. There's fines involved. Uh, but what just happened in this case?

[00:45:31] Aaron Siri, ESQ. Lead Legal Counsel, ICAN

So, yeah, I was going to say persecute them.

[00:45:33] Del Bigtree

Persecute them. Persecute them the way of old, I mean.

[00:45:35] Aaron Siri, ESQ. Lead Legal Counsel, ICAN

And so we went to the US Supreme Court, and we asked the Supreme Court to grant certiorari, which means allow us to go there. And they deny almost all requests for certiorari. In fact, the other day it was nine pages of cases listed, and the Supreme Court denied the request for certain. Virtually every single one of them, but granted it in this case, which is a very good sign and signal that they view the case as having merit. And, you know, presumably want to help and grant relief to the Amish. But what they did is they they granted cert, they vacated the Second Circuit's decision, and they sent it back down to the Second Circuit to reconsider, like, hey, reconsider this in light of a decision called Mahmood that just came out between the two of them, which has implications on how the Second Circuit should decide this. So as it stands now, the Second Circuit will reconsider it and we'll see where they go with it. If you know, they'll either decide, you know what, we better find a way to grant the Amish relief here. Which which would mean the Second Circuit, probably most liberal circuits in the country, will have to find a way to actually say, yes, you can have a religious exemption to vaccination, or they're going to decide to go the other way. And, and, um, again, decide against it, and then it will go back to the Supreme Court of the United States to decide. So that's where we're at.

[00:47:03] Del Bigtree

Amazing stuff. Aaron, you're in the middle of I've said it before, making history. These are such important moments this year, 2026. And now we have a lot we're working on. It's so important. Um, I just want to say to everyone out there, uh, it's your donations, your funding that have allowed us to have this incredibly talented lawyer on our side fighting for the rights of our children, the future of our species, um, and putting together this body of work that ended up being one of the great speeches at the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, the ACIP meeting. Um, it's just been an honor to be on this journey with you, standing with you, watching you. It's incredible man. Um, keep up the good work. I really look forward to seeing what you get done in 2026. Alright. Awesome. Look, it was historic, so we're going to play it for you the moment. The first vaccine that I know of that has been on the schedule for, you know, years and years and years finally being removed from recommendation. Is this a sign of things to come? Here is what that vote looked like last week at ACIP.

[00:48:06] Dr. Robert Malone, mRNA Vaccine Technology Inventor

We have closed discussion. I'm going to go ahead and call for the vote. Yay or nay on vote one.

[00:48:14] Raymond Pollak

Going to vote no. No. Conflicts of interest.

[00:48:16] Female Speaker

The language offers flexibility, access, coverage. At any time I vote yes.

[00:48:21] Catherine Stein

Stein vote yes.

[00:48:22] Female Speaker

Vicky Hemsworth.

[00:48:23] Female Speaker

I vote yes.

[00:48:24] Dr. Robert Malone, mRNA Vaccine Technology Inventor

Malone yes.

[00:48:26] Female Speaker

I vote yes.

[00:48:27] Retsef Levi, PHD, Professor of Operations Management at MIT, ACIP Voting Member

I vote yes.

[00:48:28] Male Speaker

I vote yes.

[00:48:29] Male Speaker

Yes.

[00:48:29] Cody H. Meissner, MD

And I will just say we've heard a do no harm is a moral imperative. We are doing harm by changing this wording. And I vote no.

[00:48:39] Joseph Hibbeln, MD, Former Chief of Nutritional Neurosciences of NIH, Voting Member ACIP

I agree with Doctor Meissner that the this has a great potential to cause harm, and I simply hope that the committee will accept its responsibility when this harm is caused. And I vote no.

[00:48:54] Dr. Robert Malone, mRNA Vaccine Technology Inventor

For our DFO, what is the result of the vote? The DFO has transcribed eight votes yes and three votes no. The motion passes.

[00:49:06] Del Bigtree

Well, I mean, what a historic moment. 8 to 3 vote there. Absolutely incredible. Um, MIT scientists and inventors of mRNA technology. Uh, really fantastic to see that this is finally happening. And if you watched those hearings, it was just amazing to watch real dialog happening, real questions, even from the, you know, from from both sides. But let's be perfectly clear, because this is being misrepresented in the media. Nobody yanked the hepatitis B vaccine from existence. The only thing they did is say it is no longer going to be forced upon day one. Old babies. We're going to make it. Shared decision making. Now it's going to be a conversation between you and your doctor. Oh my God. Earth shattering end of the world. If you were to listen to the pro-vaccine side of this, God forbid this be a choice made by you and your doctor. Absolutely incredible. They just want to go around your doctor and say, no matter what, you're forced to take it. This is a Hallelujah moment. Thank God God is good. Absolutely fantastic. There was one famous scientist, doctor, if you will, that was not in attendance, has been in attendance of many ACIP meetings throughout the years. In fact, I would say was, you know, one of the, you know, kings of the court, if you will. When we used to go there, there was only just Aaron and I at this country club called ACIP. Of course, I'm talking about Doctor Paul Offit. He didn't show up there, but he decided to make an appearance on TMZ of all places to talk about it. I just put out a post today on this. Take a look at this.

[00:50:42] Del Bigtree

Doctor Paul Offit appeared on TMZ this week to complain about the hepatitis B vaccine vote by the ACIP committee at the CDC. This is what he said.

[00:50:51] Paul Offit, MD, Co-Inventor of the Rotavirus Vaccine, RotaTeg

What changed here is that if the mother does not have hepatitis B, then basically they've said, delay this vaccine until two months of age to talk about it with your doctor and you may choose not to get it. That was what was the bad thing.

[00:51:05] Del Bigtree

But what's bad about that? 99.95% of pregnant mothers in America test negative for hepatitis B, which means their infants don't need this vaccine. But he goes on to say.

[00:51:16] Paul Offit, MD, Co-Inventor of the Rotavirus Vaccine, RotaTeg

It's just hard to watch this this clown show, this parody of a public health agency act the way that they do. It's just we're all sort of standing back in horror.

[00:51:25] Del Bigtree

But you didn't have to stand in horror. You were invited to the CDC to defend your position, but you didn't show up.

[00:51:31] Dr. Robert Malone, mRNA Vaccine Technology Inventor

For your information. Doctors Paul Offit and Peter Hotez were invited to present and discuss their perspectives as well. Our intention was sincerely to hear a diverse set of views. But doctors Offit and Hotez declined our invitation.

[00:51:47] Del Bigtree

So you skipped out on appearing at the CDC, where the fate of children was being decided only to appear on TMZ. You do know that TMZ is America's clown show, right?

[00:52:05] Del Bigtree

I've been having a lot of fun lately on my social media channels, so if you want to follow me there, I get a little bit looser than we here on The HighWire. Uh, you can follow me at Del Bigtree on all my social media platforms. Of course, there's also at Howard Talk at Jefferey. Jaxen. You definitely want to be following at Real Jefferey Jaxen The HighWire all of these different places, we're putting out sorts of different content, some of it more personal for me, having a little bit more fun on that side of it. Um, but I meant what I said. I think it's outrageous that a scientist or a doctor is invited again, obviously afraid of having a debate with Aaron Siri. How is Paul Offit going to defend a five day safety trial with no placebo study? The absence of evidence does not mean it's safe. Yet that's what they want us to believe. And of course, they're irate. All they have is loud blustering on TMZ as a response to real science finally happening that is not being driven by the pharmaceutical industry. If you want to, you know, know about, you know, hearings like this, we're broadcasting all of them. Just text del at 72022 and you'll get an alert that we're going live with an ACIp meeting. We're going live with a Senate hearing. Del at 72022. Text right there, and I'll text you back and get you into the mix, because I really want you to at least know, hey, there's a hearing going on.

[00:53:27] Del Bigtree

I happen to be stuck in my TV in traffic or I mean, in my car in traffic. Let me just listen to what's happening. It was a fascinating meeting and I'm sure there's many more to come. So definitely take advantage of signing up there. Um, so I have a huge show today. We have an amazing story. Uh, if you know, really, I've got the royalty of veganism. Uh, and I'm talking about Molly and Ryland Engelhart, uh, cafe gratitude. They had one of the biggest restaurants, you know, in the really the world. I mean, they were taking the world by storm. Uh, but they had a huge awakening moment that we're going to talk about. You'll have to stick around to know what that's all about. But first, it's time for the Jaxen report. Alright. Jefferey, what do we have? Um, this week, I mean, honestly, like, I want to just go plant some flowers, work on my yard, get my house cleaned up so we can get ready for next year. I feel like we've done it. I just feel like it's just victory lap time. What an amazing year as we're coming into the close here, but still plenty report on the world is moving fast right now.

[00:54:44] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

Oh for sure. And I want to reflect what you said to Aaron as well. I really hope the public values the time we're in right now. This is a once in a generation opportunity to have a deeper discourse about public health and science and these, these, these chances, these, these windows don't come often, as you and I both know. And this is a really, really great time. And I want to go back to that ACIp meeting because we have the co-chair, Robert Malone, Doctor Robert Malone, and he took a moment during that ACIp meeting to address what he called an elephant in the room because it was clear, watching both those days at ACIp, that there were two different sides of the public health discussion that really weren't talking to each other on a specific topic. And this is what he had to say.

[00:55:27] Del Bigtree

Okay.

[00:55:28] Dr. Robert Malone, mRNA Vaccine Technology Inventor

I just want to acknowledge the elephant in the room. And the elephant in this case, has to do with cumulative risk across the entire childhood vaccine schedule. And in that is a risk for which we do not have adequate data. I think we can all agree on that, that, uh, the, the in its wisdom, uh, in practice, the Food and Drug Administration and the centers for Disease Control and Prevention, uh, have focused almost exclusively on risks associated with a single product. And in the case of the childhood vaccine schedule, we have a potential cumulative risk of components of common components of vaccines, which may, uh, sum to a greater risk than the risk of the individual products, since they are functionally co-administered within a very short time frame within the neonatal pediatric population. And this is a topic that, uh, uh, has been raised repeatedly by a variety of communities. Uh, and uh, my point of view is that this topic has merit. It's the whole reason why we now have a childhood vaccine schedule working group.

[00:57:02] Del Bigtree

You know, I'm glad you played that, because I do want to give a shout out to Doctor Robert Malone, who led the ACIp meetings over two days. I thought he was absolutely fantastic. I even texted Doctor Malone for this. You were born, man. I just loved, you know, that that articulate nature. He has worked so well there. He was so well balanced I thought he handled it well. Let everyone speak, but it was just fun to watch him in that position. He makes such an important point there. We're just drilling down on one vaccine that was never tested. How about the entire cumulative, you know, cumulative dose of aluminum in all the vaccines when you start putting together all of those types of things? It's critical to this conversation. And it's never happened.

[00:57:46] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

Yeah. And here we are. We're looking under a magnifying glass now at the safety of the childhood schedule individually and cumulative. And we're also looking at the recommendations. Now the word is recommendation. And there is a word play here that the corporate media will say well it's just a recommendation. I even heard that in ACIp. We're just recommending them. But you and I both know these are these are hard mandates. They're hard mandates for schoolchildren. They're hard mandates for parents with a newborn child at the hospital. Maybe don't take the hep B. That's a hard mandate right there. That's a CPS depending on what hospital CBS visit. So President Trump has now jumped into the fight here as, as you and Aaron both talked about. And he was asked at a press conference just recently about this, this magnifying glass, looking at this childhood schedule. Listen to what he had to say.

[00:58:30] Del Bigtree

All right.

[00:58:31] Female Speaker

As far as the vaccine schedule for children, would you support ending the federal mandates and making it optional for schools?

[00:58:36] Donald Trump, President of the United States of America

Well, we're looking at a lot of things having to do with vaccines and with the, you know, the different. I think we take like 88 different, uh, shots all wrapped up in one, one big glass of stuff like that. And we're going to be reducing it very substantially. Do you think it'll be safe? But we're going to be reducing it very substantially.

[00:59:01] Del Bigtree

Let me throw back my mug of vaccines. I love that guy. I mean, it's fun to watch him obviously shooting from the hip, but, you know, we get the idea of the point. It's a load 72 vaccines. Insane. Well, how did we get to this point, especially when you're watching Aaron's slides, right. When you look at how few it was and to into what it's exploded into.

[00:59:23] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

Exactly. And with that reporter and the reporter for her, you know, hats off to her. She actually used the word mandate, not recommendation. But you look at this memo, this is a presidential memo. This is directed to the leadership at HHS and CDC from the president. As Erin said, this is really speaking for the highest laws in the land, the Constitution. And it says this. In January of 2025, the United States recommended vaccinating all children for 18 diseases, including Covid 19. You had that up to about 90 doses, making our country a high outlier in the number of vaccinations recommended for all children. Peer developed countries recommended fewer childhood vaccinations. Denmark recommends vaccinations for just ten diseases. That's about 30 doses with serious morbidity mortality. Japan recommends vaccinations for 14 diseases. It's about 46 doses, and Germany recommends vaccinations for 15 diseases. Again, it's about 42 doses. Other current United States childhood vaccine recommendations also depart from policies in the majority of developed countries. So here we have now even Politico saying Trump is asking RFK to fast track this vaccine schedule review so that that takes precedent. Now that is number one. And so I want to I want to expand on this because there's these recommendations, these mandates, and there's a safety research that that needs to be fast tracked. But you talk to people like, I don't know, Peter Hotez or much of the legacy media people that have never apologized for pushing the Covid mandates as hard as they did during the pandemic.

[01:00:53] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

We can only we can only guess that those mandates and the way they push them canceling your unemployment, canceling your employment, uh, basically locking down until you you can't go to restaurants until you get the shot. You can't travel trains, all that. We have to. We have to think that that is their North star. That is what they're aiming for, for the mandates. That is their perfect world. So let's look at that perfect world. How did that do when you mandate it that hard? Well, there are studies to show this. There's actual data. And one of the studies looks at the state mandates. The "US state vaccine mandates did not influence, according to this study, Covid 19 vaccination rates." So you look into this study and it says "results show that Covid 19 vaccine adoption did not significantly change in the weeks before and after states implemented vaccine mandates, suggesting that the mandates did not directly impact Covid 19 vaccination." But it goes on to say, "compared to states that banned vaccine restrictions however, states that with mandates had lower levels of Covid 19 booster adoption as well as adult and child flu vaccination." So it spilled over into other shots, especially when residents initially were less likely to vaccinate for Covid 19. So not only did it backfire with Covid, people said, I'm not even taking the flu shot and it goes from there.

[01:02:03] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

But that was at the state level. But then there was another study that looks at city levels again, this this perfect utopia of full mandating city levels, indoor vaccine mandates in US cities. And it says this. They said, we find that indoor vaccine mandates had no significant impact on Covid 19 vaccine uptake cases or deaths across all nine cities that implemented the policy. I mean, we're supposed to be told that's the reason they did it. It says this these mandates clearly impose severe restrictions on the lives of many citizens and business owners. Yet we find no evidence that mandates were effective in their intended goals of reducing Covid 19 cases and deaths. So that's where we're at. And maybe someone listening to this may say, well, hey, that's Covid. We're talking about childhood vaccines. That's what the fast track, that's what the presidential memos for. Well, that study was done too, in the European Union, looked at 2007 to 2013, the efficacy of mandatory vaccinations. And it said this the enforcement of mandatory vaccinations does not appear to be relevant in determining childhood immunization rates in the analyzed countries. Those were vaccination is mandatory, do not usually reach better coverage than neighbor or similar countries where there is no legal obligation. So across the board you have some problems with mandates. And so when the president when ACIP members say, like, we really need to look at this incredible schedule of, you know, starting in January 25th, not 90 doses that we're putting on children up to 18.

[01:03:32] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

And they look at Denmark, Denmark, we keep hearing the word Denmark. What are they doing? Well, the Daily Mail wrote an article talking about the European nations that don't demand jabs. So there's no mandatory vaccinations in Denmark. And the head of this article, the headline says they're doing just fine. And it says in Denmark, where health authorities do not mandate vaccines, 93% of children had received two MMR doses in 2024, and 90 to 95% were up to date on their polio vaccinations. In Sweden, 93.7% of children had got two doses of MMR in 2024, and 94.5% had received three doses of the polio vaccine. So this conversation about if we don't mandate these vaccines, there's going to be disease outbreak everywhere. Cities will burn. It's not happening. There's evidence this is not the case. We have it right here in Denmark. In Sweden. So then the conversation goes to also safety. What is the safety of this cumulative schedule? And as Doctor Robert Malone said, we really don't have the full safety profile. There needs to be more studies despite what we're being told. It's just not studied. Well, we have two doctors, Doctor Neil Miller and Doctor Goldman. They did a study in 2011. Very important study. And they looked at the infant mortality rates against the number of vaccine doses routinely given across several countries, the United States included.

[01:04:49] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

And they they gave this linear regression analysis. This is the chart here. And this is just to compare infant mortality rate with the number of doses. And you see on the left side that infant mortality rate. And the bottom is the number of vaccine doses going across. And you can see that line drawn. It's very clear the higher the doses in their study, the more infant mortality rate in these countries, with the US being among one of the leaders there. But in 2019. So you can expect that that study was was attacked in 2011. The atmosphere for putting those type of studies forward was a little different. You had a lot of people that were attacking that type of science. So they were asked to do it again and they did it again. 2019 they redid that study with the new numbers. And again, here's that linear regression analysis, same chart. You can see. Again, infant mortality rate is increasing with the number of vaccine doses. And these are just two variables. But this is a signal. This is a warning. This is science. And this is why we're we see Doctor Malone speaking. This is why he's saying we don't have the evidence, but we have we do have evidence of some questions about infant mortality rate, about other health health metrics when it comes to piling on these vaccine doses on children into their childhood and adulthood.

[01:06:04] Del Bigtree

It's really amazing and something that we've got to get to the bottom of. It's just It's not science. It's. It's not. Let me make it clear. It's not what we believe science is supposed to be doing. I'm starting to change my definition of science now, as I look at all the different things we report on. And frankly, I think science is my new definition is the art of finding what you're looking for. Bias reigns supreme, and whatever you decide is your hypothesis. You're going to do study after study after study until you finally figure out a way to do a study to get to, you know, to prove your hypothesis correct. And we see that in climate change, we see it in vaccines, we see it everywhere I look, and it's happening on all sides. Right? No one is not guilty of this. This sort of confirmation bias. Jefferey is what we're struggling with. And I want to say it's why I think An Inconvenient Study, the film that we've made and this Henry Ford study is so important because in this case, we did what science should do. Let's go to the group that has the opposite perspective and say, you do the study and prove us wrong. That's what I did with with Doctor Marcus Zervos. This is a guy that said to me at dinner, I am pro vaccine.

[01:07:14] Del Bigtree

It's the greatest invention of the 20th century. Great. Then would you do the vaccinated versus unvaccinated study and show me if you're seeing a better cumulative effect? Because that's what we're talking about. Jefferey that's what's in that study. The only way you really be able to look at that right now is let's look at kids that are getting the vaccines compared to those that aren't. Now, sure, it's not the first time this study has been done, but they just scream bias. You know that Paul Thomas is biased and you know Neil Miller is biased. Well then let's go to the other bias and have them do that study. That is what I think is so incredible about an inconvenient study. For anyone that maybe hasn't seen it. You have to see it. You may know the truth, but you've never seen the truth delivered by what is supposed to be our opposition. And look at where we're at right now. 78 million edge requests, 29 million plus on channel views, 65 million global views. And that's just what we can see. I'm saying we're charging towards 100 million views. I hope to be there by the holidays, but it's really changing the conversation around the world, and it's going to affect more and more meetings, I think, in the future and stuff to come. So very exciting moment.

[01:08:24] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

And that that documentary, in my opinion, is the most important documentary right now for this time, because we have top leaders in the country, top public health officials saying we really don't have the data. And that documentary shows that someone has actually done a study that is the data they don't have where they're saying, we should look into this. We have a working group. Well, this is step one for that working group is to look at documentaries like this. Everyone should watch this if they want to be ahead of that conversation. So you look at mandatory vaccinations. You look at the recommended childhood schedule. What's the opposite side? Because it looks like it may be going in a little different direction. Well, the opposite of that. We know this here very well at ICAN is informed consent its parental choice. And we had Kennedy come out and do something recently that we seem to be in somewhat alignment with, and he's fortifying the strength of the religious exemption. Take a listen.

[01:09:18] Robert F. Kennedy Jr. Secretary of Health and Human Services

A parent's right to guide their child's health decisions. That right is not optional. It's non-negotiable. And under the Trump administration, it will not be ignored. Hhs has launched an investigation into a troubling incident in the Midwest. A school administered a federally funded vaccine to a child without the parents consent and despite a legally recognized state exemption. When any institution a school, a doctor's office, a clinic disregards religious exemption, it doesn't just break trust, it also breaks the law. It fractures the sacred bond between families and the people entrusted with their child's care. In addition, our our office for Civil Rights, has issued a letter reminding health care providers of their clear legal duty to give parents access to their children's medical records. If a provider stands between you and your child, HHS is going to step in. Let me be clear schools and health care systems cannot sideline parents. If a provider ignores consent, violates an exemption, or keeps parents in the dark, HHS will act quickly and decisively.

[01:10:35] Del Bigtree

That's what I'm talking about. Fantastic.

[01:10:38] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

And you know, in the age of social media where things kind of scroll off the screen, I hope the public realizes how big of a deal this is. And even looking at this HHS memo that was put out, this press release, just this headline alone, HHS protects parents rights in children's health decisions. This is massive. And as he said here, I'm going to read from this, says HHS has opened an investigation into a complaint that a midwestern school illegally vaccinated a child with a federally. Federally provided vaccine without the parents consent by ignoring a religious exemption submitted under a state law. So you want to kind of bridge these two gaps here? Essentially, the US government is now seeing religious rights as a civil right, because you have this next letter here goes in line also with what Kennedy is saying from the Office of Civil Rights. And this is what it's falling under. It's titled the HIPAA Privacy Rule and parents access to minor children's medical Records. So that is also a right for for parents and maybe for some of the public that's watching this or some of the viewers, they say this isn't happening. What are you talking about? Maybe that's just one off case. Well, here's a bill in New York that's going through committee trying to get passed into law. This is S 1570. There's been many bills like this that we've covered on the show. And I'm going to read from this. It says the new section so amends public health law. But it says the new section authorizes health care practitioners to administer vaccinations to minors who are at least 14 years of age without their parents knowledge or consent.

[01:12:05] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

So parents are done according to that. So you have a federal, you have federal rules, and you have the federal leanings towards parental consent, putting parents rights at the at the front of the class here. And then obviously you have states that are going a bit of a different direction. So it'll be interesting to see how this fight turns out in 2026. But it's not just vaccinations. It's all drugs. It's all medications. Informed consent reigns king. And this is what we're seeing for our service veterans. This is a headline here. Vets say psychiatric drug risks are often overlooked. A new law could change that. This is called the Written Consent Act. It would require signed consent from veterans who acknowledge the side effects and risks of prescribed antipsychotics, stimulants, antidepressants, anxiolytics and narcotics. And as we know, the harms. We're still finding out the harms from the SSRIs. We're still finding out the harms the addiction properties from narcotics like opioids. So and a lot of veterans, they just dole this out at the VA's. These drugs a lot of veterans are not really given given informed consent on this. And they're finding out the hard way after, you know, they have to deal with addiction and things like that. So informed consent is where it's at. And I want to say I want to I want to end with this. This is actually some a life lesson. This is Whoopi Goldberg from The View, showing that the long road into the wilderness of division always comes out with absolute truth. Take a listen.

[01:13:30] Del Bigtree

Alright.

[01:13:30] Whoopi Goldberg, American Actor and Comedian

Why should any of these people be in these jobs? They're not qualified for them. Why have we as as Americans not stood up and said, excuse me, RFK? Yeah. Why are you telling me what to do with my family? Mind your business. It should be. I have a doctor, I have a doctor, I have myself. This is my family. And if I want my kid to get vaccinated, that's not up to you.

[01:14:02] Del Bigtree

I think, Robert.

[01:14:03] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

That's right.

[01:14:04] Del Bigtree

Completely agree with her. I mean, it just shows you, like, have you ever watched one of these meetings? Whoopi that's exactly what Robert Kennedy just did. He just said the government shouldn't be telling you what to do with this vaccine, especially if you are negative. As a mother, you should have the right to choose and have the conversation with your doctor. It'd be nice if maybe Whoopi does she just sit at home and watch reruns of her own show? Is that is that the the thought bubble she's living in? It's absolutely incredible. Close minded. I can't believe people sit and watch that show. I've tried. You can literally just feel your intelligence being sucked right through your eyeballs. Anyway, Jefferey uh, great reporting as always. Congratulations as we come to the end of this year. What an amazing year. What an amazing year of reporting. Um, as I said, you know, I keep saying I'm just I'm looking forward to next year and continue this work that we've been doing together. It's really great.

[01:14:57] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

Absolutely. Looking forward to it.

[01:14:58] Del Bigtree

Alright. Great. See you next week. Well, I mean, look, it's amazing the situation that we find ourselves in. But there when we started, I can, you know, we had a multi-pronged approach to how we were going to change this conversation. If you want to reflect back to the end of 2016, which is when ICAN started. No one could talk about vaccinations in their mommy groups. You'd get kicked off of your mommy blog. You would have your social media shut down literally, you know, censored, especially during Covid. We set out to change that. We wanted this to be a conversation that everyone would be having, whether negative or positive. I said to some of the major donors that got us started, I'm going to make vaccination the number one conversation of the next presidential election. Now, of course, you know, that was a bold statement, and we didn't do it alone. There's a lot of great warriors that are out there. But you if you've been with us from the beginning, you've recognized that we didn't just do that by talking about we certainly weren't just complaining about things we had The HighWire we did this show where we started reporting on all the actual science. There is no greater science based, evidence based show than The HighWire. No one in mainstream is doing what we're doing. And because we understand the science, because we worked with real scientists that are on our team and the greatest attorney that's ever existed in Aaron Siri and sued the government to get to the bottom of things that we couldn't figure out.

[01:16:24] Del Bigtree

We slowly started winning against the FDA, CDC, NIH, HHS, you know, all of that was being made possible. So we're making it visible with The HighWire. We're winning lawsuits so we could change the conversation and point out that our government was lying to us. And then I was flying all over the country and talking to legislative bodies and, you know, governors and senators and Assembly members, those of you supporting The HighWire and ICAN made all of that possible. And then, you know, probably one of the biggest bucket list moments was when we won back the religious religious exemption for Mississippi. Sure, there's lots of people out there suing for stuff, but no one else has brought back the right to choose to an entire state, the state of Mississippi. Every child now has freedom in Mississippi that did not exist since the 1970s. Because of you, because of every one of you that's out there donating to make this happen. Well, we won the lawsuit. We've spent years we've been talking about West Virginia. We're now in 3 to 5, and we have been in there fighting and winning. And then, just as I pointed out last week, I Khan's legal team secures a preliminary injunction. West Virginia Board of Education lawsuit. We won that for the students.

[01:17:39] Del Bigtree

And then ultimately we won the case and we were able to, you know, take West Virginia off the map and got down to free the four. Well, as I've pointed out to you, it is now being appealed. It's all the students are saying, wait, wait wait, wait. You can't go back to school just yet? Yes, you just won this case in court. But they're going to now take this to the Supreme Court of West Virginia. And so we are still in this fight. We've talked about all of the different, you know, groups that we're up against. It's ICAN against other groups like the ACLU that have gotten involved and the state school boards and now county school boards are. So, I mean, the whole thing, the whole world is against you, really. They're trying to stop your right to choose, as we just saw in that last story. They're trying to insert themselves between you and your own children. They want to pass laws that your children could be brainwashed to work against you, and go and get a vaccine that you don't believe in. Who's fighting for you in those cases? We've proven we're the ones that are there. We've certainly proven we're the ones that win in these cases. And so yes, we won in West Virginia. But now it's going to Supreme Court. Folks this is going to get big. It's going to get ugly. And they have all the money in the world.

[01:18:57] Del Bigtree

You have to imagine George Soros pouring funds in there. They need to make sure that we don't win West Virginia. This is the battle of all battles. This is the Goliath battle we've been talking about. I need your help. I need you to help us end strong in this holiday season. Please, if you're still involved in your holiday giving, especially those of you out there doing very well, please make ICAN in The HighWire that donation. We are the gift that will keep on giving. We are fighting for the future of freedom. We're fighting for America, we're fighting for our children. And frankly, if they have another mandated rushed vaccine like Covid, I think we'll prove that we've been fighting for the future of this species. So please become a recurring donor right now. It makes a huge difference. Is a great way to enter the new year. Be a part of what we're doing, go to the top of the page. Donate to ICAN. We'd love for you to become a recurring donor. This is really one of the last times I'm ever going to say it. \$25 a month for 2025. It's going up to a whopping \$26. You know, I was just. By the way, I'm sure you're dealing with this. I'm so tired of, like, the Disney and the Paramount Plus and wait, no, I need Apple Plus. And how much am I spending on television right now just to see a couple of shows? I barely watch anything at all.

[01:20:12] Del Bigtree

We have one. We'll find one series my wife and I will enjoy, uh, in the evening, and I'm paying hundreds of dollars. I was like, well, what have I got rid of those? And I go to, you know, I'm not doing a direct TV because, I mean, we're all doing it right. But here's the point. You are spending a fortune to be lied to on your television. Is \$26 too much to ask to actually shift the entire world as we know it, to take advantage of this moment? We're sitting in this window where the wind is at our backs. We have got to get way out ahead. Now. I've always said I approached life sort of like a bicycle racer. I grew up in Colorado, in Boulder, especially right at the foot of the the Flatirons there. And, you know, the course classic would sometimes go straight up the Flagstaff Mountain or that road that I even wrote a couple of times. Pretty incredible. It's almost straight up. You can barely keep your front tire on the ground. But I've always said, if life is like a bicycle race, I'm not going to try and win it. When we're just slogging up, you know, the uphill. There's people that do. They're going to go for it. You know, I'm in decent shape.

[01:21:13] Del Bigtree

I'm going to do the best that I can. But you know where I'm different when I come over the top of that mountain. And now I got the downhill, you know, it's different. I am one crazy son of a bitch. I am going to go and I'm going to win it there. I'm going to be crazier than all of you. I'm going to barrel into those turns. I have all the momentum in the world. I am going to give it everything I have now. I'm going to win on the downhills. This is our moment. We're in the downhill moment. We can win this, but we have got to get ahead. It is now all of our efforts and we can only do that with your support. It's been a great year. It could be a better year. Help us close strong. If you are a large donor that maybe even wants to choose a whole lawsuit or a single project we're working on, go ahead and give us your information, info at ICAN and tell us you'd like to have a conversation. We'll have someone reach out to you for everyone that has sponsored us. I mean, last week, I can't tell you how excited I was. I mean, it was it was really great to be in my body. Everyone around here, we were cheering. We were dancing. I want to thank all of you that have sponsored the work that has made that possible.

[01:22:21] Del Bigtree

Alright. When you talk about, you know, confirmation bias, right. When I said earlier that, um, you know, to Jefferey Jaxen, I believe science now, I almost don't trust any science at all because it becomes so clear to me that, you know, history is written by the victors. And when it comes to science, science is written by the people that got funded and they got funded because somehow they were able to prove their hypothesis correct. And then they go on and get famous and have, you know, how often are we have we seen someone designed to say, hey, hold on a second, I made a mistake. Actually, that science I did that wasn't correct. I've I've never seen it happen. Instead, we're all we're all caught in a cycle where we, you know, not only see what you know, believe what we see. We see what we believe. Right? This confirmation bias. We're always just looking to prove ourselves right. It's incredible when you meet someone that finally realizes, you know what something I've been a part of. Maybe it's not what I thought. This next story, I think, is one of the most mind blowing examples of that. Imagine if you were, like, celebrated, if you were heroes, if you were almost superstars of a thought Concept, a world leader of a certain idea. And then that idea started coming up short. Take a look at this.

[01:23:51] Ryland Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Co-Owner, Cafe Gratitude

Our family has been serial entrepreneurs, and when we get a vision, it's not about we have the experience or the expertise to do it. It's just we figure it out. My parents were hippies who wanted to do less harm, and they read books like Be Here Now from Ram Dass and Autobiography of a Yogi, and from a spiritual, cultural perspective, to say, I don't want to participate in the harm of animals for my nourishment. Made a lot of sense. And there's a lot of Hindu and philosophical belief systems that, you know, ahimsa, the idea of trying to do the least amount of harm as possible, eating meat just seemed like a clear option of I don't want to have death and cruelty and harm behind every meal.

[01:24:43] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, "Debunked by Nature," Executive Chef, The Barn

Growing up as a vegan, I don't have a very strong relationship with death. Death was something to be avoided. My parents worked really hard. We were left alone a lot.

[01:24:53] Ryland Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Co-Owner, Cafe Gratitude

That led to us being self-reliant and making food together.

[01:24:58] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, "Debunked by Nature," Executive Chef, The Barn

Me and my brother are both really good at cooking. I can go to a restaurant and taste something and I can go home and recreate that. We were really just a family of vegan entrepreneurs.

[01:25:10] Ryland Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Co-Owner, Cafe Gratitude

My father was living in San Francisco. My mother and him divorced and his life fell apart. He met a woman named Terces, fell in love. They ended up saying, well, how can we merge commerce and the sacred? Cafe gratitude is an.

[01:25:26] Ryland's Father

Experiment in sacred commerce. In other words, a place of business as well as a place of transformation.

[01:25:33] Terces, Ryland's father's wife

You get to really experience being loved and accepted and being worthy, as well as eating some of the best foods.

[01:25:39] Female Speaker

You are lusciously awake.

[01:25:41] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, “Debunked by Nature,” Executive Chef, The Barn

My dad had invented this game called the abounding River cafe. Gratitude was a live version of his board game.

[01:25:48] Ryland's Father

That board game is a journey through six ways of being. You practice being the creator of your experience, being worthy, loving yourself.

[01:25:56] Ryland Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Co-Owner, Cafe Gratitude

One of my jobs was the game Meister. I was not only just serving people their food, but I was also inviting them to pull a card or to practice laughing out loud for a minute. And we'd encourage the whole restaurant to engage in a social experiment of laughing out loud. This was radical and strange and awkward. In San Francisco, we brought a lot of foods that we now know that are totally ubiquitous. Quinoa and kale were not foods that people ate. I believe that we were the first to serve a turmeric latte when we were making raw milk from soaking almonds. There was no almond milk in any grocery store in this country. We opened up a huge rush of energy around veganism and plant based foods.

[01:26:41] Male Speaker

What is it that you're doing that's so cult like in here? It's making me come back.

[01:26:46] Ryland Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Co-Owner, Cafe Gratitude

I had a vision that we were going to bring Cafe Gratitude to Los Angeles, to the belly of the beast, and that we were going to transform the world.

[01:26:56] Male Speaker

I think I'm going to get the I am luscious. You are luscious. Oh. Thank you.

[01:27:00] Female Speaker

Cafe gratitude.

[01:27:02] Male Speaker

You guys have actually have a lot of National press.

[01:27:04] Male News Correspondent

Cafe gratitude has been committed to providing a plant based menu that is healthy.

[01:27:08] Ryland Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Co-Owner, Cafe Gratitude

It was a lightning in a bottle. We couldn't imagine it. Every celebrity in Los Angeles was waiting at the door. It was a total scene.

[01:27:15] Male News Correspondent

You all are a staple in the community.

[01:27:17] Ryland Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Co-Owner, Cafe Gratitude

We were seen as vegan royalty of Los Angeles, where it was Cafe Gratitude. It was gracias madre. And then my sister was Sage Vegan Bistro.

[01:27:25] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, “Debunked by Nature,” Executive Chef, The Barn

I literally never thought, oh, I should open a restaurant. There is something between McDonald's and just kale and quinoa. My goal is to have super accessible comfort food.

[01:27:37] Ryland Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Co-Owner, Cafe Gratitude

Where we were like, kind of hippie dippy. She went vegan. Local comfort food.

[01:27:42] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, “Debunked by Nature,” Executive Chef, The Barn

You could choose pizza. You could choose wings.

[01:27:45] Ryland Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Co-Owner, Cafe Gratitude

Within 3 or 4 years, she was outperforming our best performing cafe Gratitude's.

[01:27:50] Female Speaker

It's one of my favorite restaurants on the planet.

[01:27:53] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, “Debunked by Nature,” Executive Chef, The Barn

Look at that.

[01:27:54] Male Speaker

This is my spot.

[01:27:55] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, “Debunked by Nature,” Executive Chef, The Barn

We had no idea that by 2012, we'd be the hottest vegan restaurant in all of Los Angeles.

[01:28:02] Ryland Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Co-Owner, Cafe Gratitude

Did we believe that our restaurants were saving the planet? For sure.

[01:28:07] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, “Debunked by Nature,” Executive Chef, The Barn

I think I'm just doing the best for the planet. I'm driving my hybrid and I'm drinking my oat milk latte, and I just get obsessed with the idea of wanting to have a vegan farm and nothing is ever going to die. Very shortly after moving on to the land and farming, I realized that there is no food without death. We're killing ground squirrels to keep our orchards safe. My avocado toast has a thousand dead ground squirrels attached to it. What am I doing?

[01:28:38] Ryland Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Co-Owner, Cafe Gratitude

My dad started Be love Farm as they were growing vegetables for Cafe Gratitude. They realized, well, how do we get cow manure continuously on these fields? And if we have cows continuously on this fields, how are we managing the expense of them? And if they don't bring anything to the economy of the farm, then they can't be part of the farm. They started drinking raw milk. To have raw milk you need to have cows giving babies. Then you have male cows and then what do you do with those male cows? And that became a big awakening of oh wow. In India, they don't really have a narrative of how the male cows fall into the sacred cow identity, because they are oftentimes just eating trash on the side of the street and die. Not a great life to grow vegetables. We need the constituents of animal byproducts blood meal, bone meal, fish emulsion, cow manure. And whereas that cow manure coming from, well, it's coming from a concentrated animal feed lot operation, we realized almost no farmers are vegans and almost no vegetables are vegans.

[01:29:44] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, “Debunked by Nature,” Executive Chef, The Barn

My entire identity is based on I'm a vegan chef, and I'm realizing veganism is not the path for humanity, and I am terrified about what that means.

[01:29:59] Ryland Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Co-Owner, Cafe Gratitude

My dad's a 35 year vegetarian. I'm a 33 year vegetarian, and we take these two cows out to pasture that my son and my dad have been taken care of for like six years. Loved. And, you know, ultimately we pray like God. If this is not the way, show us a sign.

[01:30:22] Del Bigtree

Well, I'm honored to be joined by Rylan and Molly Englehart. Thanks for joining us today.

[01:30:29] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, “Debunked by Nature,” Executive Chef, The Barn

Thank you for having us

[01:30:29] Del Bigtree

Watching the incredible videos myself with the team and just thinking what an outrageous and unbelievable journey you guys have been on. To start out with, I want to sort of meet you because we have similar backgrounds. I've talked about it some on my show. I've said I grew up with parents that were like very radical in how we were raised, many of the same, you know, ideas. You know, my parents, you know, marched in the 60s. There were hippies. We were mostly vegetarian, macrobiotic when I was a kid. Um, yeah.

[01:31:07] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, “Debunked by Nature,” Executive Chef, The Barn

Yeah, we went through a macrobiotic.

[01:31:09] Del Bigtree

Yeah.

[01:31:09] Ryland Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Co-Owner, Cafe Gratitude

And miso soup

[01:31:10] Del Bigtree

Yeah, exactly. And a huge, you know, kinship with all life. We don't hurt and kill animals. We never hunted, you know, uh, things like that. I remember every once in a while, my dad, I wanted to go fishing because I saw, like, a, you know, I don't know, leave it to Beaver or something. And so, dad, I remember him just like freaking just killing the worm. He was like, an absolute disaster. So, anyway, you know, and I've been vegetarian, you know, I did that for years when I went to New York and I was an actor and doing that stuff, so. But I've had my own moments in that. As far as Cafe Gratitude, this place, first of all, it is a staple. It was, I think, 2 or 3 blocks away from Paramount Studios, where I worked on The Doctors. It was our favorite place to go to lunch. I always got the same thing. I am whole, and now that I know that you guys are here, there are a few things in that dish. And it was like you said, what is in here? It's like crack. Maybe you can help me understand how to make it. But this journey, um, you know, first of all, to, to grow up in a family where this becomes a celebrity, you're essentially a celebrity idea around eating. What was that experience like? Was it weird as a kid? Was it weird as it started getting the type of attention that it did?

[01:32:27] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, "Debunked by Nature," Executive Chef, The Barn

Well, we were both grown ups by the time it started to, but yes, because before Cafe Gratitude and Sage and Gracias Madre vegan restaurants were kind of a hole in the wall where you got a little sprout sandwich. There wasn't that, like full on bar, full on. We had a beer garden. Like, there wasn't that full on restaurant culinary experience as a mainstream thing, but we kind of were out on the skinny branches. We weren't sure it was going to work. And a lot of people said it wasn't. When he brought Cafe Gratitude to LA and they got big locations, big rent, people were kind of like, oh, we'll see if that's going to work out. And I think it surprised, honestly, all of us. I think we were all surprised at the success of the trifecta of those three vegan restaurants. And at some point I felt actually trapped by that success. You know, at some point I was like, whoa, we're this is where we are. This is how we make our living. And I, he introduced me to regenerative agriculture. And when I started to understand our place on the planet, I really started to realize. And vegans may be the originators of cancel culture as we know it in this now moment, because, I mean, we had Covid and the vaccines, but vegans were canceling people for stuff way before that.

[01:33:51] Del Bigtree

It got I mean, I know you got in the heat, but before we get into that, I just it became a cult. You decide. Let me bring this out of San Francisco. I guess it was into LA. So if you're picking expensive locations, that's on you, like you went big. Why? What was the thinking there?

[01:34:10] Ryland Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Co-Owner, Cafe Gratitude

I mean, there's multiple different elements of it, but I definitely the ideological visionary enthusiast that's like it's you know, I'm laughing at myself because we literally, you know, in our minds, thought. I remember the conversation I had with my brother was, we're going to bring Cafe Gratitude to LA, and it's going to be this transformational moment, you know, on the planet for our business model of sacred commerce, for plant based organic food. And we're going to kind of awaken this whole message, you know, and as I said, in the belly of the beast. Yeah. And, you know, in the utmost, you know, naive, passionate, you know, enthusiasm. I felt that was true. And, you know, my dad is also, you know, the buoyant optimist in him, in himself. And he had this big, bold vision. But, you know, we had done cafe gratitude for seven years in the Bay area. And it was it was great. People loved it. It was it did have a cult following, but it wasn't until we and we were doing, you know, 3 to 5 to \$7,000 a day in sales and then to the volume of 20 to \$25,000 a day and lines out the door. And as you said, celebrities coming in and we were like, you know, on some in in our minds, we were like, we were going to come to L.A. and be a big thing. But we didn't really know what being a big thing in L.A. was going to look like or. Yeah. Um, but ultimately, you know, there was dynamics of we had some amazing partners who joined my father and step mom and me and my brother, and they really brought the expertise of real estate and beautification and making, you know, these restaurants much more, less hippie dippy and more beautiful and esthetic and like these, you know, beautiful restaurants that hadn't really vegan culture, hadn't really seen up until that point.

[01:36:05] Del Bigtree

So then how did the move you said regenerative farming sort of is is this almost like a bitter pill? An exciting thing. But suddenly it starts changing how you're seeing things. So which one of you you you got into regenerative farming first?

[01:36:19] Ryland Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Co-Owner, Cafe Gratitude

Yeah. So I went to New Zealand, uh, to speak about sacred commerce, our business model. And there was I went somewhat with a little bit of eco arrogance and sort of vegan supremacy and, uh, you know, that we had this model that was going to save the world and ended up sitting in a panel discussion of a guy by the name of Graham Sait, who basically described the process of how we can regenerate soil by pulling carbon out of the atmosphere, putting it back in the ground, which restores the ability for soil to hold water, brings nutrients back to the food that's growing from that soil creates this trophic cascade of regeneration. And in that moment, there was a kind of what they describe as like a spiritual epiphany, where it was like a thousand suns erupting your third eye. And it was like I'd always known that, you know, how do we make the world a better place? And love is somehow part of that. But what's the mechanism that leads to the life on planet Earth getting better? And that distinction of regeneration and the way that we manage our soil and our agricultural land, you know, went from a sustainability paradigm of doing less harm and sustaining life to what is the mechanism of healing, you know, the broken ground, our broken ecosystems, restoring life to land, restoring biodiversity, restoring health.

[01:37:52] Ryland Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Co-Owner, Cafe Gratitude

And the ironic thing is that includes a whole, you know, um. That, that that includes a matrix of life, which is all different kinds of insects, animals, plants, trees, and those living and dying in their life cycle that leads to a greater condition of regeneration. So it was an it was a big awakening, but it was an inconvenient perspective as a vegan sort of fundamentalist. Yeah. That really just wanted, you know, and I saw you say this earlier on the show that that we ultimately have, um, you know, we have selective thinking of what confirmation bias of what we're willing to hear, um, that we're willing to, you know, receive because it's just too confronting for our fundamental belief systems. And this was one of those moments where I kind of just blew open my mind of this concept of regeneration, which was just a premise of a process of how life could get better on planet Earth. And I had never really considered or seen what would be a mechanism or process that would allow all the degradation that's been done on planet Earth. How could that heal? And regeneration and the process of regenerative agriculture was sort of the, you know, beginning of the thread that led me to really understand, wow, there is a much bigger, more beautiful understanding that I'm just starting to discover. And it's not necessarily veganism.

[01:39:30] Del Bigtree

So. So did he come running back with, oh my God, I've just discovered something.

[01:39:35] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, "Debunked by Nature," Executive Chef, The Barn

Yes. And he shows me this Ted talk. And I'm totally inspired by the Ted talk. And I get obsessed with. I'm not I haven't taken it to the no veganism yet. Like, my first thing is just food waste. Oh my goodness, there's all this waste coming out of my restaurants. And if I could have a farm, then I'm going to be able to keep that food in the loop and I'm going to be able to grow more food. And I start going up to every celebrity that comes into the restaurant and be like, well, you want to start a farm. We want to invest in a farm. We're going to make compost. And and I'm trying to explain this. And you got like the Clippers coach laughing at me like, oh, that sounds like a cool idea. But we're having a meeting, you know. And I decide that I guess I'm the one I've been waiting for. I have to get a farm. And so I spend all this time and I researching and. And I'm having children. I've gotten married and and I get I finally get my farm. And that's when my mind really breaks that there is no vegan food when I'm actually growing food and I'm killing the ground squirrels, as I talked about and doing all of that. But I have this multi-million dollar business. I'm definitely not going to just crash it all down. So I put my restaurants on the market and we get this big investment firm, and we're going to sell it for somewhere between 25 and \$31 million. And I have a three quarter time frame to get the deal done. And I'm meeting all my markers. And I last quarter of 2019, I'm like, hit all the markers. First quarter of 2020, I'm way over. Like, I don't have to do anything and I'm getting \$31 million any quarter, any second quarter of 2020 I'm getting 31 million. I'm like googling like getting a private chef because I've been cooking every day for my life for 15 years. Wow, this is so awesome. And

[01:41:17] Del Bigtree

Out mansions. We're going to get a sailboat.

[01:41:21] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, “Debunked by Nature,” Executive Chef, The Barn

And then Covid comes in and says, no more indoor dining for two and a half years. And not only do I lose that \$31 million deal, I really lose the ability. I pivot and I pivot and I try and I try and I can't make it my 350 employees and I can't make it through Covid and one store after another out of five stores, all of a sudden I'm down to two stores by the end of Covid. But I'm the optimist. I still think we're going to go back to normal, right? And so I go, I'm just going to buy a farm in Texas. They are still open. I'm going to open a restaurant in Austin, I'm going to open a restaurant in San Antonio. And then when we go back to normal, I'll be able to sell it for \$60 million. It's going to be great. And so I start that process. And somewhere through Covid I had already I bought the farm here, the land. But there was no way that the cash flow. I just realized I can't do it. So I'm kind of stalled. And then I start closing stores and then. And so I have to make some very hard decisions. And at some point I decide I'm going to have to sell my farm in California and move to Texas because of finances. And I then do that last ditch effort to try to switch it to regenerative. After Covid is over, we bring back the staff, but now life has changed and people don't go out to eat.

[01:42:38] Del Bigtree

So you try to take your concept, but let me just evolve it the way I've evolved. You want to represent your evolution through your restaurant.

[01:42:45] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, “Debunked by Nature,” Executive Chef, The Barn

And I even thought maybe that I was not in alignment with my own integrity. And I've always been someone that you need. I don't try to make money in ways that are not in alignment with my own integrity. Like I was not trying to import masks during Covid while I wasn't wearing them. Like, I've always felt like I had to do what God wants me to do. And so I thought, that's why the restaurants aren't thriving anymore. So I tried to do that.

[01:43:10] Del Bigtree

And meaning, you're saying I don't? I'm not really into this vegan trip anymore. It's it's it's not it's disingenuous to be running this restaurant as this vegan thing when I've actually evolved. I wanted to represent the truth of what I'm now believing, experiencing.

[01:43:27] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, “Debunked by Nature,” Executive Chef, The Barn

So on earth Day 2024, I come out and I say, I don't think veganism is what's best for the planet. I think that regenerative agriculture is, and I bring in all of the supply chains. I get all these farmers on board and I have to create the supply chains. It doesn't exist. There isn't any regenerative restaurants. And I launch it and I think post Covid, everybody's into tallow fries. This is going to crush it. We're going to grass fed burgers and bison patty melts. It's going to be amazing. And the vegans just protested and protested and.

[01:44:00] Del Bigtree

Protested.

[01:44:01] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, “Debunked by Nature,” Executive Chef, The Barn

And got me, you know, my yelp to say permanently closed. Google to say permanently.

[01:44:06] Del Bigtree

They use lying. They went on Yelp and said you were permanently closed.

[01:44:09] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, “Debunked by Nature,” Executive Chef, The Barn

They got my 5005 star reviews taken down, made me start over, and then they could just put one star review after one star review. And where, you know, if you go to a location, you can say, change information. This location is closed. It's all crowdsourced. And so if they have a concerted effort, they can keep having you say permanently closed. And so ultimately they won. But like, what did they win? There's like a rotisserie chicken place in one of my things and a bakery, and another one is vacant and right. What did they win? They didn't win for the animals. They didn't win for the community.

[01:44:39] Del Bigtree

What was that about? I mean, is it was it I guess they felt like you abandoned them. You also I mean, there's as you know, you sort of recognize your giant celebrities for this, your royalty. And then the royalty changes. It's religion, I suppose. Is it? It's sort of what happened.

[01:45:00] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, “Debunked by Nature,” Executive Chef, The Barn

Yeah. It's like your pastor going to become Catholic or something. It's like you feel abandoned or you feel lied to. And I tried very hard to engage and to explain and be very honest and upfront. But, I mean, no, people were death threats and wishing that my children would die of cancer. I mean, just the most horrific things you could imagine. Telling me to watch my back. I'll put a bullet in your head like you're putting a bolt in a cow's head. And it's just.

[01:45:29] Del Bigtree

Doesn't sound like the peace loving hippies that I thought, you know, you thought the.

[01:45:34] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, “Debunked by Nature,” Executive Chef, The Barn

But there was also some coordinated money behind it. Yeah. Because the the protests went on for extended periods of time. They had support people bringing them water, brand new signage, all this stuff. And one day I was standing out there trying to engage with the protesters, and someone came up to me. They didn't realize who I was, and they said, do you need any support? I have more signs, I have more water. And I was like, I'd love you guys to leave. But I'd also love to know who's paying you to be here today. Oh, no, no, no, we're all volunteers. But it was too coordinated. And they always. They did mother's Day, father's day, like very days. That would be big money days for us. Like trying to shut us down like that.

[01:46:15] Del Bigtree

Wow. Well, let's take a look at where your lives have gone since, uh, your, your your sort of vegan, you know, celebrity. And then I think we have you eating your first burger. Let's take a look at. Let's take a look at this. We've got Ryan's first burger. Let's take a look at this.

[01:46:32] Ryland's Father

Wow. Yeah. Thank you guys. Thank you. I've said with a lot of pride. I've never had a bite of a hamburger in my whole life. I have to get to die to that that that that perspective statement.

[01:46:46] Female Speaker

Yes. Well, this is your thing. Oh, this is mayonnaise. This is.

[01:46:49] Female Speaker

Um.

[01:46:50] Female Speaker

Mustard is all gone.

[01:46:52] Female Speaker

We had the mustard for a long time. What do you think? He went for seconds.

[01:47:00] Male Speaker

What do you think? Stop drinking.

[01:47:04] Ryland Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Co-Owner, Cafe Gratitude

I can see why people eat them.

[01:47:08] Del Bigtree

It's an amazing moment, but actually, it's a powerful thing. And I think I was there even in that moment is something. Is eating a burger? Is there part of you thinking about how many people I'm letting down, or was there any division still in you at all? How did you get to the place where you could really transition? We're going to let go of what we've represented up until this our entire lives, up until this moment.

[01:47:39] Ryland Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Co-Owner, Cafe Gratitude

Yeah. I mean, I think I mean, that was a ten year ago. You know, I was I'm 45 now. That was when I was 35. That was uh, and it's obviously been a progression of letting go.

[01:47:54] Del Bigtree

But so it was like right there. You're not like, there's still work to be done after that moment, is what you're saying for sure.

[01:48:02] Ryland Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Co-Owner, Cafe Gratitude

But I mean, I think, um, you know, this is not a, I don't know, a becoming thing to say, but on some level, I gave up my one fanaticism for another. So like, I replaced my sort of, um, vegan, um, fervor with my regenerative agriculture fervor, which then allows me to sort of justify or be okay with. All right, this is now just what I do, because I understand that there is no life without death, and I'm just being a little bit more honest about, you know, participating in that process. And I, I see the vision of regeneration as this very, very profound, um, important message. And I'm now using my life to ambassador or Represent or evangelize or communicate that message, and I'm trying to be an example of that. So, um, but, you know, I would say on some subtle level, I've known for a long time that there is health benefits to eating meat, because I actually remember probably a decade and a half before I met a vegan guy who I asked him how he was doing, and he said, I'm doing great. And I go, why? He goes, I just ate a piece of red meat. After 20 years of veganism and being a, you know, like a liquid tarian and eating just green juice and stuff. And he goes, it just feels so good. And I remember my, my, my dissidence of not wanting to let that moment in, but there was something about the truth and the conviction of what he was speaking with. That was kind of like shattering my program, but I remember it so profoundly because it was so it shook the so, I think, you know, there was, you know, these moments of sort of, um, putting chinks in the armor of my belief system and then kind of having this awakening about regeneration. It just became so clear. And then, you know, having the, you know, the deep understanding of my father, you know, running a farm and him wanting to do it, you know, because he kind of went down the path that Molly did.

[01:50:20] Del Bigtree

Like, how did they. Did your parents react right away when you must have reached out and said, I've got a different perspective. How'd your dad handle that at first?

[01:50:28] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, "Debunked by Nature," Executive Chef, The Barn

Dad went first.

[01:50:29] Del Bigtree

Oh, dad did first.

[01:50:31] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, "Debunked by Nature," Executive Chef, The Barn

Because he had the farm and they were. Oh, and then they had the cows.

[01:50:34] Del Bigtree

So that's what was happening. Okay.

[01:50:35] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, "Debunked by Nature," Executive Chef, The Barn

Cafe gratitude fell under fire even before I fell on fire, because they didn't have full understanding. My parents are, like, in their 70s now, but what Instagram was. They thought it was like a way that their grandkids could watch what was going on. So they put a picture of grandpa, my dad eating a burger for the first time in 45 years.

[01:50:56] Del Bigtree

Oh, wow.

[01:50:57] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, "Debunked by Nature," Executive Chef, The Barn

And then it became a CNN story. It became a Huffington Post story. It became like a big deal. And even sage, even though I was a separate entity, separate restaurants, our business got hit by like 15% right away from that. So we had already seen and we called it Burger Gate in our family. And I had vegans reaching out to me, like, would you like me to help you distance yourself from your dad to save your business? And I was like, I'm not distancing myself from my dad because he ate a hamburger. So dad went first. We actually followed our our, my. And my mother is still very, um, you know, they're divorced and my mother is still pretty dogmatic in her beliefs, but there's been some chinks in her armor recently as well.

[01:51:40] Del Bigtree

I'll never forget, I, uh, I was a vegetarian, uh, as an actor, as an actor in New York. I was doing theater. You know, I remember one time I had a director. I was doing the European tour, Broadway touring company of hair, the musical perfect, like I'm a hippie. It all fit perfectly. But I remember he sat me down and he was like, you know, I never imagined George Burger quite this skinny. You really may want to think about eating a hamburger or something. Uh, but it was years later. I was waiting tables at a Fiorello's restaurant right across the street from Lincoln Center in New York. And I'll never forget, one day I'm delivering food, you know, and I put down this chicken. It was like a whole roasted chicken. Like in a clay pot. Beautiful. You know? And I served it. And the person was like, this isn't what I ordered. I wanted the chicken breast. I was like, oh. And I picked it up and I just saw it. For some reason, I want to eat this thing so bad, like, but I'm a vegetarian. I'm like, oh, like, I walk it back and I'm like, I'm sitting there. I was like, all right. And I just put it, you know, like just going to throw it out. You can't serve it. And I got home that night and I was laying in bed staring at my ceiling, and it really bothered me. What bothered me is that I didn't not eat the chicken because I thought it would be bad for me, that it was unhealthy. I wasn't doing this for some health reason. It was just because I was raised vegetarian. I had gotten very strict, you know, in my young adulthood. But the only reason I didn't eat that chicken was because I had an identity as a vegetarian, that I would be going against a title I'd given myself, which I was like, dude, that goes against everything you believe in.

[01:53:20] Del Bigtree

You don't live by titles and you know, you live by, like, because, you know, if you're natural the way I mean, this sort of my trip, right? There's certain rules to kingship with life, which is also where natural beings, we're living in a natural environment where when we become human beings, we sort of, you know, select ourselves out on titles and things. That's where the world goes. Totally whack. So it was like I was really I didn't sleep that night. The next day I'm waiting tables. Swear to God, someone sends back the same dish. No chicken. They're like, I don't think that's what I wanted. I don't know if I maybe I subconsciously blew their order. I don't remember now they think about it, but I walk back and I devoured that chicken. I mean, I sucked the marrow out of the little bones, and I've never really gone back since I, you know, sort of. And there's a lot to the whole, as you said, that I look at now, you know, that the cycle of life, you know, and you've even done work with Native Americans and Sweat Lodge and they're like, why would you be a vegetarian? The deer's life, these animals life is here as its gift is to humanity. Like God's given us these things we are living. You're robbing them of their cycle, which is to continue their life through you and your own existence. I was like, whoa, that's heavy. But I think we have another, you know, um, film to talk about on your ranch and where you've gone now. So let's take a look at that.

[01:54:50] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, "Debunked by Nature," Executive Chef, The Barn

Sovereignty ranch came out of just wanting to be separate and individual and sovereign. And so here I am in Bandera, Texas, starting this big foolish project, hoping that people want regenerative food. People want to connect to nature and come back to the farm. Everybody said, you can't grow food in Central Texas and they're wrong. Like when we got here, we had almost no grass growing on this field at all. It could not sustain any cows because the previous owners were just using it for a tax write off, and they just had a few cows on that field and letting them selectively graze. And so weeds grew up and grass died. But now we have a lot of grass on multiple fields, and we move the cows around every single day. We're actually getting ready to move these guys. They've been here for a while. They've deposited a lot of their nutrients and their poop and their pee and and we keep adding carbon. So you can see here these are wood chips. Every day we're going to move the pigs down into new pens. And they're going to open up the more cedar forest for us. And this now that they've opened this all up and they got rid of the the underbrush, when the cows are grazing this field, we're going to take these fences down and the cows will have this shady area. We'll put their water here. More food will grow for the cows in this shady areas. And then the cows will track all that good nutrients back out onto the field. Plants can't make minerals. Minerals can only come out of the soil. But the way that we're farming nowadays, we're just putting nutrients on top of the soil, not building microbiology in the soil. If you just are putting phosphorus, nitrogen on top, you can grow a big thing. But it's not having that mycorrhizal relationship, that microbiology relationship where the plant is pulling carbon out of the atmosphere, feeding microbiology, and that microbiology is in the soil and making those minerals available to the plant. That perfect relationship that God invented is what gives minerals to our food.

[01:56:57] Ryland Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Co-Owner, Cafe Gratitude

We're sitting here on Sovereignty Ranch in the Barn restaurant, and this is our menu. It's American farm to table comfort cuisine made from scratch.

[01:57:08] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, “Debunked by Nature,” Executive Chef, The Barn

Lots of the vegetables are from the ranch, and whatever we buy from outside is organic or regenerative. We don't have any seed oils. We don't have any preservatives, no corn sirup, nothing in the whole restaurant. So it's the cleanest food you can probably get in Central Texas. And it's definitely closest to the source that you can get.

[01:57:25] Ryland Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Co-Owner, Cafe Gratitude

The meats are all from animals raised here on Sovereignty Ranch. Nature's design is regenerative life, and death continues to create the conditions for more life. Veganism. It's a righteous belief system. I don't want to cause any unnecessary harm. The problem is, it's uninvestigated. Human civilization evolved. Eating meat, animal proteins. Animal foods have always been an essential part of a healthy diet. And Wendell Berry has the most beautiful, poetic writing that says, every day we break the body and spill the blood of creation. If we do it knowingly, carefully, and reverently, it is a sacrament. If we do it with greed, gluttony, and carelessness, it is a desecration.

[01:58:20] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, “Debunked by Nature,” Executive Chef, The Barn

We grow all these fresh herbs and we year round do our own farm tea. And so this is lemongrass. And so it's one of the main ingredients for our farm tea. And it grows really well here in Texas. When you buy lemongrass in the store, you're actually only going to buy this part because this part's not shelf stable. And but this part can also just be replanted. So I'm just taking the tops off. And then I'm going to make that into tea. And then I'm going to replant these ones. So I have more plants. Something as simple as iced tea I believe can be special.

[01:59:01] Ryland Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Co-Owner, Cafe Gratitude

The way we grow food can balance. The climate, can heal the soil, can bring nutrients back to our food, can let the water infiltrate and get back into our aquifers, can clean the water. This is the way to heal the world.

[01:59:14] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, “Debunked by Nature,” Executive Chef, The Barn

I'm learning to love Central Texas, and I'm learning to work with her soil and her complicated weather. And I feel hopeful.

[01:59:23] Ryland Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Co-Owner, Cafe Gratitude

People are starved for a connection to nature, and they're also starved for something that's real. We feed people. We host people. We educate people. We inspire people. And really, it's our our ministry.

[01:59:42] Del Bigtree

I mean, that looks amazing. And I, you know, if I want to visit or I want to know what all does Sovereignty Ranch do? Do people come and and check it out? Yeah.

[01:59:52] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, “Debunked by Nature,” Executive Chef, The Barn

We have 40 beds of hospitality.

[01:59:54] Del Bigtree

Okay.

[01:59:54] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, “Debunked by Nature,” Executive Chef, The Barn

So you can stay you can bring a group like if you want to do an off site for your office, you can do weddings or we do bigger conferences. We do. We have our own conferences like Food is Medicine and Confluence, which confluence started as an anti-vax thing and then kind of has moved into a bigger, um, confluence of confluence of ideas. It started it was called Sowing Sovereignty in California. And then we moved here. We changed the name, uh, to confluence. But so we have these big festivals that we do, but then you can do yoga retreats, you can do office retreats, and then also you can just come out with your family. We have bounce houses and corn pits and, you know, play areas for the kids. The restaurant is open Tuesday through Sunday. And we have, you know, tiny houses. Or you can stay in a big house, like there's kind of farmhouse styles and there's glamping tents. So we have all different options. And then we also have a conference room for up to 300 people. And so we do all different kinds of classes and stuff. But you can just come out on any weekend and enjoy that. You're in the Central Texas area.

[02:00:58] Del Bigtree

What's the website if I want to like.

[02:01:00] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, “Debunked by Nature,” Executive Chef, The Barn

Sovereigntyranch.com.

[02:01:01] Del Bigtree

That's easy.

[02:01:02] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, “Debunked by Nature,” Executive Chef, The Barn

To that. And our farm store is there. You can buy meat, you can get some bacon from those beautiful pigs or uh, whatever that you want. And we really pride ourselves on doing everything from scratch. So even if the ranch in our restaurant or the cream cheese dressing on the nachos or even the tortillas, we grow our own corn, make the tortillas, cut them up, make tacos, make the tortilla chips for the nachos. Like we very, very much are a from scratch from the farm restaurant.

[02:01:30] Del Bigtree

You still making people laugh for a minute at a time?

[02:01:35] Ryland Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Co-Owner, Cafe Gratitude

Not exactly, but I do like to bring the the spirit of you know that that game Meister energy of just service really uh, serving people in ways that they didn't know they wanted to be served and bringing them into a moment of connection to the food, to the place, to joy, to love, to, um, yeah. This idea of hospitality, serving people with this presence of love.

[02:02:04] Del Bigtree

There's a lot of work to be done here, is it? You and I have talked, you know, when I was director of communications, Robert Kennedy Jr. We spoke about the need to try and get more farming into regenerative farming right now. I mean, the percentage of farming in America, how much of it would be considered regenerative?

[02:02:21] Ryland Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Co-Owner, Cafe Gratitude

Well, there's probably about 1% organic and maybe between 5 to 7% in some classification of regenerative. Um, I don't know actually if you saw this, but there was actually a significant announcement that came out yesterday at a USDA, sort of the first USDA. Initiative, where it's basically 700 million for farmers that want to participate and do regenerative agriculture. And it's supposedly, you know, streamlining the process and then making a simple way to measure if the practices are actually having regenerative outcomes. And if they are, then you can continue to get conservation dollars to participate and and go in that direction. So it's a as it's a real it's an off ramp for the conventional agricultural system to start coming into the the regenerative direction.

[02:03:17] Del Bigtree

Yeah I saw that

[02:03:19] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, “Debunked by Nature,” Executive Chef, The Barn

Big win. Just that the Secretary of Agriculture is talking about the connection between nutrient density and soil health, and how that impacts human health and the microbiome of the soil and the microbiome of your gut and mental health. Like just to have that language. You know, I'm not huge on government subsidies and all of that, but to have that language coming out is like every idea is kind of infecting the system. And just like you're saying, you've been pushing and pushing on these ideas of vaccine choice, and now it's starting to be in the mainstream. That's also happening with regenerative agriculture, which is really, really exciting to hear those words and to hear that language that, you know, I've been pounding on small stages and podcasts and whatever for years. It's just really amazing. And I think, you know, Rylan can take a lot of credit for ten, 12 years ago when he started Kiss The Ground, it was not a household idea and it really is becoming pretty mainstream. And the fact that regenerative agriculture has way surpassed organic agriculture, which started in the 70s. As far as the certified organic, it's a huge win for humanity, honestly, and our health. And there's so many things that we can point to in this world that are not working. And so I do think it's important when we have these wins that we celebrate, and we acknowledge that this is going in the right direction. And I think that that was one of those moments yesterday.

[02:04:51] Del Bigtree

I agree. And I just yeah. Go ahead, go ahead.

[02:04:55] Ryland Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Co-Owner, Cafe Gratitude

I was just I was just going to say that it's a unique, you know, connection point that that, uh, American wellness event that happened in Austin where we sat in the sweat lodge with Bobby. Yeah. Uh, that was a that was a pivotal moment in my life, which ultimately had me go down the road that I did, which, um, you know, is and really trying to work on this policy and, you know, education and advocacy, you know, within this current administration. So I just wanted to say, you know, that was a big moment. I don't know that I actually ever said that. And, you know, that was a big moment in my life of transformation.

[02:05:34] Del Bigtree

Just just so people know, Bobby was at an event here in Austin just outside of Austin, Texas. You know, we were he was still running for president at the time and a beautiful all day event. And at the end of the day, we all had a giant sweat lodge together with Bobby in there, which was just I mean, first of all, you're like, a guy's running for president from the sweat lodge. I think a lot of people were pinching themselves like, what's happening here? But we keep pinching ourselves, right? These moments. It annoys me when I see people running like, who cares? Hepatitis B was obviously such a stupid. Such a low hanging fruit. I'm like, this is a this is a tectonic plate shift from anything we have ever seen. That announcement yesterday. Seven 770 50 million \$700,000,700 million, which sure, in the scope of all farming is not a giant chunk of money, but just the expression of language. Talking about, you know, the biome of the earth and nutrients. The win. That's the win. We are in a totally different place, as I've said things like for us, when the FDA approved leucovorin as a drug for autism, whether or not it works for a lot of people, what I've said is you don't understand what that means. That was a departure from this genetic. If you have a drug that can cure something, it means it's curable, which means it probably has an environmental cause. You have no idea. That wasn't tiny. That is a gigantic. These are huge, giant shifts that are taking place. And all of, you know, under the the guidance of a president that eats McDonald's. It's just. You know.

[02:07:19] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, "Debunked by Nature," Executive Chef, The Barn

And it's crazy like you played that clip earlier and you say like there's 80 vaccines in one cup. And he always has about 75% of the information. That he remembers.

[02:07:29] Del Bigtree

Enough. I'll take it.

[02:07:31] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, "Debunked by Nature," Executive Chef, The Barn

And then he adds,

[02:07:31] Del Bigtree

He's trying. He cares.

[02:07:33] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, "Debunked by Nature," Executive Chef, The Barn

But I do think. That for all the things that we can complain about, about the administration. The conversation around pharmaceuticals and the conversation about farming. Is happening. And, you know.

[02:07:47] Del Bigtree

Food.

[02:07:48] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, "Debunked by Nature," Executive Chef, The Barn

Food and the nutrient density of food and food is medicine. And these are things that even before the whole food being medicine is something, even when we were in the vegan world that we were really on. And so when you start to see that the whole conversation is it's getting into the whole conversation, even if that's like, oh, \$16 per an acre of regenerative, it's not that much. I saw those tweets and stuff, but yeah, it's not. And they just donated. They just allocated 12 billion for soybean farmers that aren't getting their soybeans bought from China. So of course we can compare and despair. But there's no cheese down that tunnel, as my father would say. That's a huge win. The language and what's happening and that it's in the mainstream conversation is a win. And that's, you know, that's what I think we want to celebrate.

[02:08:39] Del Bigtree

Do you have any regrets looking back at the time? Like did you do you feel like that was a mistake that we made? I mean, you know, you've been on a journey. Veganism. Was there damage done there, or do you just feel like it's just an evolutionary process?

[02:08:55] Ryland Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Co-Owner, Cafe Gratitude

Yeah. For me personally, yeah. I mean, I think it's all kind of part of the. Yeah, the journey. I'm grateful for those years. And I mean, what we were doing was amazing. We were at the time we were serving, you know, organic plant based vegan food to, you know, millions of meals over over 20 plus years. And that was a net benefit in the ecosystem of the way people were consuming. That was some of the healthiest meals we were serving. Was it? Exactly. You know, the framework or way that I would dish it up at this moment? No. But was it a beautiful thing? Um, yeah. I mean, I definitely went through some feelings of, um, you know, sadness in, you know, the shift of, you know, we we closed a bunch of restaurants over, you know, over that the last 20 years. Um, and it was like, you know, the idea of, did this business model not work? And was this actually viable? And was it going to change the world as my young enthusiasm, you know, wanted it to, but really in the same, you know, in the same thinking of that regeneration is lots of living and dying that creates this continuation of life. You know, those businesses, those living and dying Created the conditions for our evolution and for the evolution of food and culture and, uh, you know, so yeah, I don't, um, I don't I don't have any regrets about that journey. It feels like a beautiful journey that I'm so grateful that I had the opportunity to go on and that it has, you know, kicked me out here.

[02:10:41] Del Bigtree

Do you try to wake up vegan friend? Like, does it matter to you or do you think that they're going to I mean, is it okay to be vegan?

[02:10:49] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, "Debunked by Nature," Executive Chef, The Barn

I don't um, I don't try to wake up vegan friends specifically. I try to wake people up. I think like they I'm not going to tell any lies anymore to save people's feelings. And so in general, I try to wake people up. I don't really give people a hard time about being vegan specifically, but I do share my views and why I shifted. And I always say that if it's what feels best for your body and you feel good and you're healthy and your blood work is good and all of that. I have no judgment about that. If you think you're doing it because you're saving the planet unless animals are dying. I would invite you to investigate some of these constructs that we've been taught around veganism.

[02:11:39] Del Bigtree

Yeah. I remember years ago when I was in high school, there was a kid, I forget where he was from. He was, you know, with us abroad and, uh, he might have been, I don't know, Ukraine or something, but I remember him saying, you people all eat your food out of cellophane. You have no idea. You never go out and kill a chicken or a cow like meat to you is comes wrapped in a piece of plastic. You are totally disconnected. Remember, he just had a meltdown. Smart kid. Though, actually in a social studies class or something. Just talking about he finally had it. Like none of you were connected to how you eat, where it comes from, what's going on? It almost seems as though, I mean, I think vegans and vegetarians, you think your oneness with life and all this, but you're really just getting a bunch of packaged food. And I think to your point, when you finally look at how is this all been created, like it's just as bad as the meat wrapped in cellophane that you didn't kill? I do think you have to come to terms with that. And probably if you can't hunt like, oh, I would never hunt, but you eat meat. I was like, that seems hypocritical, but to actually know how your food is made I think is important, right?

[02:12:48] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, “Debunked by Nature,” Executive Chef, The Barn

I think people ask me all the time because I don't eat very much meat and I'm still primarily vegetarian. I eat a lot of raw dairy, but I'm the one responsible on the farm to decide what cows are going to slaughter, to make the cut sheets, to deal with the USDA slaughterhouse. And so people go like, I don't understand how you can do that after being a vegan chef. And I really just have a new and deepened understanding. And most people's understanding of their relationship with animals is like their dog, their parrot, their fish, their cat. My understanding and my relationship to animals is an entire ecosystem, including my community, including my children and all the animals on the farm. So I have to make decisions that are for the whole, not just for this tiny little thing. So I'm happy to make those decisions. I'm happy to see what needs to happen next. But we as a society are just completely disconnected from nature on every single level. It's not just our food, but we used to be in nature and we would be reflecting nature. That's what we're going to be mirroring whatever we're in. And now we're reflecting social media and we're reflecting all of this division, and we've gotten very, very righteous and self-righteous, and we're reflecting something that is not of God's design in so many different ways. And so I do think that just reconnecting with nature? I think we do some workshops where people can come out and kill an animal, and then we'll make it into like goat curry or, you know, barbacoa or whatever, like that, and then they get to eat it.

[02:14:25] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, “Debunked by Nature,” Executive Chef, The Barn

We've done this several times, and it's very moving for people. There's people that have never had that experience. And I do think it's important for people to connect with their food at that level. And we had a group and there was two vegetarians in the group and one vegan. And what was interesting is some people that were vegan left, like, I'm going to eat meat. I feel differently. And other people that had been eating meat said, you know, I actually don't think I should be eating meat from how that experience was for me. And this is like in a very kind and no, no, it was just one bad second kind of way. And I'm eating meat that's not having one bad second necessarily. And so they left with a different perspective. But I do think it's important that we have there's something primal about killing an animal and eating it. Cooking with fire. Like all the things that kind of used to make us human, that we've abandoned, that I think is important for us to reconnect with as the truth seeking community that we claim that we are.

[02:15:25] Del Bigtree

Yeah. I mean, so, you know, are you going to change the world now?

[02:15:32] Ryland Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Co-Owner, Cafe Gratitude

Yeah. I mean, I'm still a pretty buoyant optimist in that, that this, this conversation of human beings and their relationship to what is sort of the original instructions of what we're doing here on planet Earth, that we've forgotten that our original instructions are to care for life or care for the garden, care.

[02:16:01] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, “Debunked by Nature,” Executive Chef, The Barn

To the garden before anything else in Genesis cared. Tend to the garden?

[02:16:05] Ryland Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Co-Owner, Cafe Gratitude

Yes. And so, uh, I do think that this, um, this idea of remembrance, of stewardship, regeneration. I've oftentimes said, ask me why I'm optimistic. And people say, why are you optimistic? I say, well, because love and regeneration are perennial at the, at the, at the, at the deepest part of the human spirit where we come back to is love. And if we look at the the design of nature, no matter what timeline it, it is a process of continual healing, self-balancing, self, regenerating. So ultimately, you know, the spiritual nature of humans is that there is a place that we come from that is love. And, you know, the process of nature is regeneration. And so I do think that that is this part of this awakening that I hope that I get to see, um, you know, happening on planet Earth that is changing and that, you know, there is a good news of remembrance that this regeneration is possible and that we get to play an active role in our healing.

[02:17:12] Del Bigtree

Well, I love that. I you know, I've said before and started out by saying I was raised by parents and I've said it that said, you're going to change the world. Like my my parents, on our daily mantra of growing up, you know, pulled us out of school when I started listening to what my friends had to say over my own instincts, my own decisions, and my parents just kept saying, you can change the world. You can do anything you can dream of. Um, and look, does that mean we do it alone? Does it mean that certainly arrogance doesn't help there in any way. But we do need people that believe. Uh, so that people can and we do need leaders that people can follow. And we do need new ideas and great ideas. So I love the fact that you, you know, you keep approaching each venture that you're on with the passion that, you know, this can change the world and it can and we do. We are changing the world right now. We are making huge strides and a lot of work to do, but it's such an exciting moment to be alive. Before we get, you know, before we finish it up, you've got your book here, Molly. Debunked by nature. Yes, I love that title. How a vegan chef turned regenerative farmer discovered that Mother Nature is conservative.

[02:18:26] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, "Debunked by Nature," Executive Chef, The Barn

And I don't mean conservative like Rauch, Trump. Vance.

[02:18:30] Del Bigtree

Right.

[02:18:30] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, "Debunked by Nature," Executive Chef, The Barn

What I mean is that it's always conserving itself. Like you said, it's always healing itself, and it never lies. It is always going to put truth at the center of everything. And there was so many things that I realized were a lie. Once I really got my hands in the soil and started to watch and see and started to reflect nature rather than what I had been being fed from university, from TV, from my friends.

[02:18:57] Del Bigtree

I think, you know, and probably you had the same thing. My dad always just said, you know, life is an experiment. He always said, we're dharma yogis. We're not hiding in caves, you know. My father would always say, experiment with your life. Experiment with your life. Go out. Try it. See what you learn. But then ask yourself the important questions. How does this make me feel? You know, and I think that that's a huge part, especially, you know, I'm not going to decide what someone's diet is going to be. And there's 50,000 out there. It's so confusing. You know, I'm still trying to figure out how to get rid of this 8 pounds. I can't quite you know what I mean? Like, you know, a carnivore. I don't know, but the point is, how does it make you feel? You know, are you feeling good? Then stick with it. And if you're waking up happy, then good on you. Um, but, uh, you guys are making a difference in the world. I love the moments I have with Cafe Gratitude. I can't wait to get out to your farm and have lunch there. But debunked by nature is the book, the website sovereignty. Here we go. Oh, there's the book. Ranch sovereignty ranch.com. There we are.

[02:19:59] Del Bigtree

Sovereignty ranch.com. Go check it out everybody. I mean this is we really need to see what's happening here and bring it to places near us. And the more we support that type of farming, the more those farms this 700 million is going to go to. Some farms are going to try it out. I'm sure part of it is let's show success there. So the government says there's a way to do this and it's the transfer over, right? Can we get farmers to see you can do this? I know you've worked with Joel Salatin, I believe. Yeah. He wrote your forward in your book. That's. I want to take every vegan to Joel Saladin's farm and just and probably your farm. I haven't seen it, but I was just like, oh my God, it's like FernGully here. You can see the difference when the animals and the people are all working in concert together. So thank you for joining us today. Super interesting. Thank you for being human beings that were open enough to step off your pedestal in a moment and say, you know what, I think we might be going in a different direction. That couldn't have been easy. It takes real, real human beings to do that. So it's good to know you.

[02:21:00] Molly Engelhart, Co-Owner, Sovereignty Ranch, Author, "Debunked by Nature," Executive Chef, The Barn

Thank you for all the work that you're doing and all the difference that you're making in the world.

[02:21:04] Del Bigtree

Thank you. Absolutely. Good. Alright, well, look, we're coming to the end of the year. We really could use your support. We have some very important lawsuits we're in the middle of. We need your help. I mean, I you know, that's you're the ones that fund that. You're the reasons we're seeing these changes in courtrooms. But we've got to win this case in West Virginia, uh, so that we can really prove that not only is this a one off, we can't let Mississippi be the one off. Let's win back the religious exemption for West Virginia. The reason they're fighting us so hard is they know that that's it. The fulcrum point will be over. We're going to sweep. And then, I think taking the rest of the country back to total freedom and sovereignty will be easy. One of the ways you can do that, of course, we're coming to the end of our opportunity to buy a brick or a bench in our terrace project. This is an extension of the walkway that I walk every single day I walk to today, and this is my favorite brick of the week.

[02:22:01] Del Bigtree

Well, my favorite brick of the week really is pertinent to what we're going to be discussing this hepatitis B vaccine vote. Giving vaccines to babies. How well have they been tested? Well, this is that brick. This is baby Charlie Baker. Five six, 17 to 9 817. She is fierce. If you don't know baby Charlie's story, it's stories like this told by parents who are medical practitioners themselves. That really helped convince me that there was an issue here. Too many intelligent people have witnessed it with their own eyes. That's why we do the work that we do. So no child has ever injured by an untested product like vaccines.

[02:22:45] Del Bigtree

The powerful story. Let me just read. You know, Charlie's mother wrote about the experience. Here's just a couple excerpts from that post. "Charlee was born on May 6th, 2017. After an unremarkable pregnancy. She was delivered via a C-section weighing 6 pounds eight ounces. We declined the hep B vaccine at the hospital, preferring to have our own pediatrician administer it. At 18 days old, she received the Recombivax hb B vaccine. She had been thriving, nursing well, gaining weight and was such a content little girl. But 22 hours later, everything changed. Charlee suffered a sudden cardiac arrest while nursing. She just stopped. I was at Panera with a colleague, both of us, certified registered nurse, anesthesiologist with neonatal and pediatric experience. By some miracle, we were able to resuscitate her. But she suffered a severe anoxic brain injury, leading to a two month stay at Children's Hospital of Detroit, where I was employed as a staff nurse anesthesiologist at the time. At two months old, as she was preparing to be discharged, doctors wanted to give her more vaccines. I didn't know what I know now, but I knew enough to insist that she be on a cardiac monitor. During them, she received Hib and Prevnar, and immediately after she went into bradycardia and apnea. At that moment, my husband and I knew the vaccines had caused this. A neonatologist, even admitted the quiet part out loud, saying she routinely tells residents to put the crash cart next to NICU isolates when babies receive vaccines."

[02:24:11] Del Bigtree

"Charlee died suddenly at four months and two days old in the middle of the night." Well, I'll never get used to reading those stories, listening those stories, hearing those stories, doing those interviews, talking to those parents. They are real. To watch someone like Cody Meissner, who I know believes in what he's doing as his doctor, saying these hearings, that these are rare, you know, these rare, undefined events, they are very well defined by far too many people. We should err on the side of caution, and that err on the side of caution is not more pharmaceutical products until proven otherwise. It stopped the demand for pharmaceutical products until you can prove they're safe. I get the lack of data means you want to move forward on safety. The lack of data on efficacy and all of a sudden everything makes sense to you. We've got to align this world. Doctors and scientists have got to get out of their closed minded perspective of proving themselves right all the time. I think we all need a little humility. No matter what perspective you have, no matter what diet form you think you're in, or even in the anti-vaccine space. I was saying to Rylan, you know, backstage before the show, you know, we all have confirmation bias. And I admit that every time I hear about a, you know, a raging cancer in a friend or some injury or sickness or illness, my brain immediately thinks vaccine injury.

[02:25:47] Del Bigtree

It can't all be vaccine injury, Del. That's what I tell myself I check in. Let's be realistic. You have no proof. There is no evidence. Let's just, you know, stay humble in our perspective here. I think as we move forward in this world, there's humility that's needed. We have to recognize there's so much something so much bigger than ourselves. And there may be a child out there that does need a vaccine. There may be someone that a vegan diet will really suit and will be the way that they needed to live their lives. We are not here to interfere with each other's intuition, but we are here to say that whatever your intuition is, it's sovereign and it's yours. And you should live in a free country to experience it to the fullest and ride it to the end in the horizon and see how that affects your life. We are not here to make choices for each other. We are here to make choices for ourselves. At least that's the mandate of the Constitution of the United States of America. This is the only nation in the world that says that that your sovereign greatness, your independence and the celebration of you as an independent, sovereign human being is what will make this country great, will be greater as a whole, as a body.

[02:27:02] Del Bigtree

If we focus on our own personal greatness and we live in a country that allows you to do that, there is so much that is shifting in this world. This is not a political show, but we are lucky right now that the politics of this nation are allowing conversations that have never, ever happened before. And the mainstream news is having to talk about it because the president is talking about it, the HHS secretary is talking about it, the FDA is talking about it. The head of the USDA and agriculture is talking about it. They're all talking about it because you spoke about it, because you told your friends, because you donated to things like ICAN and the work that we do in other great people, because you voted with your dollars and you were not afraid. Continue to be fearless. This year that we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, we will fear no evil. We're coming to the holidays. Speak your truth. Remember, we're in the offensive position right now. There's going to be a lot of complaining. They're going to bring these topics up. So be prepared. Be ready to talk about it. Be ready to change minds. Be ready to speak your truth. That's what we're here for. To supply you with that language. And I look forward to doing more of that next week on The HighWire.

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