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

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 into the Highwire. Well, you know, I think we're all sitting here today wondering if talking about health and medicine and science has any bearing in the world as we're watching war break out, or at least some sort of large skirmish involving lots of bombs and nations saying, what the heck is going on? I'm one of those people saying, what the heck is going on? Social media is amazing. You can look at both sides go, well, that makes sense. Well, that makes sense. One of these must be true. Or can they both be true? But in the heart of it, we all get lost in the ideas of war and we get focused on it and the news has our attention on it. Meanwhile, what's happening to the long term safety and health of our nation, of our families, of our lives, of our food supply? Well, one of the things I think is important to keep attention on, which is what we do here at The HighWire. Let's keep our attention on the things that we can do something about. Things where our voices actually matter, especially when it comes to the future of our species, and definitely our own children. This is a breaking story this last week that probably got buried in the news.

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Here's some of the headlines. "Trump administration asks Supreme Court to back Bayer again, aided by officials who came from Baer's law firms." Goes on. "Trump administration backs Bayer's bid to curb roundup lawsuits." Here it is. We've been telling you this is coming. "Trump administration files Supreme Court brief backing Bayer signed by attorneys with Bayer ties." This is a story we've been talking about a lot, but here it is the Trump administration's EPA, our own EPA. "The United States government has filed a brief in support of Monsanto, Bayer in the Supreme Court case that will consider whether federal preemption overrides individuals ability to bring state level failure to warn lawsuits against pesticide manufacturers. The brief comes just weeks after President Trump signed a controversial executive order invoking the Defense Production Act of 1950, claiming that domestic production of elemental phosphorus and glyphosate is a matter of national security." I told you where this was all leading us. "Right to know reported on Tuesday that three of the nine Justice Department lawyers who signed the brief had previously worked for law firms that represented Bayer. Monsanto." Shocker. "The Trump administration's argument is that if the EPA didn't require a cancer warning on the label" when they were corrupted and totally controlled by this institution, states can't punish Bayer for not including one. Essentially, I think it's pretty well laid out there. They're saying since the EPA never says it causes cancer and didn't put a cancer warning label on it, why should we as manufacturers have lawsuits against us on something that people weren't warned about? It's your job to warn.

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Well, yes, Bayer Monsanto. But was also your job to be honest with the people, to be honest with the EPA. In fact, the only real study that's referenced that the EPA used to say that the product is safe is all at all, is just retracted a couple of weeks ago because of all of its ties to industry and the fact that it's clearly just a giant piece of propaganda based in no truth. This is actually a story I've been covering all the way since 2015, when I wasn't on The HighWire, when I was the producer on the Doctors television show. This was my show. I brought in Jeffrey Smith, the GMO activist debate. Donna Farmer, head of toxicology at Monsanto. This is May 18th, 2015, I believe. It was one week after the World Health Organization ruled that glyphosate, the main chemical in roundup, was probably carcinogenic to human beings. I think it was the biggest show on the topic. It had never been covered before, and no one had ever gotten Monsanto onto a television show, so I felt good about that. It was a power packed debate. But here we are over ten years later. We've had lawsuits. That was before there was lawsuits.

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Now lawsuits proving that they knew this product causes non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, so it causes cancer. It's horrible for the farmers that are using it. God knows how bad it is for all of us that are eating it. It's sprayed on 80 to 90% of our crops. And while we're all watching bombs drop over in Iran, the real bomb is being dropped in our living rooms, in our kitchens, in our refrigerators. When our own government is trying to give liability protection to the makers of this product that lied to us, that lied to us about safety, lied to the EPA, so is this what we're supposed to understand? If you get away with lying to the EPA, if you can somehow hide any decent safety problems that occur, if you can just never talk about cancer and convinced the EPA it's perfectly safe with a bunch of fraudulent data. As soon as they give it that check mark, then no lawsuits for us. Mission accomplished. We can't go back. Hey, you already took our line of baloney and you believed it. Therefore, it's now your problem. The American people's problem. Not us making millions, billions and trillions of dollars off these products. It's really shameful. It's shameful that instead of making better products in this country, what large industries? These too big to fail industries decide the better, cheaper way to go is to use all of our lobbyists in Washington to just go in and give us liability protection.

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So however long this Iranian war lasts or what this leads to, we're all watching it. At the end of it, we will still be sitting down at our dinner tables and the question will be, wait a minute, when did we lose control of what was in our food supply? When did we start getting poisoned and have no recourse, no market force? I mean, really, President Trump, I thought that you had some sort of libertarian values. I thought you believed in the market forces. And in here your government is going to insert itself into the market forces that demand better products, which is our ability to sue. This was done when Ronald Reagan did this with the vaccine program. And now here we are again, folks, we have got to step up. We have got to let everyone that represents us know we are not going to stand for this. You are not going to have a contaminated food supply that we can't do anything about. What hope will there be? What changes can we make? What evolutions? How are we ever going to get to regenerative farming? More funding than we've ever seen coming from this administration. But it won't matter who's going to do it if you can't be sued, what farmer will do? Why do I have to retool? Why should I learn a new way forward when the safest place where I can definitely never be sued is if I keep giving poison to the people.

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We ran a poll last week on this and it was it was amazing how many of you, like really were well informed. Thousands of you answered. Overwhelming majority said that 95.6% of you were aware that glyphosate herbicides have been linked to more than 10 billion cancer. Good on you. 89% of you opposed the federal stockpiling of glyphosate based herbicides as part of a national preparedness planning. 97.8% of you respondents oppose legal immunity for manufacturers glyphosate based herbicides. Thank God you're awake. 80% say the November 2025 retraction of a foundational safety study has affected their trust in glyphosate safety claims. I want to thank everybody that jumped onto that poll. It sure was fun. And if you were in that poll and you gave us your email, we gave you a whole breakdown, a beautiful program that laid out all that we learned from that detail. And we are submitting that to the powers that be that we know inside of the government. It's also been picked up by many news programs around the world, so we're really happy anytime we can get truth and transparency into the conversation. I know Vani Hari was on last week. She came up with the idea. I think it's time to march on the Supreme Court.

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They're going to be hearing this case that our own government is now supporting to try and create liability protection on April 27th. So I hope you'll put this in your calendar. The people versus poison. Lots of great people are now brainstorming on how to put this event together. We'll be in there helping as every way that we can, but I think this is maybe one of the most important moments there will be in the future of our health, especially if you're, you know, want to believe that we are making America healthy again in any way. We certainly can't do it with a contaminated food supply. And I wonder where we'd be had The HighWire been here back in 1986 when they tried to do this with vaccines, where would we be if we'd have stood outside of the capitals and marched and said no, instead of hopping onto a panel saying, okay, we'll take this, can we get a few concessions that go our way? Didn't happen. I have a brilliant, by the way, interview with Barbara Loe Fisher, who was one of the families in the center of that. You should really check it out. It's in the archives where she was one of the people that helped try to write the 1986 act and get some good out of it. She'd be the first one to tell you they ended up cheating the entire thing at the very end.

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So we've got to stand up for our rights. This is a free country. The United States of America only works if all of our available, you know, tools for freedom exist. Market forces require you've got to advertise your product. I've got to be informed what can and cannot do. I have to be informed of the dangers that are involved with that product, and then I can decide to use it. Or maybe a competitor of yours can come along and say, hey, we've got a product that isn't poisoning anybody, but you remove those market forces, you take away our ability to sue. You take away our ability to choose. And now we have a serious problem. You have a monopoly system. You have really, you know, a corporate driven government, which is what we have been trying to get around. We'll see how well that goes as this year pans out. But I hope that you've marked in your calendar. April 27th in Washington, D.C.. I have a huge show coming up, some of the luminaries. You know, it's wild how one moment all of a sudden, one show, they all descend in. I'm going to be talking to Aaron Siri, who just spread the message, probably on the largest platform in the world, appearing on Joe Rogan just two days ago. I guess it was March 3rd.

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There it was an amazing conversation that is changing hearts and minds around this country and around the world. We're also going to talk to to him about a letter sent by Doctor Stanley Plotkin. If you've been watching this show long enough, you know that he deposed Plotkin for ten hours. Apparently, Plotkin is not happy about that deposition. Definitely is not happy that Aaron Siri has written about him extensively in his book Vaccines, Amen. And he is bitching about it. We're going to talk to Aaron about that. And then I sit down in just a little while with Doctor James Neuwander and Doctor Brian Hooker, who have a brand new study out that is mind blowing. It looks like they have managed to figure out the connection between the aluminum adjuvants in vaccines and autism. That's right. You heard it here first. The science is out. I think there's a connection. We're going to talk about how they came to that conclusion. But first it's time for the Jaxen report. Are Jefferey I mean, it feel like, you know, we throw up flags, you throw up balloons, you're like fireworks. Everyone pay attention. They're trying to get the liability protection. And then here, in the shadows of bombs going off in the back, little dark rooms. You know, these lawyers that have always worked for the industry are now working for our government and working against us. It's such a typical story.

[00:13:02] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

Political leadership has a real big fight on their hands. And we're coming again right into midterms here. And I want to show this, this was going into this, this rapidly escalating conflict in Iran. This is the American government. This is how many people trusted the American government. This is Pew Research end of 2025. You can see here by this poll percentage, 17% on this far right corner of this graph, say they trust the government Washington to do what is right just about always or most of the time 17%. Look at look at the lost percentage over the years, just going down and down and down. So they're at a point here. Political leaders, leadership in government. The President Kennedy, uh, with these midterms coming up, we're being led to think we're very divided here. And politicians are trying to find the the really the home run topics to bipartisan topics to bring people together, get the votes to get the popularity back into into their political, you know, lane, but where they're being ignored and they're being siloed in Washington because there are these topics, these topics are out there, and I just don't think they're hearing them yet. Here's the headlines. "Most voters want immunity for vaccine companies removed." This is a poll. 6 in 10 respondents said all vaccine immunity for companies should be abolished.

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Wow.

[00:14:24] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

And then so this is this is the idea here. Immunity artificial, highly artificial immunity that goes against free markets American markets. These should never have, never and should never be put on companies. And as you mentioned the example we just did, we had an astounding 97.8% of respondents opposed legal immunity for manufacturers of glyphosate. That was the strongest consensus in the survey. Um, but the people, organizations, nonprofits, they're doing their own polls. And these are getting to Washington as well. These are getting to leaders as well. Here's Brownstone Institute and Health Freedom Defense Fund. They did their own set of polls as well. "Super majority of voters support health and medical freedom." We're being lied to by the media. These are the numbers that these are the numbers that the people on the street are telling you. Overwhelming majority here of HHS people, uh, HHS, across across Republicans, Democrats support the vaccine safety research. States justified overwhelming majority want a commission on psych meds and mass shootings. Overwhelming majority want free market farmers. No pesticide immunity. But here's the big one overwhelming majority, remove Prep Act Covid liability shield. That's 68.9% of Republicans, 52.5% of Democrats, and remove the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act. That's the vaccine liability for the childhood vaccine. 68.5% of Republicans, 51.9% of Democrats. This reaches across both aisles. That is a home run

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I don't know if we've seen a consensus on a topic like that in a decade. I mean, it is really incredible. Um, and it makes sense, right? But even on an issue as controversial as vaccines, even the, you know, those that you would think were like the pro-vaccine side are saying, we still don't want an unnatural market for us where it's just protected.

[00:16:15] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

Right, right. And you can see in Washington they're getting one conversation saying, look, stay away from vaccines, especially during the midterms. They're not popular. They're going to make you lose votes. That's not true because at the state level here we have another record once again. A couple of weeks ago, we had Dawn Richardson on the head of Nvic National Vaccine Information Center's advocacy arm, and she talked about how many state level vaccine bills are being passed. Well, we hit a new record here. Here is the new record filed 825 has have been filed since the beginning of this year alone. Vaccine related bills. So whatever they're being told in Washington at the federal level, the state levels are are burning with this fight. The fight is at every statehouse across the United States. Here's one of them that appears not to be paying attention to the polls. This is in Colorado. "Colorado bill creates new adult vaccine liability shield while authorizing pharmacists to independently prescribe vaccines." This bill establishes a legal presumption get this that properly administered vaccines do not cause injury or death. This is the most unscientific, unpopular literally against the polls, cutting across the grain of all the polls.

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it goes against the very insert wrapped around the vaccine. As you and I both know, warning labels written on there death injury happen every single year from these products to go with an assumption that there is no safety problem. Why don't we just say for all drugs, I always say this Jefferey then why does the state of Colorado just say all drugs are perfectly safe? Take as many as you want. Never be able to sue. They can tell you whatever they want, tell you you know, whatever it can do, they can dream it up. Let's just say 100%. Just blanket immunity for all things pharmaceutical. You might as well do that. Because what difference is there's no difference between a vaccine and a drug, except for something in your crazy little brains that says, well, if it's called a vaccine, then it's certainly not the same thing as a drug. They're just two different words. Both have totally dangerous elements in it. In fact, I would argue that vaccines are worse than most drugs. They have live viruses and bacteria and all sorts of things that can go wrong. Plasmids and God knows what mRNA technology that can manipulate your DNA. Oh, but let's make that perfectly safe. It's just crazy that people are accepting this and continue to reelect leadership in Colorado.

[00:18:37] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

Exactly. And, you know, it's interesting because drugs, at least you have your stomach and the kidneys and the filtration system that God gave you for your stomach with the vaccines, you're mainlining them right into a kid's vein, as Bill Gates would say. So we have some more bills here. This is out of New York, a state that's usually somewhat adversarial to medical freedom. Informed consent. This is Senate Bill S5910. This establishes liability for injuries caused by required immunizations. It says establishes a claim for strict liability against the state. So you're going against New York for any injury caused by the administration of an immunization, which is mandated by the state, gives the Court of Claims the power and jurisdiction to hear such a claim. So forget about the federal level. The state has to pony up here. You're going to sue the state because the state advertised these vaccines and someone received an injury or death from them. The state will have to hear this in federal court. They'll be they'll be the person being sued, which seems like it seems like it makes sense.

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It does. Let's move on to because most people don't really realize all the federal government does is recommend. It's the states that turn that into a mandate. So I think that that's, you know, hitting the thing right where, you know, nipping it in the bud, if you will, right where it happens. Why would the federal government involved? We're suing the state. You're the ones that took a recommendation and went way beyond recommending it. Now you're forcing me to take it. I can't go to school. I can't use my taxpayer dollars the way that they're supposed to be used, unless I, you know, submit to your will. I like that law. That's a great one.

[00:20:08] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

And if they're so safe and effective, the state should put their legal liability on the line to support that. That would be if you want to end vaccine hesitancy, there's a great way to do that. So here's another article that's out of NBC news "RFK Jr CDC panel to discuss Covid vaccine injuries in upcoming meeting." Of course, this is the ACIP meeting. We have two weeks it will be happening and this is the Federal Register. They put this in the Federal Register. They're actually required by law to do this. And this is the announcement. And look at what they're going to do. It says matters to be considered. "The agenda will include updates on ACIP working groups and discussions on Covid 19 vaccine injuries." I've been waiting for this for a long time. "And long Covid and ACIP recommendation methodology recommendation votes may be scheduled for Covid 19 vaccine injuries and long Covid." So this is a really big deal. Now ACIP doesn't have rule making authority, so they're not going to be able to change the Prep act. They're not going to be able to change the national vaccine compensation fund or anything like that. But they can get the ball rolling. They put a national spotlight on this. They can commission studies. They can look at how much has been paid out, or rather, how much, how little has been paid out to Americans who have been injured by the Covid 19 vaccine. Just basically some medical bills, some some medical bills. That's all that's been paid out here.

[00:21:18] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

Thousands of people, tens of thousands of people have been filing. And that's just with a one year statute of limitations. So they can recommend the limitations be extended. So this isn't just an American problem. And this is why this is great. America is leading this. This is in the UK. Check this out. This is a BBC headline "firm assessing Covid vaccine harm replaced after spiral cost spiral to 48 million pounds." It says "nearly 50 million pounds of taxpayer money has been paid by the NHS to an outsourced firm, assessing claims of medical harm caused by vaccines, the BBC has found. The figure is eight times the amount originally estimated for the assessment work carried out by Crawford and Company adjusters, and almost 20 million pounds more than the total so far awarded to those injured or bereaved as the result of a Covid 19 vaccine." It goes on to say "the firm's five year contract, initially estimated to be worth 6 million pounds, has more than a year left to run. However, a new company will start taking over the work in the coming months." Think about that, the firm said, we're going to here's our estimate. They're going now tens of millions of pounds over that estimate, paying just to assess the injuries, paying way more just to assess the injuries than giving the actual payouts to the people that have been injured or have died from this. This is a massive problem not only in America, but across the world.

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And it looks like UK's response is to get rid of that company and bring in a new one. If I if I read that correctly, it's like, let's not stick with this company that said, hey Houston, you got a problem in here? What's that? Nope, can't hear you. La la la la la. Oh, I'm sorry you didn't get our memo. You're fired. You're fired. We're bringing in a new company to to carry the agenda, act like nothing is going on and get us back to not paying off or even investigating all these issues. I'm sure that's where this is going. We've been doing this long enough.

[00:23:10] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

And the immunity protection is the weak point. It's the weak point in the Death Star, if you will. So it's artificially propped up a product line, a market share. You can't sue for harms. It's created no incentive to make a better product. Obviously you have the government pushing these, mandating these, making sure the science is settled. So they'll never be a question in vaccine court when the DOJ is suing or is being sued. You can't actually come up with the science to defend yourself. As somebody who's been injured by these vaccines. Now, this is a really important point we're at right now, because in 1986, there was a moment there you mentioned with Barbara Loe Fisher, there was a moment there that this immunity could have been canceled out. That was always the plan. No immunity. There's another moment now. There's a vulnerability after the pandemic, as we sit with Kennedy at HHS, that this immunity, if you take out this Jenga block, this is a very weak point for big pharma. They can have a restabilization of what the market should be. What am I saying? This is the mainstream headlines now. This is out of Reuters. "Vaccine slump risks a downward financial spiral." This market is already teetering. So another one "vaccine sales drop under RFK Jr and Trump." How much. Well let's look at this. Let's look at this chart here. You can see at the bottom left all the way down there compared 2024 to 2025 RSV vaccines -40% in 2025 compared to the prior year. Influenza vaccines -33%, shingles -19%. Covid I'm surprised COVID's not more -17.

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But you can see there they're having a big problem selling these. They're having a big problem with uptake. And you read the media and the media will say they're trying to they're trying to just make a limited hangout and say, you know what, it's just RFK Jr. That's all it is. If he wouldn't have stepped into HHS, we would be selling these vaccines like hotcakes. Well, that is not the case because this is a headline that refutes that "birth dose of hepatitis B vaccine on decline in US before CDC scrap Recommendation." It says "between 2023 and 2025, rates of hepatitis B vaccination within 30 days after birth dropped more than ten percentage points, they reported in Jama." So we have a problem here. It's not just RFK Jr. It's the pandemic. It's the mandate. Pharma is on the ropes right now when it comes to their product lines. They're not making the money they used to. They need that immunity. And that's why they're pushing these lobbyists into Washington. And so they're also having issues with other vaccines besides influenza, shingles, RSV. Here's a headline out of North Carolina "Merck to wind down Gardasil production at North Carolina plant lay off 150 plus." I'm sorry for the job loss, but it goes on to say "the cuts are a result of Merck's decision to end production of Gardasil and Gardasil nine at the site on Old Oxford Road, because they say, quote, because of the recent worldwide reduction in demand for the product product. Amanda Taylor, VP of Plant management and vaccine operations, wrote."

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And it also goes on to say this "all told, worldwide Gardasil sales fell 39% to 5.2 billion last year, with Merck also citing lower sales in Japan following a national catch up immunization program." So there's in Japan, they're saying fireside sale. We need to give the kids all the shots at once. The second they they come to their pediatrician, they're still not getting them. And this is not just happening across the world. Let's go to California, one of the hotbeds of mandated vaccines. "California schools with low rates lose millions in funds." So this is kind of a bellwether here. It says, because "California's school funding is related to their vaccine uptake in children." It says "the loss of average daily attendance funding was the result of state audits of more than 1000 public schools, with more than 10% of kindergartners or seventh grade students were not fully vaccinated in 2023 2020." Four more years that Kennedy wasn't available. So it's not Kennedy on this one. And you can go into this chart here and you can see what they're talking about is really interesting. If you go to the far right of the chart that's 2025, you can see here Fresno, Big County. Big Creek Elementary, 100% of the students were not didn't have all the required vaccines. San Bernardino Valley Unit School 80.6% of the kids didn't have it. And then Los Angeles Unified Massive school, 69.2% of children there, kindergarten seventh graders didn't have all the required vaccines. Massive, massive slump in vaccination in across across the state there in California.

[00:27:42] Del Bigtree

And I have to say, because I lived in California and so many people that watch this show do, that is hard to do in California. It is hard to get through that gantlet and not have every vaccine vaccine. There are so many toll booths set up on your journey to your children's schools that you cannot seem to get through it. So the numbers are dropping like that and the numbers in children arriving for school, they're not getting paid. If they're not in school, They're the ones that kicked all of us out. I mean, you know, half of Austin now, where I now live and left in 2019 is filled with people that are, you know, running from California because of that mandated school project. And now you watch California saying it doesn't matter what the CDC says, dropping down to the Denmark study, not I mean, Denmark schedule, not here in California. We're going to stick to the schedule. So as long as Gavin Newsom keeps making decisions like that and other states, I think you're going to see them losing money in their education. And as you pointed out, I think what is so important when you actually look at the dates, the numbers these studies are coming from, they want to blame it all on Robert Kennedy Jr. The truth is, Robert Kennedy Jr represents how many people in this nation felt this way, cared about these topics, that he would be put into that position. It was a powerful enough voting bloc that Donald Trump saw.

[00:29:00] Del Bigtree

I will definitely win if I bring that voting block in. He seems to be a little bit dizzy at the moment and forgetting how important this voting block is with some of the decisions he's making, which is why we're going to be loud and proud and reminding him why Robert Kennedy Jr is there at all. Not because he's changing things, because he's finally representing the population that the majority unbelievable. Jefferey the majority now want an end to the liability protection. Frankly. Jefferey if that was achieved, if Rand Paul gets this bill through and we were able to take away the liability protection, I'd almost be done there. I don't even care. Fine. We don't even need the science. We don't need the studies because pharma knows you would watch a change in the vaccine program not made by Robert Kennedy Jr, made by the industry that's been getting away with not paying for all the lawsuits. If they had to pay for the lawsuits, suddenly they're going to do the science. And guess what? They already have done that science and they know. And you would start seeing a reduction in this vaccine program for our kids. Jefferey amazing reporting. Um, you know, it's incredible. All that's going on on a global level. Things seems, you know, so intense. But we cannot forget this fuze is still lit for future pandemics and global control of populations. So thank you for staying focused on it. Alright.

[00:30:20] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

You bet.

[00:30:21] Del Bigtree

Alright. See you next week. Take care. Alright. Well, you know, our own Aaron Siri had an opportunity to hop on. I think it's still considered the number one podcast in the world with Joe Rogan. This is what that looked like. Take a look.

[00:30:36] Joe Rogan, The Joe Rogan Experience

Before you had looked into this. What was your opinions on medical science? What was your opinions on vaccines?

[00:30:42] Aaron Siri, Lead Counsel, ICAN

I had what you would call the mainstream view. Vaccines saved humanity. Me too. We'd all be dead without them.

[00:30:48] Joe Rogan, The Joe Rogan Experience

Until this Covid epidemic, I would have never questioned it. I mocked anti-vaxxers and the this the blatant propaganda that we were force fed. It just made me stop and pause and go is the whole thing like, this? Is this whole thing just a dirty money laundering operation? Why would I assume that this is the one area where pharmaceutical drug companies dock? Everybody has been totally honest in this one area when it's like a religious thing if you question it. And that's what I love, the title of your book.

[00:31:22] Aaron Siri, Lead Counsel, ICAN

Vaccines. Amen. Yeah. The religion of vaccines.

[00:31:25] Joe Rogan, The Joe Rogan Experience

You. It's that's what it is.

[00:31:27] Aaron Siri, Lead Counsel, ICAN

Vaccines really sit in their own little universe. They're unlike any other medical product. The only product. And I mean, this literally the only product in America where you cannot sue to say, had you made that product safer, my child wouldn't be dead. My child wouldn't be seriously injured. Our childhood vaccines and child vaccines used by adults, it's the only one. Think about how incredibly harmful and how much harm these vaccines must do that they cannot survive on the market. Without this immunity from 1986.

[00:32:08] Joe Rogan, The Joe Rogan Experience

Wouldn't you say? Look, these are we can't have frivolous lawsuits against these people that are providing us the most important medication that's available to humans. The whole reason why we survived smallpox and polio and all these different things, it's these vaccines. Without them, we'd all be dead.

[00:32:27] Aaron Siri, Lead Counsel, ICAN

How many deaths were there in America the year before the vaccine was first introduced? For example, measles, the dreaded measles that they say everybody will die from. No measles vaccine. We're all going to die. Right. That is the impression they give you. Do you have any idea how many people died of measles in the years before there was measles vaccine in the United States? About 400 a year.

[00:32:48] Joe Rogan, The Joe Rogan Experience

That's it.

[00:32:49] Aaron Siri, Lead Counsel, ICAN

That's it. Between 1900 and the late 1950s, early 1960s, the mortality from measles declined in the United States by over 98%. You know, it didn't cause that vaccines. Yeah, because it didn't exist. It was probably better sanitation, better medical care. I mean, um, all kinds of things.

[00:33:10] Joe Rogan, The Joe Rogan Experience

Are you a real problem at a cocktail party? Like, have you ever have you ever have you ever had a conversation that just went completely sideways? They started getting angry at you for quoting things.

[00:33:21] Aaron Siri, Lead Counsel, ICAN

It's not a problem for me because I don't know emotions or feelings about the products. They're just products. They think that they know okay, but they don't know intellectually. They've never looked at the primary sources. So when you challenge them with evidence, what can they draw from the intellect? No, they draw from their emotions. They draw from their feelings, and that's why they get angry. But I also often get folks who are just curious and interested to listen.

[00:33:44] Joe Rogan, The Joe Rogan Experience

Well, I think there's more of those now than there's ever been before.

[00:33:48] Aaron Siri, Lead Counsel, ICAN

On behalf of ICAN, which is the Informed Consent Action, a nonprofit that our law firm represents. We sent a Freedom of Information Act request, FOIA request to the CDC. And we said, hey, your website says vaccines do not cause autism. Great. Please give us the studies that show that hep B vaccine, given three times in the first six months of life, do not cause autism, DTaP vaccine, IPV vaccine, PCV vaccine. They have nothing. There are no studies. They could not produce one that showed the vaccines given in the first six months of life do not cause autism. They are creating more vaccine hesitancy with that kind of conduct than anything that you and I could do on this podcast.

[00:34:29] Joe Rogan, The Joe Rogan Experience

It's very important what you do, because it's crazy to say that being honest in this regard is courageous, but it is courageous because I've seen you attacked. I've seen crazy like that people said about you. I don't imagine a whole lot of people are lining up to debate you about this.

[00:34:49] Del Bigtree

So, you know, and they just at the end there, he even brought up the Brady Bunch episode, which is an argument we've been making for years. If things like measles is so dangerous, why was there a laugh track to it? Um, you know, when you think about your book and you are doing so many interviews, I mean, that I think being a pinnacle, but almost every major podcaster out there, what would you say is the thing that is catching people the most by surprise? Uh, in the work, because we've been at this so long. But, you know, you, you know, I'm out there talking a lot of times for years before you have now you are like just meeting podcasters and people when they're asking questions. Are you surprised at all at what some of those questions are or where they're at?

[00:35:37] Aaron Siri, Lead Counsel, ICAN

Uh, yeah. I mean, it does amaze me sometimes, but that's the reason that ICAN does the work. It does. That's the reason for all the get informed information on the ICAN website. It's the reason for the book. That's the reason you're out there talking on every podcast. Why I'm I'm out there is. But it still amazes me. Even with all of that coverage, there is still a lot of basic information about these products that folks just still don't know. Um, I encounter folks all the time who, um, despite being part of whether it's Maha or being part of medical liberty, some folks don't know about the extent of the immunity that these products enjoy. They don't understand the truly vacuous nature of the pre-licensure clinical trials. They don't understand the vacuous nature of the post-licensure clinical trials, reflected by even the lack of studying the most commonly claimed arm autism, as well as the fact that most of them don't stop transmission and the false claim about mortality. Uh, you know that these vaccines, millions would die without them. You know, those five core, uh, myths that have developed around these products? Um, so we just got to keep beating it. We just got to keep going.

[00:36:50] Del Bigtree

I'm amazed even that there are. I've met with some of the top biohackers and people that are very famous will say to me, like at a dinner, but Del it's not. You're not against all vaccines, are you? Like, I'm really amazed that I say, well, I mean, I always answer that with I'm just against injecting myself or my children with any products that haven't been through a safety study. Um, which happens to be every vaccine currently on the market for children. And they like you can see this look in the face like they just even though they're on our side and they want informed consent, it's still is still so shocking that it hasn't fully gotten into their bones. There is no science here, right? There's no science. And you can still see them holding on to little corners, little shadow, little, you know, like, you know, somewhere out there, there's got to be something that makes this all okay. So, you know, that's what I find surprising in people that you would normally think, oh, they're with us. We hear them talking about vitamins and health, but deep down at dinners, well, it's not all vaccines, right? What about, like, meningococcal? You know, things like that. But when when you're talking to these people, obviously you're an attorney, you're a lawyer, you know, you're not giving advice, uh, per se. But when you describe this as a religion, um, do you think that that that talking point is working? Is it because Joe Rogan says, I get that now? It makes sense.

[00:38:23] Aaron Siri, Lead Counsel, ICAN

I think it is. I think it works because, um, in some ways it helps alleviate a bit of the cognitive dissonance. Right? Because it's hard to come to the conclusion that the CDC, the FDA, the federal health authorities, all state 50 state health agencies, and the entire medical profession for the most part, not all of them. Most of them, um, have got it wrong on vaccines. That's a hard pill to swallow for a lot of folks, because if you reach that place for a lot of people, it's like, whoa, then what else can't I believe in? Can what can I trust? And it really creates serious cognitive dissonance. And I think that understanding that vaccines really do fall into their own unique bucket. They genuinely do. There are problems with many products. Okay. But nothing has the level or the issues that vaccines have. No other product gets to have 40 years of just completely unfettered push by the industry, with billions of dollars a year promoting their views with almost no push, real serious pushback. You know, they claim I love it when they say the the well-funded, oiled machine of anti-vaxxer movements. You mean like just the just the few groups that are trying to promote safety, right. That's really all that really means. When they've got billions. Billions of federal dollars. Billions of farmer money. And what is there? There's. I can with the, you know, the few million dollar budget. There's few with a few million dollar budget. And it goes down real fast from there. That's all there is. What? They it's, uh, so, you know, um, in any event, it can cause serious cognitive dissonance. But when you put it into that box and they understand that vaccines really are this unique thing, they're like, okay, I get it. Vaccines are a unique product because of the immunity to liability, which then caused the lack of safety pre and post licensure and ended up conflicting the agency. Okay, now it makes sense and why I can accept that vaccines have this serious problem without just blowing up my entire worldview and not being able to trust anything.

[00:40:34] Del Bigtree

Yeah, well, look, you're right, there's I mean, they do complain. They do refer to us as a well-oiled machine. And frankly, we have we have caused a lot of difficulty with a few million dollars to a multibillion dollar industry. And for everyone watching right now, um, you know, I love it when Aaron gets to come on, you get to see what you're funding. This guy who's brilliant on Rogan but also brilliant in a courtroom. The work that you've been doing, Aaron, has been changing the world, and we're so happy to have found you and been able to, you know, have all of these great people that are watching The HighWire and supporting our work, supporting that work that you do for us because it is obviously changing the world. Uh, speaking of though, you know, there's these things that sort of come around full circle. One of the first things very early on that you did was depose Doctor Stanley Plotkin. Uh, we have that on our website, you know, um, the Stanley Plotkin deposition, ten hours long, folks. You can watch clips of it. You can watch the whole thing. There's transcripts, maybe one of the most important depositions of all times for anyone that might be new. Let me just really quickly just run this little video so you have a sense of who Doctor Stanley Plotkin is, because I'm about to read a letter that he sent to Aaron years after being deposed, still really pissed off. But here's Stanley Plotkin.

[00:41:57] Female Speaker

It is my great honor to use the Stanley Plotkin gavel to open this meeting.

[00:42:03] Male Speaker

Our good friend and colleague, Doctor Stan Plotkin.

[00:42:06] Male Speaker

Doctor Plotkin, virtually every country in the world is affected by his vaccines.

[00:42:10] Male Speaker

He was involved in pivotal trials on anthrax, oral polio, rabies vaccine.

[00:42:15] Male Speaker

Rubella vaccine, the rotavirus vaccine, rabies.

[00:42:18] Male Speaker

He has earned the Distinguished Physician Award of the Pediatric Infectious Disease Society, the Finland Award of the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases, the Hillman Award of the American Society for microbiology, the French Legion of Honor, and the Bruce Medal in Preventive Medicine.

[00:42:32] Male Speaker

He's a member of the Institute of Medicine and the French Academy of Medicine.

[00:42:36] Female Speaker

One of the very special things about him is the global impact that he's had, not just from the products but from his book.

[00:42:44] Male Speaker

He developed the standard textbook for vaccines in 1988.

[00:42:48] Male Speaker

Bill Gates calls his book a Bible for Vaccinologists.

[00:42:52] Stanley Plotkin, M.D., World's Leading Authority on Vaccines

I hope you all have indeed have read the book, and I hope it's more accurate than the Bible.

[00:42:58] Dr. Paul Offit, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

He trained just a generation of scientists, including myself, to to think like he thinks.

[00:43:07] Del Bigtree

Well, if you haven't watched any of the Plotkin deposition, definitely check it out. Some mind blowing revelations. I always say, when you first sent me that transcript, Erin, we didn't have the video yet, but it was, you know, it was hundreds of pages from a ten hour deposition. And I always say it was like, and I came, you know, I worked in Hollywood. It was like reading A Few Good Men. I just was waiting for Plotkin to just yell, you can't handle the truth at some point. So many times you just took him down these narrow corridors and just left him abandoned. Where, you know, he had to admit that he had actually just lied to you about his statements. It's an incredible thing. But I guess because you're mentioning him in your book, he's sent this letter, which I have right here. I'm just going to read the first paragraph. In the last paragraph. This is from Doctor Stanley Plotkin. "Mr. Siri, I have heard that you have published a book criticizing me and my testimony in a case revolving around whether or not to vaccinate the child of a divorced couple. I do remember walking to that testimony pro bono, appearing without materials, reasonably expecting that my appearance would only require brief testimony."

[00:44:15] Del Bigtree

"I made the mistake of remaining under cross-examination for ten hours with the lawyer who requested my testimony only present by telephone, and allowing the cross-examination to run so long." He ends by saying, "at the end of my life, I will have been credited for protecting millions of children from diseases and even death, whereas you, Mr. Siri, will be responsible for dead and sick unvaccinated children. That will be your shameful legacy resulting from your irresponsible, irresponsible anti-vaccination campaign." Um, pretty harsh words from Doctor Plotkin. We have shown FOIA requests where after you deposed him, he went back to what was it? Walter Orenstein, I think, and Paul Offit and a couple of people in an email saying we have a real problem on our hands. I was just deposed by a lawyer that asked me questions that no one is ready to handle. They've started a library system, some way to train people to be able to handle debates with guys like you, and still has anyone actually on purpose from that moment on, debated you on this topic?

[00:45:20] Aaron Siri, Lead Counsel, ICAN

I've tried. I've offered all of them, you know, uh, I mean, look, that that. In many ways folks say, hey, we got to have the debate about vaccine safety. We've got to have the debate. Yeah, well, I would say that deposition is the debate. Here's the world's leading vaccinologist, and I'm not sure you know what he means by. He didn't have a chance to prepare. He had his whole life to prepare. He's the world's leading vaccinologist. He's the literally the, you know, the the editor of the standard medical textbook on vaccines, um, along with, as you see on your screen, Paul Offit, doctor Kathryn Edwards, who also deposed after that, and Walter Orenstein and, uh, you know, um, I don't what he would do to prepare. I'm not sure, as I put in my response letter to him, I'm ready to have another one tomorrow. In fact, I'm ready to debate. I even offered him, in my response, to give him the most favorable possible terms of a redo. If he wants number one, he can pick whoever he wants. He can come himself, or he can pick between Paul Offit or, you know, two other folks to come, as you know, in his place.

[00:46:25] Del Bigtree

Peter Hotez you mentioned in there. Yeah, you bring them all. I think you said bring them all.

[00:46:30] Aaron Siri, Lead Counsel, ICAN

I said bring them all too. I said two. I said number two. Instead of me just doing it as a question and back and forth, we could even do ten minutes. Ten minutes. So equal time. And the only thing I said is we just have to have a screen. We can put up evidence so we can go back and forth. I mean, shoot, when I took that deposition almost eight years ago, I knew a fraction of what I know today substantively about the topic. So, I mean, I'm really I actually would love a redo. Um, and so, um, you know, but of course, he's he's not going to do that, nor will Paul Offit, who made that same offer to now twice publicly after he came after me, by the way, on Twitter, didn't work out for him. Then he came after me on Substack. Didn't work out for him. And then he retreated. Uh, so, uh, but I offered him the same thing. Let's have it as many hours as you want. Pick the location. We'll sit down. We'll go back and forth. Equal time, no gotchas. No, no, no, no. Quote unquote. He's a lawyer who's got lawyer tricks. No lawyer tricks. Just evidence. Just the facts. You know, anybody who watched the deposition could see there's no ad hominem, there's no tricks, there's no pejoratives. It's just evidence going back and forth.

[00:47:39] Del Bigtree

Well, I wish I could read your whole response letter because it's priceless. Or if I had you read it, take about ten minutes, but I'm going to read it. Just a couple. If you're you should be following Aaron's Substack because I think the whole exchange is there. "Eight years after deposing Doctor Plotkin, the Godfather vaccine, he sends me a letter." Uh, but let me just read a couple of paragraphs from this response. It's fantastic. It starts out by saying "thank you for your letter. Your letter claims dissatisfaction with our exchange about vaccine safety seven years ago, you complained the exchange was long and you appeared without materials. The reality which you miss, which understandably still have not come to terms with, is that your dissatisfaction stems from the fact that our exchange revealed the damning gaps in the safety of childhood vaccines, and that the discipline of vaccinology overall is unscientific and dangerous. Perhaps your biggest regret should be what was made clear in that deposition. Your approach to vaccinology is to presume vaccines are safe, regardless of whether the evidence supports that presumption. This presumption has sadly resulted in devastating harm to the countless families who have contacted my firm regarding serious vaccine injuries. As the leader of the field of vaccinology, you could have corrected course. Instead, you chose a path of censorship by deleting vaccine harms, seeking to create studies to validate safety, not to study it, and to dehumanize those who challenge your views. I implore you to consider that those seriously injured, sometimes killed by vaccines also matter. Their lives, their suffering, and their families."

[00:49:12] Del Bigtree

"They matter. Even though you think saving children from infectious disease will be your legacy, sadly you are mistaken. Your overreach and disregard for the harms caused by vaccines is no different than the harms caused by bygone medical products. While those products may have done some good. History remembers the harms and injustice of those injured and ignored in this case. That would also include those mistreated and labeled as a global health threat. When the tide turns and it will turn. You will be the face of that harm. That shall be your legacy. Unless you correct course there is still time." There is so much more to this letter, folks. Go check it out on the Substack. But, um, what I love about you, Aaron, is, is, you know, even though you joke and, you know, you play around with the fact that you could have a debate, you're very serious on this topic, and you are very seriously fighting for the rights of families, and especially their children that have experienced grievous harm, uh, from these products. When you look at the state of where we're at today, there's a lot has changed. We've made a lot of progress. Um, what are your thoughts? Are we near the end of this road? Are we somewhere in the middle? What has to happen now is people are watching right now. How do we carry ourselves? Because there's so many distractions in the world. And I think there's a lot of people that says, hey, man, we're almost there. We got Bobby Kennedy inside the white House.

[00:50:43] Aaron Siri, Lead Counsel, ICAN

I was, as I've said before, I think on this show, um, you never win, so to speak, when it comes to rights, right? It's rights. Sit on a pendulum, and there are always those who are going to try to take it away from you, and there are those who are going to fight back. And, you know, if you stop, even as even if you're winning, you're killing them. And the pendulum is like all the way here and you're like, man, we won it there, there. There's those forces pushing back. And you, you let go of that pressure. It's going to go all the way to the other side. So, you know, the way I think about it is that, yes, things are going in the right direction. And what is the right direction to me means, you know, are we going to be able to get rid of the immunity to liability when farmers got 1000 lobbyists and we've got basically zero very, very tough, are we going to get to get federal health agencies to do the right thing when for the most part, who's lobbying them? Who has the time, inclination and ability to influence them? Industry, not everyday citizens. Look at this decision. Look at what the Department of Justice just did with the EPA. Just just now, they went into the US Supreme Court on the side of who the American people, the citizens of this country who are being grievously harmed by, uh, roundup by a very dangerous pesticide, know they went in in the opposite direction.

[00:52:12] Aaron Siri, Lead Counsel, ICAN

They told the US Supreme Court, basically to effectively give immunity to this product and kick out state claims. Right. So, um, that's going to be hard to correct. Are you going to get the manufacturers to do proper clinical trials? Very tough to, uh, you get the medical profession to stop, to put the health of children above their pecuniary interests when it comes to these products. Very difficult to. So what's the last stop in that train of horrors? The last stop in that train of horrors is the ability to say no. It's the right to say no without any type of penalty. And it's the ability to access information like this show that they tried to censor. So you can get educated about these products, because you're not going to get truthful information out of almost all the other sources I just mentioned. Right. So that is those are those are critical pieces. And in that score, we are pushing the needle in the right direction because, uh, and and to protect those rights, uh, we have to effectively do two things. We have to, uh, influence the public because the more the public views on these products change, the more will influence the outcome in legislative houses and in the court system.

[00:53:26] Aaron Siri, Lead Counsel, ICAN

Right. Courts and the legislature react to what is the cultural cognition? What is the public's views on something. And so we have to get the public to become aware and awake about these products. We cannot stop that. What you do on the show is critical to that. What, uh, what everybody who does support the show and the publicity and the information that ICAN and Highwire put out is critical to that first objective. And as we change public cognition, that brings us to the second piece. And the second piece is then we have to push in the legislatures and push in the court system to get those changes to take advantage of the change in the public cognition. And obviously, we, on behalf of ICAN, our firm supported by ICAN, um, brings those lawsuits to keep pushing the envelope to protect our rights. And then separately, I can legislate the 500 and 1C4 arm of ICAN pushes and works a lot in that score with state groups to push for legislation that is going to protect rights around the country. And so, is it moving in the right direction? Yes. Um, is it like, are we done? No. Are we ever going to be done? No. The moment you stop, they're going to push back because they have billions of dollars.

[00:54:49] Aaron Siri, Lead Counsel, ICAN

And you know what's a lot cheaper than doing a giant marketing campaign for a new product? The vaccine. Getting a mandate when you're sitting there down at the pharma companies of Pfizer, Sanofi, GSK, and they're trying to say, okay, we got this new product, we could spend \$50 million lobbying to get it mandated, or we could spend a half \$1 billion to market it to the public. Which one do you think they're going to choose? That's why medical liberty is so important. Because your body and your kid's body are the commodity on which they make their money, and it's far easier for them to mandate than it is to market. Easier, more affordable, I should say. And that is really what drives them. So things are going in the right direction. But you know, the EPA shows just because Bobby's secretary of HHS doesn't mean he gets to do all the things he wants to do. I have no doubt if Bobby could do everything he wanted to do, you'd be a lot different. There would be no immunity under the Prep act, for example. Right now, I'm sure that would have been lifted if Bobby could do what he wanted to do. And I'll stop there. There's probably a lot of other things down that list. I don't want to.

[00:55:53] Aaron Siri, Lead Counsel, ICAN

So, but but, uh, so, you know, to bring it full circle. No, we have not one we never, quote unquote, win. We've always got to keep the pressure going at all times. I will say the only time this fight ever ends is when the money, when farmers no longer making money from these products, as long as they're making billions. Our fight never stops.

[00:56:19] Del Bigtree

Well, we are certainly happy that you were in there. You are sort of, uh. Ah, leading warrior, uh, in this fight for the people's rights and the right to choose, which is what this is really about. You're right. We're never going to eradicate pharma or these products from existence. But we can, you know, change public opinion so that more and more people recognize you better have the right to choose on these things, because they're going to get crazier and wackier and have even less testing than the last one if we don't say something about it. Aaron, thank you for taking the time. I know you're super busy. I want to thank you for all the work that you're doing for ICAN. Congratulations on Joe Rogan. Congratulations on the success of your book. I just want to say you can find Vaccines, Amen. The book right at our store. If you want to check it out there, you you you will understand at the level higher than any of your pediatricians for sure. If you understand that book. You will know more than your pediatricians. There's so much in there. Aaron, thank you for your great work. I look forward to seeing you soon.

[00:57:23] Aaron Siri, Lead Counsel, ICAN

Thank you. I should also point out that if anybody buys the book on ICAN's website, that becomes a donation to ICAN.

[00:57:29] Del Bigtree

Alright. Fantastic. Thank you for that donation, I appreciate it. Take care. Well, look, he said, with all of those horrible things going on and we watch it, we watch Department of Justice lawyers going in and siding with Bayer. What is that? It's a pharmaceutical company. We're watching it happen over and over again. We're watching, you know, legislators that are misguided. But at the end of that is one power, your power, your right to choose. Which is exactly why we called our nonprofit the Informed Consent Action Network. How important is it to you for you to continue to have a right to choose in the 45 states where you have that right. The religious exemption we brought back to Mississippi that got us to 45. We're still fighting those five other states fighting in West Virginia right now. I don't want to get into details because I know Aaron's deep in it, and he doesn't like to talk about it in the middle of a case. But we are fighting big time right now in West Virginia to bring back the religious exemptions so that you can opt out so that we can whittle this thing down to four states. And there's others that are popping up that want to take your rights away. 90 cases are being funded by the Informed Consent Action Network. We only use one law firm, the most successful law firm, the most successful voice in this entire space. That is our secret sauce. And you make that possible when you donate to the work that we do. And I just want to point out that if you, you know, if you're going to donate \$26 a month is all we're asking for 2026, if you can do more, great.

[00:59:05] Del Bigtree

If you can only afford a dollar, get involved. Feel what it feels like to vote with your dollars. But Highwire ICAN. Aaron Siri law firm. This is a part of a multi-pronged approach. Where would it be if we only had lawsuits? Because that's how this started. There was no high wire. Aaron Siri started winning lawsuits against the government of the United States. But if you didn't know about it, what would you do? How would we raise donations to continue that work? That's when we realized no one at CBS is going to cover this. No one at Fox is covering this, no one at CNN. There's no news agency that's covering this. Joe Rogan was against us when we started, and almost every other podcaster on the planet, I'm glad they've come around. That's fantastic. They're starting to talk about it. But are they raising funds? Are they hiring lawyers to fight for you? Are they trying to make sure that not only your children get through school, but when your children have children, that they can go to school without being forcibly injected with horrific products as scary as the Covid vaccine mRNA DNA manipulating. We've got plasmids and contamination in all sorts of horror show inside of these things, and we're the only ones fighting for you. So I hope you'll take that seriously and say, you know what? This is more than a news show.

[01:00:20] Del Bigtree

This is giving me information when no one else does. It's also fighting for the future of humanity. So please become a recurring donor. We make it easy. You can text us at 72022. Just type in the word donate if you're listening right now. Become a recurring donor. There it is. You can type the word donate 72022. We take every form of donation you can possibly imagine. You want to donate a car? Go ahead. Gift cards. Legacy giving crypto international transfer stock by mail however you want to do it. I also want to say, you know, when there's things like a rally coming up, you know how amazing it would be to see the advertising. I would love to see Highwire shirts and hats all over Washington, D.C. standing on the Supreme Court steps, you can go to our Highwire store. And before we talk about that, here's something you're going to need. Coming up in the next couple of minutes, we've got these awesome Highwire and ICAN notebooks for taking notes. All different sizes. This is what I use to take notes for the show. And trust me, in this next conversation we're going to have, you're going to wish you had this right by your side. In fact, why don't you get one just so that you can take some notes on the things you want to be looking for? Uh, when we're done with the show, because obviously, you know, you take notes, you got to remember, oh, what was the show that had that great piece of information? You can go back to your notebook and say, oh, that's the one.

[01:01:41] Del Bigtree

But I also want to remind you that after you've taken notes, we hand you all the transcripts. What other news agency in the world does this you want every transcript you want. You want a link to every video that we show, every article that we read. Well, that happens usually on Monday after Thursday show. And the only thing we need from you is your email. Just scroll down the page and just go to where it says brave Bold News. Type in your email right there. Um, and you'll I think we're getting down there. Thehighwire.com. Scroll down. Brave bold news. There it is. Go ahead and just type in your email and we will send you all of the information that was used to put together this show. Not just the excerpts, not just, you know, people say, oh, you're cherry picking. No, we want you to read the entire study, the entire article. But speaking of studies is a very important one, because one of the biggest conversations happening both at the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, um, that that is getting together. That's the CDC's advisory advisory committee. They're looking at what they're looking at aluminum. And if you would listen to the pundits and the experts, they want us to believe that we can just gargle aluminum, just bathe your children. Aluminum. Just take showers in aluminum. Let's just roll aluminum. Can I get some aluminum sheets on my bed? At least that's what it sounds like when I listen to this craziness.

[01:03:01] Female News Correspondent

The White House is shaking up the vaccine world again, this time over aluminum.

[01:03:06] Male News Correspondent

The nation's health secretary says that the ingredient causes chronic health problems in children, and is now asking a CDC committee to look at those claims.

[01:03:14] Female News Correspondent

But many experts say there's no new science driving this review. Every major health agency, from the CDC to the World Health Organization says aluminum is safe.

[01:03:24] Female News Correspondent

Aluminum salts are ingredients added to some vaccines to help the immune system respond more strongly.

[01:03:30] Dr. Paul Offit, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

We've been using adjuvants like aluminum or aluminum salts in vaccines really since the 1940s, and we know that they're benign.

[01:03:37] Female News Correspondent

Aluminum is present in most of our food and drinks, and has never been found to be of any harm to babies or adults.

[01:03:45] Dr. Michael Bigham, Akron Children's Chief Quality Officer

They have no long term or short term consequences to children.

[01:03:48] Female Speaker

But I just want to emphasize this is really a matter of settled science and the safety and importance of vaccines in protecting all of us, especially at this time of year.

[01:03:57] Del Bigtree

You know, we keep reporting on how the confidence in our medical establishment and our regulatory agencies is just plummeting. And I watched that news piece, and I just think, does anyone out in the world actually believe that? Oh, yeah. No. Just inject as many gallons of aluminum into your babies. And we've seen no effect whatsoever. Forget that you've been trying to keep this out of your deodorants for, like, decades and all the other reasons. We know aluminum is dangerous, but it's perfectly healthy. In fact, it's good for you to inject it. I mean, I think that that news piece shows just how far off the reservation science has been. But to bring it back on the reservation and bring it back to a reality, there's a huge new study that's just come out. And I'm joined now by two of the authors of Doctor James Neuwander and Doctor Brian Hooker. Brian, this is is this your first time on set here?

[01:04:53] Dr. Brian Hooker, PHD, Environmental Biologist, Chemist and Professor Emeritus

This is the first time on set. Del. This is absolutely perfect.

[01:04:56] Del Bigtree

For anyone that does not know this. If you've been watching the show, Brian Hooker is the reason I'm in all the trouble that I find myself in. He destroyed my television career. He absolutely. You know, he said, you know, I got involved in this crazy story of a whistleblower inside the CDC. You're the one that recorded those phone calls. You're the heart of that story with VAXXED. And so, of course, the film VAXXED changed my life forever. So, uh, thank you.

[01:05:23] Dr. Brian Hooker, PHD, Environmental Biologist, Chemist and Professor Emeritus

You are so welcome. We we couldn't be happier or prouder to have you as just such a such a mouthpiece and a luminary in this movement. And so. Thank you. I mean, you you took the bits and pieces of that story, uh, you, Andy and Polly and you and you really made it sing. I've never seen anything like it.

[01:05:48] Del Bigtree

Yeah, it really it was a it was a world changer. It was a great team that put together. So it's been an interesting journey for me since I started this journey with MMR vaccine that really is this live virus vaccine. Mmr doesn't have mercury or aluminum. And Robert Kennedy Jr, when we came on to the when VAX sort of broke out, he was very heavily the World Mercury project. His focus was mercury. There was no mercury in the MMR vaccine.

[01:06:14] Dr. Brian Hooker, PHD, Environmental Biologist, Chemist and Professor Emeritus

No. You can't put a toxic heavy metal in with a live virus. And so MMR is live measles, mumps and rubella. And so if you put in aluminum salts or thimerosal in there, then it would denature. It would actually kill the virus.

[01:06:30] Del Bigtree

But it all seems to be coming full circle. We've got Robert Kennedy Jr sitting at HHS Secretary, an absolute miracle. He has removed thimerosal officially forever from the vaccine program and whatever limited amounts was still there. But aluminum, I would say that that was really the deeper I got in the investigation After VAXXED and saying, look, you know, I started Informed Consent Action Network. We wanted to study every vaccine on the childhood schedule and just kept seeing this load of aluminum increasing, you know, with starting with the very first vaccine, hepatitis B. So tell me about your study. Was it was it was aluminum the focus or was it just something that popped up in the middle of this study? In fact, let me start with the world's longest title. This is their study right here. Aluminum adjuvants, Autoimmunity and Autism Spectrum Disorder a comprehensive mechanistic neuropathological and legal analysis. Um, there you have it. It's quite a mouthful. I don't know if we even need to talk about this study. You got a shorter version of that, like.

[01:07:38] James Neuwander, MD, Board-Certified in Emergency and Integrative Medicine

Yeah. Well, I you know, part of the problem here is, you know, I'm writing with a bunch of other folks, and, uh, a lot of them have PhD after their name, which I do not. Um, so my, my alternative, uh, title was actually. Yes, Virginia vaccines can cause autism, but that got voted down by the feds.

[01:07:57] Del Bigtree

Alright, so we got stuck with this. Okay. What is what was this study? What was the methodology?

[01:08:02] James Neuwander, MD, Board-Certified in Emergency and Integrative Medicine

Well, we were looking to see, you know, is there a mechanistic link between vaccines and autism? Right.

[01:08:09] Del Bigtree

Because it's very general.

[01:08:10] James Neuenschwander, MD, Board-Certified in Emergency and Integrative Medicine

Right. Just how do we get there? And and it starts with the two ends of that question. So one end is what is autism. Right. I mean, autism is defined by a set of symptoms. Um, but it doesn't tell you what the biochemistry of autism is. So the first time I was ever on the show was talking about a study where it was an autopsy study, 63, 64% of all the brains they evaluated in that study showed evidence of encephalopathy, encephalitis. And this was actually autoimmune encephalitis. So we're looking at the majority of kids on the spectrum have evidence of brain injury from an autoimmune inflammatory process.

[01:08:52] Del Bigtree

So what's the difference between an encephalitis and an autoimmune encephalitis? Is it where it affects your brain? You can. How would you know?

[01:08:58] James Neuenschwander, MD, Board-Certified in Emergency and Integrative Medicine

Yeah. There are different ways to develop encephalitis. You know, most of us think of encephalitis as a result of an infection. So I get up, you know, I get a mosquito bite, and I get equine encephalitis late in the summer. At least in Michigan, that's when it happens. But, you know, you get inflammation of the brain. So encephalitis that term just means inflammation of the brain. And there's causes for it. But one of the big causes are these viruses. And we know viral encephalitis at a certain age is associated with an increased risk of autism. It's, you know, about 40% increased risk if you have.

[01:09:28] Del Bigtree

So that is that is known in the literature. Yes. You can get an infection from a disease that will cause encephalitis. And then the result is a symptom called autism.

[01:09:38] James Neuenschwander, MD, Board-Certified in Emergency and Integrative Medicine

Right at the right time of brain development. And that's the key part. I mean, if you develop equine encephalitis.

[01:09:43] Del Bigtree

That's not that's not just to be clear, no one is refuting that. Paul Offit is not going to say, that's crazy. You know.

[01:09:50] James Neuenschwander, MD, Board-Certified in Emergency and Integrative Medicine

I don't know what Paul Offit is going to say. But I don't think so. I think it would be very hard to come out and say that, because we know that happens. But it's at a certain I mean, again, at my age, if I develop equine encephalitis, I'm not going to develop autism, right? I mean, that ship has already sailed. You have to have it at a critical part of brain development. So if you look at kids under two and, and there's, you know, certain viruses are worse than others, like the herpes viruses are really bad when it comes to creating this type of situation. But you have increased about 40% increased risk of developing autism if you have that type of viral encephalitis. So we already have a historic infectious basis for encephalitis. What we're talking about here, and what we talked about the first time I was ever on your show was this idea that it's autoimmune. So the immune system creates these lymphocytes that actually attack parts of the brain and destroys these neurons, creates injury that will develop into autism. That's what that study had said. All right. So we have that as one end of the spectrum. And then the other end is how do aluminum adjuvants work? We've been using them for almost 100 years. Some of them over 100 years. Right. And I'm not the aluminum expert. This guy knows a lot about it. But you know, what I know is that aluminum adjuvants are added to vaccines to increase the immune reaction. Because without it, none of these vaccines would work. Okay. How does it do that? You know, so that was never really something that was well delineated up until maybe the last 15, 20 years. And now we have.

[01:11:26] Del Bigtree

They were literally just using this stuff, putting it in there and saying, oh, look, it, it makes the body react stronger, create more.

[01:11:34] Dr. Brian Hooker, PHD, Environmental Biologist, Chemist and Professor Emeritus

Magnets, magnifies the aluminum, the the immune response, you know, wherever.

[01:11:39] Del Bigtree

Know why. They just sort of hocus pocus magic. Inject some aluminum in there, and this whole thing just works better.

[01:11:45] Dr. Brian Hooker, PHD, Environmental Biologist, Chemist and Professor Emeritus

Right, right. They saw that the inflammatory processes were, you know, were created. And within that, you know, the body is not you don't have organs that selectively inflame when inflammation occurs in the body, then the entire body inflames including neuroinflammation. And so when that happens they neglected the neuroinflammation part. They just looked at the inflammatory cells. Then that would would hasten the immune response and magnify the immune response of whatever was in that aluminum field, whether it was hepatitis B, Haemophilus influenza A, B or whatever. Um, so so that is all they were really concerned about. And when you look back at the studies that were supposed to establish that, yeah, this was safe and effective, they did a fine job with effective, but they really, really screwed up with safe.

[01:12:36] Del Bigtree

You just said something. I just want to clarify because I, I keep thinking about, you know, and I've said it that I think autism appears to be an inability to detoxify, you know, while you're going through an inflammatory event. And I always see it like a thermometer, almost like a Bugs Bunny cartoon, where, you know, the the inflammations in the body. But if it gets to the brain, then you're really screwed. Is that you kind of just said where if there's inflammation in the body, there is inflammation in the brain, are they happening simultaneously? Is that sort of a dumb way to think of it, that it has to cross some blood brain, blood brain barrier or.

[01:13:15] Dr. Brian Hooker, PHD, Environmental Biologist, Chemist and Professor Emeritus

Well, there are plenty of inflammatory cytokines, you know, small protein molecules that cross the blood brain barrier regularly. And so they're going to hasten inflammatory processes. You know, it used to be thought, uh, many, many years ago when when I was in college and graduate school, that the brain was somehow immunologically privileged, that it didn't undergo these things. It was somehow with a blood brain barrier shut off. That is has been, you know, completely thrown out. And we know that neuroinflammation is, you know, it is real. You can you can count on it. And when the body is going through an inflammatory process, then neuroinflammation can and does happen.

[01:13:57] Del Bigtree

Okay. And so so now let's get back to you know aluminum is inciting this this inflammatory event. And I've said it when you look at vaccine inserts almost you know I don't know if it's everyone, but it's damn near almost everyone says encephalitis encephalopathy. Some form of brain swelling is a known serious adverse side effect written right on the label, which makes sense if it's causing inflammatory event, certainly it could inflame the brain. And now that it has inflamed the brain, then it can lead to all sorts of neurological disorders. You've had a brain injury. I just I'm shocked. I mean, I know we're going to get into details. I'm shocked. We need details. Like, I really am when I watch Paul Offit and say, we've been using it. We know that it's safe. And the fact that a vaccine could cause autism is just absurd. How is it absurd? It causes if it can cause brain swelling. Everything after that, then can't that lead to seizures? Can't that lead to tics? Can't that lead to all the, you know, all these things that are, as you said, descriptions of of being on the autism spectrum? How is it there's just no way these two things come together.

[01:15:11] James Neuwander, MD, Board-Certified in Emergency and Integrative Medicine

Well, you really you know, in medicine, um, you really have to have that mechanistic pathway. How do we get from here to here? Right. Um, with with vaccines. So, I mean, that was the other part of the paper. So define what autism is. You know, it's it's autoimmune encephalitis for the majority. And we have certain things like elevation of what he was talking about these cytokines, These are things that induce inflammation. They're involved with immune response. And those are small molecules they easily transport around. But so we know for example in autism you have elevation of something called interleukin one beta. That's one of these inflammatory cytokine.

[01:15:50] Del Bigtree

Interleukin. One. Beta okay.

[01:15:52] James Neuwander, MD, Board-Certified in Emergency and Integrative Medicine

So and you know what that does. The interleukin one beta will set off a series of events that ultimately will rev up that whole immune system. So it will bring in T cells. It will activate them. It will cause local inflammation. But that's one thing we know. We know that, uh, kids on the spectrum have elevated levels of multiple cytokines in their spinal fluid. In their blood, yes, but also in their spinal fluid. So we know what happens. They have activated what are called microglia. So the brain doesn't specifically have white blood cells unless they cross the blood brain barrier to get there. But the brain has these specialized support cells called microglia, and they act like immune cells in the brain. They're involved with the inflammatory process, and we know those are activated in a lot of kids on the spectrum.

[01:16:40] Del Bigtree

So when you say activated on the spectrum, does that mean at any time in their life you can go and test them and they have these heightened, or is it right after vaccine, they're higher than normal.

[01:16:50] James Neuwander, MD, Board-Certified in Emergency and Integrative Medicine

Most of when we're talking brain studies those are postmortem. So these are people that died, that had autism, died from something so.

[01:16:59] Del Bigtree

Lived with autism. And then we just go and look at their brains and we see we have that these Interlaken beta higher and these.

[01:17:05] James Neuenschwander, MD, Board-Certified in Emergency and Integrative Medicine

Yeah. And then uh, we also had, um, Spinal tap studies. So we got spinal fluid from kids, mainly with autism. And they were able to evaluate that for the presence of these cytokines. And they were present there as well. So we know we have these inflammatory cytokines. And now we go back to aluminum and say okay, what is it about these aluminum vaccines. Could that in some way create this problem. And that was the other end of the paper. And our whole approach to this process is all right. We're going to define autism biochemically, not based on symptoms, but biochemically as uh, majority have autoimmune encephalitis, majority have elevation of certain inflammatory cytokines, including big one, interleukin one beta. But a lot of other things are off. And then over here. What is it about these aluminum adjuvants that could somehow create this. All right. And again, we've used them forever without really understanding the mechanism, which is why it's easy to say there's no way that could cause this. How on earth could this shot cause autism? It makes no sense. Well, if you take somebody down that primrose path and all of a sudden, yes, it makes a lot of sense because it turns out that the aluminum vaccines, unlike any aluminum in food or in baby formula or whatever, these are nanoparticles. They are not cleared like that. All right.

[01:18:28] Del Bigtree

So you're not eating a piece of aluminum foil.

[01:18:30] James Neuenschwander, MD, Board-Certified in Emergency and Integrative Medicine

These are like no, no, no. If I drink aluminum, my kidneys will clear. It'll be gone in 24 hours. I mean, you know, it's cleared very rapidly. When I inject aluminum a it sits in the muscle for a while. Right? This was the old theory. It just sits in the muscle and creates a local immune response. And you develop systemic antibodies based on that local immune response. Please don't vomit. Okay. Um, but it we know that these things get, um, that they stay there for a long time, but more importantly, they get taken up by white blood cells whose job it is to ingest these things. I mean, that's what they do. They clean house. And when they ingest these things, that's when the trouble starts.

[01:19:16] Del Bigtree

That's moving around the body.

[01:19:17] James Neuenschwander, MD, Board-Certified in Emergency and Integrative Medicine

Yeah, because they can take that aluminum from the thigh and traffic it up to the brain. Alright, so if I because again in my practice. Most people, when they talk about, you know, their child regressing after a vaccine. These days, it's not so much MMR. You know, it's other vaccines. And a lot of them are regressing by the time they're six months old. Wow. You know, it's early, right? So they're not getting MMR at six months. You know that's usually 12 to 15 months. Um, and so it's those earlier vaccines that, that either prime them and then maybe MMR puts them over the edge or those earlier vaccines are already creating the process. But once you have these white blood cells that are full of aluminum nanoparticles and you traffic those to the brain, then you know, trouble ensues, you're going to have a lot of problems with that because of what the nanoparticle form does.

[01:20:09] Dr. Brian Hooker, PHD, Environmental Biologist, Chemist and Professor Emeritus

Right, right, right. When you look at that, the way that, um, and it has been established that aluminum in the brain is higher in autistic subjects than compared to normal controls, there was a study that came out in In 2018 by Christopher Exley. He was the primary investigator on the study, but it was the mold et al. Study that came out in 2018, and it showed that from cadavers that autistic adults had 5 to 10 times more aluminum trapped in their brains as compared to non-autistic controls. And so we know that it's there when it gets there. Um, it will, uh, interact with a cell component called mitochondria. Mitochondria are very, very sensitive to things like depolarization. And so you have this ionic form of aluminum has a charge. It has a very, very strong intense charges plus three which is very, very strong for for heavy metal. Uh, you know, you can go plus four and that's about it after that. But plus three is very, very strong. It will tear apart the mitochondrial membrane, that mitochondrial membrane then when it's ingested and basically the cells are being damaged, then that hastens another part of the immune system that will start to ingest these damaged cells. So you get almost this cascade of the aluminum getting to the brain. It disrupts the mitochondria. The body reacts with with what what are called damage associated molecular patterns that hastens the immune system to come and clear out the gunk, clear out the damage. But at the same time, it's affecting and it is directly damaging the brain.

[01:21:54] Del Bigtree

Because that immune system, when it's involved, is an inflammatory event. Correct? So it's under attack. You have mitochondria. The charge is getting messed up. You've got this, you know, electronic circuitry getting messed with. The immune system is jumping in to try and help causing, I'm assuming, more inflammation on some level.

[01:22:11] Dr. Brian Hooker, PHD, Environmental Biologist, Chemist and Professor Emeritus

Correct. Correct. Go ahead.

[01:22:14] James Neuenschwander, MD, Board-Certified in Emergency and Integrative Medicine

No, I mean, you always have to remember, we don't have these symptoms. We don't have these systems built into our bodies so that we can all develop autism or heart attacks or encephalitis. Right? Those systems are there to clear viruses, to repair damage, to clear infections. That's what these molecular patterns were originally developed for, right? I mean, they weren't developed for aluminum nanoparticles. They weren't developed for.

[01:22:37] Del Bigtree

We weren't working walking around the planet getting injected with aluminum. Right. Our bodies weren't like, oh, I've got a solution for this.

[01:22:42] James Neuenschwander, MD, Board-Certified in Emergency and Integrative Medicine

And it's, you know, again, it's.

[01:22:43] Del Bigtree

A fairly new occurrence to the human experience is getting injected with foreign toxins. And it's not.

[01:22:50] James Neuenschwander, MD, Board-Certified in Emergency and Integrative Medicine

Just it's not just aluminum. There's all kinds of other nanoparticles. I mean, we learned with the Covid vaccines that we have lipid nanoparticles. They do the same thing. Plastic nanoparticles do the same thing. I mean, you know, I was born in 1960. We had plastic, but not really. I mean, nobody had a water bottle ever, right? So all that stuff is recent. So we have this system was beautifully designed to deal with infections and injury and that sort of stuff. And it's being co-opted by these nanoparticles. And part of the issue is you get these lipid nanoparticles, they're ingested by the white blood cells, right. And inside the white blood cells, they destabilize not just the mitochondria. They destabilize something called a lysosome. Another you should check out cells. They're pretty cool.

[01:23:32] Del Bigtree

Yeah.

[01:23:32] James Neuenschwander, MD, Board-Certified in Emergency and Integrative Medicine

Right.

[01:23:33] Del Bigtree

So you have these geeking out I know I love it.

[01:23:36] James Neuenschwander, MD, Board-Certified in Emergency and Integrative Medicine

I mean, lysosomes are, you know, you make like, fatty acids and lysosomes. You know, they have function. But these lysosomes will will leak compounds in these compounds will set off this this thing called Nlrp3, which is a danger pattern. Uh, it's supposed to recognize these molecular patterns that say there's a problem out there. Okay. So we call them danger associated molecular patterns, damp pathogen associated molecular patterns. Pamps. And there's all kinds of amps, right. It depends on what the first letter is. But that's what Nlrp3 recognizes when it recognizes.

[01:24:12] Del Bigtree

That NLR three okay. Alright got this.

[01:24:16] Dr. Brian Hooker, PHD, Environmental Biologist, Chemist and Professor Emeritus

In NLRP three is what's called an inflammasome.

[01:24:20] Del Bigtree

By the way, I told you all to be using your notebooks right now. I told you your notebooks during this segment. Just I warned you.

[01:24:28] Dr. Brian Hooker, PHD, Environmental Biologist, Chemist and Professor Emeritus

There will be a quiz at the end.

[01:24:29] Del Bigtree

There'll be a quiz.

[01:24:30] Dr. Brian Hooker, PHD, Environmental Biologist, Chemist and Professor Emeritus

So Nlrp3 is uh, I'm not going to go into the acronym. Oh my goodness. I don't even think I remember it, but an inflammasome is a protein complex. It's a complex of just proteins that are produced, you know, through transcription translation. They come together and they mediate, they initiate and they mediate inflammation. And so when these damage associated molecular patterns, these pathogen associated molecular patterns, uh, then um, are created basically from mitochondria blowing up from lysosomes, releasing compounds that are basically suicide molecules for the cell or a suicide. Yeah. There's a there's a molecule called caspase one that basically if a cell is damaged, like we got to get it out of here. So they they release this, this enzyme, caspase.

[01:25:22] Del Bigtree

Like the whole point of an immune system is to kill cells that are there to get out of here, kill it, you know, attack it. Natural killer cell like an entire immune system. Innate systems throughout the body, depending on where it's happening, is just kill that cell, it's poison, and get it out of here. It's contaminated. Right. Okay. Yeah.

[01:25:41] Dr. Brian Hooker, PHD, Environmental Biologist, Chemist and Professor Emeritus

Longer it sticks around, then the longer that hastens a response. But what happens is that the inflammasome, um, as these nanoparticles are, are sloughing off more and more aluminum salts, aluminum phosphate, aluminum sulfate. There's even one called aluminum hydroxyphosphate sulfate because scientists have long names. But as this is sloughing off, then it's a continuous process. It's continually feeding it you. You continually get damage inside the cells, then cells are getting this suicide signal. Then the Nlrp3 inflammasome steps up, and then it communicates that inflammation to the rest of the body. It communicates the whole thing. And it does absolutely end up in the brain.

[01:26:27] Del Bigtree

Yeah. Wow.

[01:26:28] James Neuenschwander, MD, Board-Certified in Emergency and Integrative Medicine

And when it happens there, you know, the Nlrp3 activation, uh, gets the caspase one level elevated. That's not, you know, cell signaling. That's not the normal cell death signal. That's a different one. That's caspase three. But caspase one, uh, has a different mode of cell death. So apoptosis is what the term we use for organized cell death. That is gentle kind of kinder way to get rid of a cell. It just sort of, uh, self digests, it doesn't explode, it doesn't cause inflammation. But with the Nlrp3 type activation under the right circumstances, it creates a process called necroptosis Pyroptosis. Pyroptosis is a different mechanism of cell death, and in that mechanism, like Brian was talking about with the mitochondria, the cell membrane itself gets porous and stuff comes into the cell. The cell basically explodes. And that's going to create a lot of local inflammation. Plus guess what's released with Nlrp3 activation and caspase one. We talked about it earlier interleukin one beta. Right. So there's there's a direct link. And then all the local inflammation not that caspase one directly is going to activate these T lymphocytes that we found on the autoimmune encephalitis paper. But it's going to create that local inflammation. You know rising tide raises all ships. It's going to increase the inflammation. You're going to have much more activation of those types of white blood cells. And again, the paper on autoimmune encephalitis very specifically talked about CD8 cytotoxic T cells and the fact that there was high levels of something called granzyme, which is an enzyme released by those cells that is punctured into cells and blows the cell up, just digests the cell from inside out. And again, why would you do that? Because normally the danger signal is help me, I'm full of nasty viruses that are going to kill you. Let's do something about it. And the cytotoxic T cell says, got you, buddy. Been good to know you.

[01:28:38] Del Bigtree

This is the guy that stays behind, takes on all the aliens and says, run for your lives. Get the hell out of here. Right, right, right, right, right. I got this, pulls the grenade, blows himself up. That's exactly what saves the day.

[01:28:48] James Neuenschwander, MD, Board-Certified in Emergency and Integrative Medicine

Yeah, saves the day.

[01:28:49] Del Bigtree

So is there any good? I mean, this all sounds really bad. Do NRP threes have benefits to the brain? Is there anything that these things do that you know when it's when it's for the right reasons. It's got a good outcome.

[01:29:03] Dr. Brian Hooker, PHD, Environmental Biologist, Chemist and Professor Emeritus

Inflammation is there in order to clean out the gunk in order to get rid of cell debris and and and do you know, sort of the, the attack against the viruses. So. So in an infection situation. Yeah. Yeah. Absolutely. But when you're bombarding the body over and over again at birth, at two months, at four months, at six months, you know, over a milligram of aluminum, um, at two months, four months and six months, when you look at the cumulative exposure and then at 12 months, 15 months and 18 months, all these are critical neurological periods. And so, you know, the body really cannot keep up. And I think that's one of the reasons why Doctor Njoo is seeing, um, autism earlier. You know, kids are regressing earlier, uh, when my son regressed, regressed, there were not that many vaccines at two months or four months and six months. Now they're loading them up with seven, you know, 6 or 7 needle sticks per visit.

[01:30:05] Del Bigtree

Right. Never been tested, by the way, at one time

[01:30:07] James Neuenschwander, MD, Board-Certified in Emergency and Integrative Medicine

I mean, the other key part of Nlrp3 because like I said, you know, we we don't have cholesterol, so it can all die of heart attacks. We don't have Nlrp3 so we can all get encephalitis, right. So the key thing with Nlrp3 in terms of brain development. And this is back to that question. If I get encephalitis when I'm 65 versus when I'm one, is there, you know, what's the risk of autism. It's going to be much higher at age one. Right? I'm not going to do it at 65. Nlrp3 activation is involved with this process called synaptic pruning right. So the way the brain develops is you're going to have these neurons. And these neurons are just going to throw out a whole bunch of connections. They're going to connect whatever.

[01:30:49] Del Bigtree

They're seeing them.

[01:30:49] James Neuenschwander, MD, Board-Certified in Emergency and Integrative Medicine
Everywhere.

[01:30:50] Del Bigtree

Reaching out. It's going to be all information. Yeah.

[01:30:52] James Neuenschwander, MD, Board-Certified in Emergency and Integrative Medicine

And then what you have to do is you have to start trimming back the things you're not using. Right. You know, I always use hearing as an example, like if we're sitting in a room and we actually heard every noise in the room. We would never be able to concentrate on anything. So we have the ability to block out some of those noises that sort of pruning the the auditory input.

[01:31:15] Del Bigtree

The needed information and get rid of all that.

[01:31:17] James Neuenschwander, MD, Board-Certified in Emergency and Integrative Medicine

So we stick with the pathways that are important and we prune the ones that we don't need. Right. So the most important window of synaptic pruning is in that three months to 18 months window, when we're again we're bombarding these kids. You know, they're they get that.

[01:31:33] Del Bigtree

Lrp is what is part of that synaptic pruning in nature. Like naturally no vaccines involved right. It's in there pruning.

[01:31:41] James Neuenschwander, MD, Board-Certified in Emergency and Integrative Medicine

Yeah we use that process. That's one of the processes we use to create synaptic pruning. Alright. Because again how are you going to take away connections. You've got to get rid of the extensions of the neuron. You know we call them dendrites. We have to get rid of those. So how are you going to get rid of that. Well you have to have controlled destruction of tissue. All right. You don't want the thing blowing up, but you just say, well, no, let's get rid of this little tendril over here. Let's get rid of this thread over here. And by doing that, you're doing it in.

[01:32:12] Del Bigtree

The same time this is happening in the brain. In this new infant, we're injecting a product that is now inciting more Nlrp3. What? Like adding the time where it's going through this very delicate pruning process. Hey, let's just flood the brain with even more of this. Is it a chemical? What would be the word to call it?

[01:32:33] Dr. Brian Hooker, PHD, Environmental Biologist, Chemist and Professor Emeritus

It's aluminum. I'm sorry. Go ahead. No, no.

[01:32:36] Del Bigtree

Nlrp3.

[01:32:37] Dr. Brian Hooker, PHD, Environmental Biologist, Chemist and Professor Emeritus

Nlrp3 is a is a is a just a complex of many, many individual proteins that come together and then control and steer that process. But when you dysregulate that process then Dendrites don't get pruned. Others get over pruned. There are areas of over pruning and under pruning. Generally under pruning leads to massive, massive connectivity. And then you get children like my son who does here and does pick up and does process every noise that he hears in the room.

[01:33:09] Del Bigtree

This is why we see the kids in grocery stores and things that have to wear the earphones around. There's just they can't block out. They're just hearing every sound. Almost super. They're like superheroes, like like Superman must go crazy. Actually hearing everything through walls. And we just never got to that part of the issue. Interesting.

[01:33:27] James Neuenschwander, MD, Board-Certified in Emergency and Integrative Medicine

No. You know, again, it's I don't know, it's human hubris that that we think we can come up with a product that we're going to inject that doesn't have side effects. I mean, I don't think any person who a vaccinologist, a virologist, whoever they are, is going to say, yeah, there's there's this one thing that doesn't cause any side effects. I think everybody recognizes that. It's just they live in this world of delusion where the side effects are local irritation, local inflammation, and maybe 1 in 1,000,000 bouts of.

[01:33:59] Del Bigtree

That would have been fine 100 years ago. And that's where I'm with Paul Offit. All these people. You're wearing blinders now. We are as. So all you really did is you just said, let's take everything we know about aluminum. Aluminum adjuvants. What are they inciting? What is it? What is it known to do in the body? Let's go over here and look at what is really defining characteristics of autism on a molecular and chemical level, not just the symptoms we see, but what do we know is happening inside of the brain when we do brain scans, brain studies, all of this. And so you said we know that we're having an immune activation inflammatory event. We've seen that in 65% of the brains. We know that three is what prunes the brain at this very fragile, super important time in the baby's life. And we know aluminum is inciting that and increasing that process. And this has every ability to dysregulate it. If you go in and jump in and start monkeying around at this very critical time. So could we say that? So are you saying this paper proves that aluminum causes autism?

[01:35:12] Dr. Brian Hooker, PHD, Environmental Biologist, Chemist and Professor Emeritus

We went through a series of nine steps called the Bradford Hill criteria, and that's where the paper ended. You know, that was, uh, the and we wanted to make it crystal clear that from a legal causation basis.

[01:35:27] Del Bigtree

Is this sort of like Koch's postulates.

[01:35:30] James Neuenschwander, MD, Board-Certified in Emergency and Integrative Medicine

Sort of replaced Koch's postulates. Koch's postulates really don't apply to a lot of things that are current.

[01:35:35] Del Bigtree

But it's a way to test a hypothesis all the way out. If this yes, then this, then yes, then.

[01:35:42] James Neuenschwander, MD, Board-Certified in Emergency and Integrative Medicine

This, cause.

[01:35:43] Del Bigtree

This. Okay. Right, right, right. And nine.

[01:35:46] Dr. Brian Hooker, PHD, Environmental Biologist, Chemist and Professor Emeritus

Nine different steps. And in each one of these validation steps then we could show that aluminum was linked to autism. You know, some of them involve epidemiology. Some of them involve biochemistry. Some of them involve reproducibility, some of them involve similarity with animal models and things like that. And so you step through all of these criteria. It was developed by a gentleman by the name of Sir Bradford Hill in 1965. And that has been the gold standard that, like the Institute of Medicine, now the National Academy of Medicine, has used in order to rank causation between vaccines and vaccine adverse events. So we went, you know, we went to basically what the National Academies considers the Bible or what's the proof in the pudding? And that was the Bradford Hill criteria and that.

[01:36:39] James Neuenschwander, MD, Board-Certified in Emergency and Integrative Medicine

Yeah. And that that's really the icing on the cake. So it's not just a bunch of, you know, terms and cellular mechanisms and everything, but to just to show that, yes, there are circumstances and again, we didn't really talk about the susceptibility. But you know, we talked about the genetic susceptibility as well that a lot of these kids, they don't clear aluminum very well. They don't detox very well. You know there are certain genes associated with autism that are also um they have more inflammation.

[01:37:08] Del Bigtree

Healthy kid is going to be clearing that aluminum out of the body faster. Or not healthy a kid that's not as prone to autism. Right? Right, right.

[01:37:16] James Neuenschwander, MD, Board-Certified in Emergency and Integrative Medicine

And you know, these things are changing over time. But, you know, Brian, we should have had him be an author. We could have shaved about 32 pages off our article.

[01:37:23] Dr. Brian Hooker, PHD, Environmental Biologist, Chemist and Professor Emeritus

No kidding. Well, we really all we needed was a title and a figure. Absolutely fine.

[01:37:29] Del Bigtree

Brian, when we were talking on the phone before you came on with this. I mean, you've done some very, very important work in this space. Maybe the most prolific scientist with all the studies you've written books Robert Kennedy Jr, VAXXED versus Unvaxxed. You've you've analyzed so many studies around the world that maybe weren't even looking at that. But you said, look, you have a VAX versus a Unvaxxed cohort. You didn't even know it. What did we find there? Some incredible work. But you said to me on the phone, I think this may be the most important study or work that I've ever done in my life. Why? Why are you saying that?

[01:38:05] Dr. Brian Hooker, PHD, Environmental Biologist, Chemist and Professor Emeritus

Because this captures the essence of what is going on with these children. You know, we are we are in an era where the the toxic load is getting higher and higher and higher and higher and higher, and then the genetic susceptibility, the bar for genetic susceptibility. My son was diagnosed with autism in 2000 was much, much higher. He had you know, we looked at genetically, you know, it was very, very difficult for him not to have autism. But now once that toxic load then increases and then you get, you know, then less and less genetic susceptibility comes into play, then you get an epidemic. And to me looking at this and and we used we used AI a lot for this particular paper. Don't worry we didn't use AI to write the paper. And we checked all the references. But we did, um, ingest about 700 articles. And what came out of that? And what then we, we found was the biggest problem that we felt with the vaccination schedule. Not all the problems with the vaccination schedule, but the biggest problem currently to date, if you are a child, participating in the vaccination schedule would be the aluminum adjuvant. And to me, that was really enlightening.

[01:39:26] Del Bigtree

It's almost like the people that have been making these vaccines could have predicted it. This is Paul Offit just a few weeks ago. Let's take a look at this.

[01:39:33] Dr. Paul Offit, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

If you alter the vaccine injury compensation program and make no doubt about the fact that that is Robert F Kennedy Jr. S interest. He's already hired a law firm out of Arizona that has an expertise in the vaccine injury compensation program with a goal towards altering it and what I predict is going to happen. And so I'm going to make something you should never do on any sort of podcast. I'm going to make a prediction. Here's my prediction in the the probably by no later than early next year, maybe the spring of next year, you are going to see Robert F Kennedy Junior holding up some paper that he's going to publish in a journal that is, is, uh, a fringe journal. I'll put that nicely. Um, the journal that he uses called science, Public Health and the law, which can publish, which has an editorial board that consists solely of anti-vaccine activists. So he's going to publish this this paper that says that, that aluminum adjuvants in vaccines are causing harm. Now, aluminum adjuvants are in seven different vaccines given to young children. Unlike thimerosal, where you can just go from multi-dose to single dose vials, there's no taking aluminum adjuvants out of vaccines. There are certain vaccines that just need adjuvants to get a better immune response. He's then what he's then going to do is he's going to say, see, it's causing autism, asthma, eczema, whatever. And he's going to either add that to the to the vaccine injury compensation program, which will break that program, or he will take vaccines out of the vaccine injury compensation program and say, I don't think they should get the protection of that program. Let's leave them open to the slings and arrows of outrageous civil litigation.

[01:41:03] Del Bigtree

It's it's uncanny the way he was able to pull aluminum out of the ethers as the paper that would come forward. Now, of course, Bobby didn't put this paper out. You guys are. But there's several things wrong with what he does. First of all, if there is an issue, if you have half a brain, it's going to be aluminum. If you look at the studies that have not been done and I've covered, this is probably the body of work that I can represents is just the ocean of studies that were not done, not the mountain of studies that they say were done. It's the absolute like the opposite, you know, no studies done really looking this, you're finally looking at it. But when he says essentially that would be the end of the vaccine program. Um, to me, you see a horrifying bias in that statement, meaning we can never land on aluminum being a problem because it is in too many of our vaccines. And if we had to replace that element, then the entire program would come crashing down. So I don't know if that makes people feel like comfortable, but what I see is that means everyone that has ever supported this product will go out of their way to make sure we never, ever come to the conclusion aluminum is a problem, or that conclusion means this whole vaccine program is a problem. Am I hearing that wrong? I mean.

[01:42:25] James Neuwander, MD, Board-Certified in Emergency and Integrative Medicine

I think you have to look at it a few different ways. I mean, the whole assumption of this is that vaccines are the only answer, right? And so we all know that there are many other things we can do to help control disease, right? It's not the center for Disease Control and On prevention. It's the center for vaccines. I mean, that's what the CDC has become. They don't look at any other way to control outbreaks, any other things they can do for the population to lessen morbidity and mortality of these diseases. Right. And a lot of us are very concerned that if measles broke out today, given where we're at, it probably would be a problem. You know, I agree with that. It's not it's not necessarily the benign disease it was when I was a kid and had it because we have all this other stuff in the environment. So that's one of the big things there. But the second thing is if you take aluminum out, what are you putting in? Because regardless of what you put in, all the adjuvants they have still have this similar mechanism.

[01:43:23] Del Bigtree

Inflammation, just how you get the immune system to go.

[01:43:27] James Neuenschwander, MD, Board-Certified in Emergency and Integrative Medicine

So, you know, it always drives me nuts when we have a, a, um, you know, a study like the, the, the aluminum and asthma study. Right. So they do this study and it came out on study. It came out positive. So what do they do? They run to Denmark and say, let's do a study in Denmark. Well guess what? Dude, you know. Do they give hepatitis B in Denmark? No. No. When do they give the first vaccine in Denmark? At one day old. At two months old? No, three months is the earliest. Three months. Six months. So by six months, they've had two sets of vaccines.

[01:44:00] Del Bigtree

So how much synaptic pruning got to happen in Denmark before we messed with it?

[01:44:05] James Neuenschwander, MD, Board-Certified in Emergency and Integrative Medicine

Bingo. Right. Exactly right. So if you're going to run to Denmark, then do Denmark's vaccine schedule. Right. You don't have the issues, and you covered this. You don't have the issues in Denmark with the vaccine schedule that we have here, it's not mandatory. You can vaccinate or not vaccinate, right? Most people choose to. But you don't have all this friction and all the issues we have in the United States where you can't even say, well, maybe you should study that, you heretic. We've been using these for over 100 years. They've been proven to be safe and effective. Why? Well, we've been using them, and everybody's okay. Really? Have you looked at the health of our children? Right. I mean, I'm the president of the Medical Academy of Pediatrics and Special Needs. That's all we do. You know, we have a we have a conference coming up. It's completely sold out because the need to have practitioners.

[01:44:58] Del Bigtree

Let's talk about that. We've got the Maps conference coming up really quick right here. There it is. Certainly if you're a doctor, you I think you missed that is pretty much packed out there, which is exciting news that the work you're doing, so many doctors want to learn about this, to start looking at special needs and how that's, you know, you know, being affected in pediatrics. But there's also parents program in there.

[01:45:20] James Neuenschwander, MD, Board-Certified in Emergency and Integrative Medicine

Yeah. So we're for the first time we're doing a parent conference as well. You know, because you know to me what's going to change medicine. Are the parents, you know, the parents demanding things from their doctors that that would change things overnight. Right. Doctors are just going to do what we're told or what the parents want us to do. But if the parents are on board with what we're talking about, that would change everything. You know, we need, you know, what would it be like to have 60 million? Brian Hooker's walking into your office. All right. You know, you're going to change your mind about vaccines because he's going to educate you about you, educate you about it. Right? So the parent conference is the first time we're doing it. There are still spaces available for that. I believe we have a discount code for people who are 20 to get 20% off the admission for that, but it's the first time we're doing it. But again, it's going to be the same sort of science based presentation that we do for the doctors, just not quite as dense. Um, and, you know.

[01:46:13] Del Bigtree

And I won't be there to make it make sense.

[01:46:16] James Neuenschwander, MD, Board-Certified in Emergency and Integrative Medicine

What are we going to do? What are we going to do?

[01:46:18] James Neuenschwander, MD, Board-Certified in Emergency and Integrative Medicine

No, I mean, the beautiful thing about the doctor part of it. And it's just it's the demand part. I mean, this is not the first conference we've sold out. We've just sold it out earlier than our previous two. Alright. So we sold out the last three conferences. We keep increasing space, which can be a problem because we have to find hotels big enough to have space for us. We're not quite to the convention center size yet, and it just tells you that there's a demand out there that people like the American Academy of Pediatrics are not meeting.

[01:46:46] Del Bigtree

That people know that.

[01:46:48] James Neuenschwander, MD, Board-Certified in Emergency and Integrative Medicine

They're not meeting that demand.

[01:46:49] Del Bigtree

I mean, the fact that they'd be against the Denmark study, I find this hilarious. They'll all point to the Denmark study. We'll look at the Denmark study. They didn't see autism. Well, but then why do you have a problem going with Denmark? Vaccine program. Right, right. You can't have it both ways. Brian, I want to ask you, just as a sort of final question, because, you know, I know Doctor New works with these children. But as you're doing work like this, it's so personal for you. You know, your son's a huge part of your life. His, you know, regression into autism probably changed your career trajectory forever. But as you it's almost like, you know, Raiders of the Lost Ark. You're unpacking these details in a study like this is this moment that what you finally discover is really the cause of this horrific event in your own family. What is that like as you sort of come in on, you know, understanding this more and more as you reflect on the moment it happened with your own son.

[01:47:44] Dr. Brian Hooker, PHD, Environmental Biologist, Chemist and Professor Emeritus

We do not want anyone to go through what these families have gone through and what my family went through personally. You know, I remember, um, getting my first, uh, result back from when they did a hair metals test for my son. His his he did not have a first baby haircut. His first baby haircut was a hair metals test. And so it was it was really poignant. It was really, really difficult because we were trimming his hair in order to send the trim, the trimmings in. And when it came back, it showed that he was so mercury toxic that his hair would be considered a hazardous waste. And so he was detoxifying that mercury. Fortunately, you know, that's how that hair, skin, nails is how mercury is detoxed. Urine, feces. But it's such a poignant moment that I lived through. And I remember getting those results, you know, getting actually getting the paper results from the doctor's office and just just crumbling down on the bathroom floor and just sobbing. Um, because we knew at that point that it was, you cannot un autism a kid. You cannot unvaccinated your child. You just cannot. Once that vaccine is in, it's going to do frank damage. And frankly, with the vaccine schedule today, uh, you know, prior to Secretary Kennedy, no one gets a pass. There's damage that is done to every single child, whether you know it, whether you recognize it or not. And so if we can prevent that, we can prevent that happening. That's a good day.

[01:49:26] Del Bigtree

It really is. What an incredible work you both are doing. It's just an honor to know you. I want to thank you for taking the time to join us today. If you'll stick around for off the record. Brian, I understand you got yourself in trouble. You got written up in the Guardian for catching measles. You came down to Texas and the measles outbreak and actually was running around with measles. Is that right?

[01:49:47] Dr. Brian Hooker, PHD, Environmental Biologist, Chemist and Professor Emeritus

I had the measles. I wasn't running around. Uh, I did.

[01:49:51] Del Bigtree

Hold that thought. We're going to talk about it off the record. I want to thank you both for joining us. Look, if you want to see what the Maps program is all about and this conference that's coming up and all the great work that these doctors and scientists are doing in pediatrics around special needs and special needs is skyrocketing, unfortunately, around this planet. So odds are it affects you or someone near you. Take a look at this.

[01:50:16] Female Speaker

If you are a parent or caregiver of a child with autism or other chronic health conditions, and you want to take a deep dive into the root causes of these conditions, as well as effective therapies to improve the health, behavior and development of your child. You will definitely want to consider attending or tuning in virtually to the first ever parent forum at the upcoming Maps conference. That's the Medical Academy for Pediatric Special Needs, and it's taking place in Charlotte, North Carolina on March 15th. Registration link is below. My name is Lauren McDonnell and I've been a pediatric nurse for over 40 years, and maps is absolutely the best children's health conference I've ever attended. At this upcoming one and a half day parent forum, you'll find world renowned physicians discussing research based approaches for helping children achieve their maximum level of health and well-being. I hope to see you there.

[01:51:14] Del Bigtree

Well, tap yourself on the back for being the most intelligent news audience out there. I'm sure you're taking notes. What an incredible dive we just did. But, you know, the long and the short of it. Sometimes I even said going. I'm not sure if I understand all this, but one thing is clear. You two dudes are brilliant, and you're obviously on to something. You're connecting the science together. I mean, I know we get the gist of most of that, but to be finding the mechanism now, we are getting really close to this entirely crashing down forever for good. Once people get it, once you start introducing to everyone you know, to the high wire so that they're ready with their little notebooks, which I know you're going to buy at the store. But once everyone's taking notes and we're all able to talk about this stuff, then we don't have to worry about politics anymore. There's too many people that are in the know. There's too many people asking important questions of their doctor, and there's too many people in government that will be saying, you know what? Bureaucrats shouldn't be making these decisions for you. This is your decision to make. You can educate yourself. You should be educated. You should be having an intelligent conversation with your doctor. It's one of my favorite parts of really, this Senate hearing over the latest introduction to the or potential introduction to newest team member at, um, the health department I'm talking about, Casey Means. Look what she had to say when getting grilled by the Senate.

[01:52:47] Bill Cassidy, MD, (R) US Senator for Louisiana

We've had two children die from measles in West Texas. We've now had an outbreak of like a thousand children almost in South Carolina area. Um, you're a mom. We're on verge. We're on the verge of losing our measles elimination status. Would you encourage other mothers to have their children vaccinated against measles with the MMR vaccine?

[01:53:10] Casey Means, MD, Nominee for US Surgeon General

Like you, I'm a physician. I believe vaccines save lives. I believe that vaccines are a key part of every public of any infectious disease, public health strategy. Uh, and I would work with you, the CDC, the NIH, ASAP. But would you FDA.

[01:53:26] Bill Cassidy, MD, (R) US Senator for Louisiana

Mothers to vaccinate their children with the MMR vaccine, seeing how we've had children die. And this outbreak in South Carolina.

[01:53:33] Casey Means, MD, Nominee for US Surgeon General

I'm supportive of vaccination. I, I do believe that each patient. Mother or parent, needs to have a conversation with their pediatrician about any medication they're putting in their body or their children's bodies.

[01:53:44] Bill Cassidy, MD, (R) US Senator for Louisiana

Doctor, would you encourage her to have her child vaccinated?

[01:53:47] Casey Means, MD, Nominee for US Surgeon General

I'm not an individual's doctor, and every individual needs to talk to their doctor before putting a medication in their body. I absolutely am supportive of of of the measles vaccine. And I do believe vaccines save lives and are important part of the public health strategy.

[01:54:00] Bill Cassidy, MD, (R) US Senator for Louisiana

We've had a tough flu season this year. Would you, as past surgeon generals, have encouraged Americans to get vaccinated with the flu vaccine?

[01:54:09] Casey Means, MD, Nominee for US Surgeon General

At the risk of sounding repetitive, I do think it's very important as a physician and to rebuild trust in public health to make sure that patients are encouraged to have informed consent with their doctor before getting any medication. I believe vaccines save lives. I believe they are an important part of public health. I also do not want to not encourage patients to have a conversation with their doctor. I think it's incredibly important, and informed consent is going to be part of building trust in public health.

[01:54:40] Del Bigtree

Well, you know, when these moments happen, I've had a lot of reporters reach out to me and see what I think, and they'll point out the fact that obviously Cassidy, who was really just Bobby Kennedy, barely got past Senator Cassidy in order to be HHS secretary. It's a heck of a gantlet sitting in that space trying to answer questions honestly, I think. You know, I think Casey means I know her to be an honest person. So is Robert Kennedy Junior. But I you know, maybe I have a little bit of a bias since this is the informed consent Action Network that we work for. This is an educational program for the nonprofit Informed Consent Action Network that I founded all the way back in 2016. Informed consent is everything now. The reporters that are asking me questions, well, you know, there's people, you know, in your movement or in the, you know, the anti-vaccine movement that will say that they don't like the fact that she says she believes in vaccines. I say, look, everyone, this is a free country. Everyone should have their opinion. But one thing that we stand for that, Erin Siri that, you know, does the work in courtrooms stands for is your right to choose? Erin said it. You have a right to vaccinate if you want to vaccinate, and you have a right to avoid those vaccines. We shouldn't be telling each other what to do. We shouldn't certainly shouldn't have government agencies deciding what choices they're going to make for us.

[01:56:00] Del Bigtree

I love it when, you know, Cassidy asks her, you know, well, you're going to you know, you'd be Surgeon General, you'd be the nation's doctor. Can't you recommend the MMR vaccine? She's like, But I'm not the patient's doctor. And I think that that is critical. That is at the basis of this entire conversation. Hippocrates. The Hippocratic oath do no harm. What that meant was, I am here for the patient sitting in front of me, not for the vast body or the greater good of everyone else. And you might die. I can't worry about that. The entire point of the Hippocratic Oath is that I am dealing with the patient right in front of me. I am listening to what is going on in their body. I'm studying their history, their family history of potential vaccine injuries, which as more and more science comes out, I think Brian Hooker is going to prove to be exactly right. Nobody is surviving this program. It's just varying degrees of injury that is happening. We have never seen kids this sick. But I will say, you know, I hope that Casey Means does get approved. And I hope that she goes on to be Surgeon General. I think she'd be dynamic. Obviously, her focus is food. Her and Carly Means wrote an incredible book. They've done a lot of great work on our food supply. I love the Eat real food campaign that Robert Kennedy Jr is on right now with with the Maha movement.

[01:57:19] Del Bigtree

Food is important. Is it everything? We're not going to stop doing our work. We're going to keep showing the science around vaccines. But I'll be honest, I'm not under some delusion that one day vaccines are going to be wiped off the planet. There's always people that will believe in things, whether or not they're smart to do. I mean, I've said, look, I ski, I just broke my rib skiing. I'm still going to ski with my kids. You can have whatever opinion you want about that, but that's how I'm raising my kids. That's what I believe in. This is a free country. We're supposed to be a beacon of light and hope for the entire world to show what freedom looks like, which means we can have conversations, we can disagree, and ultimately live with each other and cherish the fact that we are so diverse in our perspectives that we can look at one single issue, like vaccinations, and have completely different perspectives on it. That's what we're talking about here. That is why all of these great experts come to The HighWire, because they know they're going to get an honest take. They're going to get to speak their mind and say exactly what happens and even get into the weeds, more than any other channel or network is going to let them do. I hope maybe one day Casey Means gets to sit here and I'll have some questions for her too.

[01:58:29] Del Bigtree

But we should be happy. I mean, no matter what, there's a lot going on. But Donald Trump did pick Robert Kennedy Jr. He did allow Robert Kennedy Jr, for the first time ever, the HHS secretary, to select his cabinet members. What doesn't happen all the time. I love many of the things that Doctor Marty Makary is saying. I love many of the things that Doctor Oz, Doctor Jay Bhattacharya was, you know, one of the lead authors of the Great Barrington Declaration, and he's now in there at the CDC. These are powerful individuals. So as much as we're going to call out the mistakes and the missteps, let's also remind ourselves that there are some good decisions being making. And we're, you know, made and we're seeing people in government that never, ever in a million years would have been there before. So let's celebrate those moments and let's pray for Casey Means that she gets confirmed because I think she'll be a great surgeon general. This is The HighWire. We're going to keep following the news as it happens, especially those things we can do something about. I hope you get up every morning knowing you're powerful, knowing you can make a difference in this world. That's what it means to be a part of the Informed Consent Action Network. Stay tuned and I'll see you next week.

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