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[00:00:45] Jenn Sherry Parry, Executive Producer
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 for us all to step out into the Highwire. Well, I don't know about you, but this last week. Whew. That was a crazy ride, wasn't it? I mean, first you got, like, ships running into each other, planes being shut down, grounded. Maybe your bank account shut down. Or perhaps your phone just stopped working. It just felt like every single day you're like, what is going on? I'm going to I'm going to let Jefferey Jaxen really do the deep dive into all the details on that. But I personally just keep asking myself, is this AI? Is this it? Is this our new AI future? Is this what happens when you bring AI online? I really don't know. And I know Jefferey is going to get into some of the details, but we've been talking a lot. When you think about AI, there's a lot of different stories. One of them, it's like this godlike genius mind that's going to turn us all into house cats and then decide whether we deserve to live or not. There's certainly that problem, and that might be on our horizon. But then there's this other idea that it's a total disaster, can't do anything that they say it can do, or that we're overly invested in it. It's just a giant bubble and it's about to pop. Well, you know, if any of what is going on in our world right now has to do with AI, then certainly it seems to have some flaws. And if it's not an actually good product, how invested in it are we? I mean, not just America, but the world. And could that have as almost as devastating effect on our lives as if it was, you know, a diabolical mind setting out to destroy what our economy, our lives, our planes, our energy. Anyway, it's what's in the news this side of it. Is it a bubble about to pop? Take a look at this.

[00:02:45] Male Speaker
Where on earth are we in AI right now?

[00:02:48] Male Speaker
Almost everybody agrees it is a bubble. Why hasn't it popped yet?

[00:02:53] Male Speaker
You do think we're in a bubble, don't you?

[00:02:54] Mark Cuban, American Businessman and Entrepreneur
I think we're in a bubble. What causes it to burst? I have no idea.

[00:03:00] Male News Correspondent
The AI boom isn't just powering America's economy, it's helping keep the global economy afloat. But what happens if that boom goes bust?

[00:03:07] Female News Correspondent
Amazon, AMD. Broadcom, meta, Microsoft, Nvidia, Oracle and SpaceX have a whopping 3.7 trillion with a T trillion dollars in debt.

[00:03:19] Male News Correspondent
Ai stocks have been taking a beating. Investors are getting nervous, and anthropic decides that this is the moment to go public. Who's drinking the Kool-Aid here?

[00:03:30] Dennis Dick, Chief Market Strategist, Stock Trader Network
It's an interesting timing, to say the least.

[00:03:33] Male News Correspondent
Some financial institutions have stopped giving out loans to AI companies. That means the bubble is inches away from bursting. Once you see the size of the danger here in this AI bubble, it is super scary.

[00:03:49] Del Bigtree
Well, he's a former BlackRock portfolio manager and the founding partner for Finance Technologies. I'm happy to be joined right now by Edward Dowd. Ed, thanks for joining us today.

[00:04:01] Edward Dowd, Former Blackrock Equity Portfolio Manager
Yeah. Great to see you again.

[00:04:03] Del Bigtree
You too. You know, I have been wanting to have a conversation with you for quite some time because this is not when I watched a report like that. Frankly, I think for most of us it might as well be Chinese. You know, if you're not really following what the mechanics of finance are, how invested in this we are. But I obviously we all learned what you were capable of when you started making predictions throughout Covid of the vaccine, not from the emotional place we're all coming from, but just on where people are investing, how that product was working out. So I was wondering if maybe you could, you know, bring this into some terms we can understand. Um, how likely is it AI is going to prove to be a bubble that has the potential to pop.

[00:04:50] Edward Dowd, Former Blackrock Equity Portfolio Manager
Uh, so let's do a 30,000 foot view. Okay. This is an infrastructure build out, a new technology infrastructure build out. And like all new technology infrastructure builds out there, characteristically defined by boom and bust and the, the, the, the boom is in the infrastructure build out. It creates a circular financing. It feeds on itself. And at the end of the day, the credit markets end the party because what happens is the end demand doesn't show up as quickly as people expect. Pricing collapses, and then there's investment losses. But then over time, there is a great benefit to the economy over time. And the telecom equipment infrastructure build out. And the.com era was emblematic of that. We overbuilt, the fiber companies went bankrupt. But then from that, that bubble burst. Great new businesses were built upon it. Apple. The cheap broadband allowed the smartphone Google IPO after the.com bust. Facebook, you name it, a whole bunch of new wealth was created after. But this is a cycle. I'm a big believer in cycles and I'm going to say this right now. The bubble has officially burst and we're in the cleanup phase. And it's going to take a couple of years to unwind and it's going to affect the economy. And there'll be vicious, violent hope rallies. But in my humble opinion, it's burst. The credit markets ended the party. And that's that's really the end of the story. And we're going to see this unwind over the next two years.

[00:06:24] Del Bigtree
What and so weird that you're saying that on the day that anthropic is now just gone public. What effect, if any, is that going to have? Does that state is there a reason they're doing that now? I mean, if you're right, they must have, you know, analytics. They're looking at the same thing. Why would this be the moment to jump into the market?

[00:06:44] Edward Dowd, Former Blackrock Equity Portfolio Manager
They need they need the money to continue funding their growth. And they saw their growth internally slowing. When they initially filed their S-1, they left out Q3 numbers through September. A lot of people said that was on purpose, and then they included them in a subsequent update, and it showed sequential growth slowing. And so this is classic new technology infrastructure Overexuberance. The growth doesn't come in as expected. The bond markets are overextended and there's a clean up period. But this is a real technology. And you know Jefferey's going to talk about what's going on currently. So I'm a long term goal. But in the next two years there's going to be a lot of money lost. And it's you know, the economy has already been weak for quite some time. This is kind of the last thing holding up the US economy. And now we have unfortunately this is going to burst. We have a housing problem. And then overseas China is in an acute recession. So this is going to be a very tough 2027 from an investment standpoint. But again uh, you know, you shouldn't worry if you've been prepared for this and have some cash on the sidelines. You shouldn't, you know, get all anxious. The world is going to continue to go on. We're going to continue to see good things, hopefully on the, uh, the Covid vaccine front. Now that Siouxsie Wiles is gone. So, you know, as we roll through this, the idea is to be prepared and not in anxiety and fear and live your daily life and go about your business. So don't, don't, don't be in fear that we all know what happened to people who got into fear during Covid. So you just have clarity, have purpose of mind, know what's happening. The bubble has officially burst according to what I look at. And then, you know, they won't tell you. The bubbles burst until after most of the damage is done.

[00:08:33] Del Bigtree
Well, that's my thing, right? No matter what we're looking at the world. I just I've now been reporting on enough of the different issues that we run into to know that we're just not being told the truth, usually until it's way past due. And even then I think it's only partial truths. Can I ask you? One of the questions that I struggle with understanding is, how does AI end up making money? Because right now it's almost like they're giving this thing away for free. I have friends that are building amazing companies are saying, I got the work of 20 people is being done by this AI. And I'm like, but are they actually paying for what that AI should be costing them? The amount of energy being used? When I see that we have all these data centers that need to be built, when I sit, I meet someone that says, I've built 150 agents that all triangulate exactly how my company should be moving. That's all energy. That's all money. And I don't see them paying for it. So how much of the issue is going to be when they finally have to charge us? I mean, don't their investors need to get to a place where they say, enough with the free give away the products in everybody's hands, everyone's moving their companies into it. At what point will we start being charged or are we being charged? Or is there going to be a giant balloon payment that hits a lot of people that are using this? Is that inside of your perspective for what you're looking at right now?

[00:09:55] Edward Dowd, Former Blackrock Equity Portfolio Manager
Well, so the biggest problem right now is that they were over enthusiastic on the revenue assumptions. They had been subsidizing the cost of AI to get adoption going. But then what they didn't count on was open source models, which started crushing pricing all over the globe. So it's a double whammy. Uh, the growth isn't as fast as they thought it would be. And pricing is collapsing. So what's going to happen is a lot of investors, investors currently in the AI ecosystem are going to lose a lot of money. Eventually, a lot of these businesses will be recapitalized for pennies on the dollar. And then we'll have as long as we don't overregulate here and eliminate open source, we'll have cheap AI upon which a lot of value will be built. There were a lot of telecom companies that started laying fiber. There were all these projections that were going to make a ton of money. That didn't happen. A lot of these companies went bankrupt, but then we had cheap broadband upon which the economy thrived. I see a similar situation. Unless there is this attempt to only have a duopoly of anthropic and open AI, which is currently, uh, you know, being floated. They're going to watch what the what happens in Congress if we see regulatory capture. We could be seeing high priced AI, which would not help the economy. But I'm optimistic. I think the free markets will win out and out of the wreckage of of, you know, what happens in the next two years. It'll be a great boon to the economy. But there's going to be pain first.

[00:11:26] Del Bigtree
All right. Well, I really appreciate it. When I look at, you know, AI, I have concerns about what it can do. But obviously it's a technology. And we always, you know, look at things as monsters that we don't understand. Trump has obviously gotten involved in investing a lot, you know. And that's where I think I wonder. It's like, is there a potential that and I sometimes I wonder, and I'm going to talk to Jefferey about what's going on, but I wonder, is this being manufactured the problems. Because what it seems like our government like, or everybody's government likes to do around this world is say, you know what? These problems, because this power is in, in, in, it's to open, it's to free to the people. I know the Biden administration was more into having the government regulate and control and really have ownership of the technology and dole it out as necessary versus it being, you know, given to the world. And so as I see the fear playing out is, are we under a perpetual attack by terrorists that are going after our infrastructures using AI, whether that's real or not, that starts pushing us towards the direction of saying, well, get the government in here to help us, protect us and put them back in charge of it. Do you see that as as a potential play that. And I think what you're saying is we don't want to see the government take control of this technology, do we?

[00:12:47] Edward Dowd, Former Blackrock Equity Portfolio Manager
Absolutely not. And if that's the play, and I'm worried about that, because the narratives that are floating around, because of what's happening currently with a lot of the outages, is that this is out of control. We need to give the reins to the government. And then the duopoly, conveniently, of OpenAI and anthropic to meter out AI according to safety rules. And if that happens, I'm very nervous. But, you know, I'm optimistic. That's not going to happen. Uh, the other thing, the other play going on here is with all this, these outages and the ability of hackers to use AI to constantly attack. Uh, we're going to see, I think, a push for the digital ID, which a lot of us know. Uh, for us, freedom loving folks is not a good idea. And I think that's going to be one of the plays. We're going to have to be able to determine who's a human and who's who's who's not. And so look for that kind of legislation and we'll fight all this and, you know, eyes wide open, know what the play is. The play is there's going to be an investment, uh, you know, equity stock market and bond problem. There's going to be, uh, cyber attacks, quote unquote, from, you know, rogue AI agents. But the play is to create a digital ID and to monopolize and get regulatory capture. We'll fight that all, all along the way. And the good news is open source, the kimono is open and it's free. And it's I don't think you can put the genie back in the bottle.

[00:14:17] Del Bigtree
It's all really great information. Edward Dowd, thank you for taking the time to join us today and bring some clarity there. I think Eyes Wide Open is exactly what we're all about here at The HighWire. Let's just stay open and realize we've seen how they like to move these things in a direction that does not suit humanity, certainly not a nation like America that believes in freedom. So we'll probably be checking back with you as things unfold in the days, weeks and months to come. I appreciate you taking the time.

[00:14:44] Edward Dowd, Former Blackrock Equity Portfolio Manager
Thanks a lot. Great to see you again.

[00:14:46] Del Bigtree
You too. Take care. All right. Well. And speaking of eyes wide open, why don't we just get Jefferey Jaxen in here to open our eyes to what? This? Oh, you know, I've got a great guest coming up later on the show. Kaylor Betts, who is one of these guys that's out there doing a lot of what what I've been doing, which is calling it out, like, what is it that is happening in this world? He's blowing up on social media. He's even got a company helping people to become better at social media, get their voices out there in a way that we all take hold of the messaging that's happening in this world. Looking forward to having that conversation with him. But first, let's get to the Jaxen report. Well, I'm glad that Ed seems optimistic, but it's, uh, there's, you know, I think he has to agree. We all have to agree. There's so many off ramps to hell along the way in this journey right now. But what is what's been going on this week?

[00:15:49] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report
Yeah. And I love his message. Lots of optimism there. And, uh, you know, we've been tracking this since, and I think the general public in the United States have been tracking these outages since, um, the FAA produced a ground stop, the biggest one since nine over 11. That was last Friday on the heels of a Microsoft outage the day before. So it's been going on ever since. Covered it on Monday on the download. And you know, we didn't know at that point. Is it going to is it going to linger into this week? And it sure has. In fact, we've been putting this montage together and it seems like every hour we keep adding more to this. Take a look at the news.

[00:16:22] Male News Correspondent
America roiled by another round of tech failures today, this time affecting flights and banks across the U.S..

[00:16:28] Male News Correspondent
Adding to the outage chaos, United Airlines is apparently now experiencing a system wide computer outage.

[00:16:34] Female News Correspondent
A server outage is impacting operations at some banks across the country.

[00:16:39] Female News Correspondent
Their users complained of issues and delays with Chase, Bank of America, U.S. Bank and Wells Fargo.

[00:16:45] Female News Correspondent
Another major outage is happening right now, and it is impacting one of the most important agencies for our nation's security.

[00:16:51] Female News Correspondent
The highly classified network that the National Security Agency uses for its internal communications is down.

[00:16:58] Female News Correspondent
Connectivity chaos around the world. Microsoft, the world's biggest software company experiencing a major outage.

[00:17:06] Female News Correspondent
Businesses, city government, schools and more all trying to find alternative ways to communicate.

[00:17:11] Female News Correspondent
We are also seeing an outage with various Apple services, including iCloud, the App Store and some Apple Store systems.

[00:17:17] Female News Correspondent
Users are reporting connection failures and trouble signing in. Downdetector is showing reports across several Apple services right now.

[00:17:24] Female News Correspondent
This reveals all of these weaknesses and the fact that AI can be used.

[00:17:30] Male News Correspondent
I think it's inevitable that AI is going to be involved somewhere. There's probably definitely some component of this that was at least AI accelerated.

[00:17:37] Female News Correspondent
You concerned about all these outages, Microsoft and FAA?

[00:17:41] Donald Trump, 45th & 47th President of the United States of America
It's like when you're big and powerful and you have all the money. Things like that happen. It's fine.

[00:17:49] Del Bigtree
Okay.

[00:17:50] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report
Then there's the president. So I'll say this. I think what's really important and piggybacking off the fear and anxiety conversation that I think everyone's having right now is the ability for us to, and anybody else to have these investigations and follow the truth as we find it. And also having a free and open internet without censorship, allowing everybody to get in on this conversation and look up information and share information with their family. That is, it goes a long way in times like this, because we're not getting a lot of information from our government. In fact, here is US Secretary of State Mark Rubio, and he came out in the midst of all this just about a little over a day ago. And he says this. Rubio says there's zero. That's zero information that us. Outages are linked or caused by a malign actor. So let's get this straight. They're not linked. They have nothing to do with each other. And there's not a, you know, a foreign actor or some type of criminal that's that's doing this. Okay. Well, zero evidence.

[00:18:49] Del Bigtree
I think that first of all, to me, that's almost more disconcerting, the fact that in one week we have all of these different things happening. You're saying there's not one reason for it. There's multiple reasons. So have we just entered an era where we're just going to be under attack from many different directions? I mean, I don't find that, you know, to be easing concerns. I would have been happy to hear, actually, this was just a rollover from the glitch that we saw in outlook two weeks ago that affected a bunch. Like an explanation like that would have been like it was just sort of a set of dominoes. But to say there's no linked reasoning for all this, I actually find that more disconcerting.

[00:19:27] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report
Absolutely. And you know, I'm sitting here reporting I don't have the answers, but I'm thinking maybe one silver lining there is maybe if there were, I mean, we have two front wars right now. Maybe if something came from Russia or Iran and the government said, you know what, we don't want to panic the public. We got this. We're working strategically behind the scenes. Okay, maybe don't tell the public all of that. But then we have DHS head. Um, this is Mullen, and he came out and said, This Department of Homeland Security says, don't worry unless you see me worry. I am not stockpiling. So the two messages we received from the government here are there's no link whatsoever. And don't prepare. Right. Okay. Those seem very, very reckless for governments to say that. Now, at the same time, you have Mullen saying we have Cisa, this is the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, and they're continually quoted saying, Cisa is on it. This is our cybersecurity, our best people. Well, I'll remind people, for well over a year, Cisa has not had a director, a Senate confirmed director. This is the headline here. You can. You don't have to trust me on that one. Cisa director void leaves cyber agency embroiled in uncertainty. Not a good time to have that happen. I'm sure they have operating instructions to continue without a director, just like the FDA is doing, but that is a reality here in the United States. But then let's go now to breaking news. This happened right before we went on air.

[00:20:48] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report
We have JP Morgan Chase and visa warn of cyber attack that hit outside vendor. So that's happening right now. So now we have the banks. They're kind of blowing up the whole narrative and saying it is a cyber attack. In fact, there was about 16,000 clients names leaked on here. These were high priority clients with $10 million or more that had sent an offer. J.p. Morgan Chase sent an offer to with a credit card to them. So not a good look for the banks. And then the FBI just days ago came out, also blew up the narrative and kind of cut straight to the heart of this and said, FBI warns hackers exploiting AI powered tool to automate cyber attacks worldwide. So this tool is called Artix. It's a. So basically you. They're warning organizations and infrastructure and all of the companies that look, this thing is out there. It's being used by cyber criminals and it is a thing. And these are the people on the ground working. They see things. They're not at the top with bureaucracy, with one solid talking point. They're putting out this warning. So I tend to think those is my opinion. Those two the banks and FBI are more truer to what's going on here. Um, and one of the things you and I have had conversations with is this just a US phenomenon? Well, it pretty much is centered in the US, although Apple's been hit. Microsoft's been hit and that has extensions beyond our borders.

[00:22:11] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report
But one of the things that I noticed was something very dangerous. It's been mostly companies, everything with with exposure to the internet, clearly the flights being affected very dangerous. But, you know, we can live without Microsoft 365 for a couple days or at the iCloud. I mean, it's not going to shut down society, but over in Norway, this is one of the headlines. It came and went. No one really talked about it too much. Norway's Equinor detects ongoing cyber attack. Oil and gas output is unaffected. Ecuador is Norway's one of one of Europe's largest oil and gas producers and the continent's biggest pipeline gas supplier, that entire Europe. European Union is going into winter right now, so that is very dangerous. If cyber attacks start happening there and do affect the oil and gas flows. But, you know, this is where we're at right now. And you got to think that the apples, the Microsofts and banks and we hear also the NSA, these are some of the top security in the world when it comes to cybersecurity. You would think they'd have their ducks in a row and they're all getting taken down one by one. So there has to be something here, a bigger picture. And I think it does point to AI. I think I want to piggyback on that WHO. We don't know. We may never know, but it looks like AI has to be involved in this because of the way it is just penetrating these security systems like like warm butter.

[00:23:30] Del Bigtree
Yeah. Well, I mean, and look, you're literally when you look at iPhone and Microsoft and NSA, I mean, when you start looking at the developers of all technology, and then the gatekeepers of all technology are losing their infrastructure to something, that's a really bad sign, right? I mean, it just, you know, you're the ones that built this. You're the ones that this is the this is your Frankenstein and it looks like you're losing control of it anyway. Um, I'm with that doubt. I don't want to create a bunch of unnecessary concern and fear. And certainly, you know, every time we and we've said this earlier on the show, you know, on previous episodes, we don't want to play this fear game where we fall into the trap of handing all the power over to our government and the governments of the world and the W.H.O. and the global system. Like we got, you know, you need our help now. We need to protect you. That's the worst case scenario. But I think we, you know, have to keep our eyes open. Um, as Editor Dowd said, eyes wide open right now. And we'll just keep bringing the truth as we can find it. Jefferey. Um, and I really appreciate that. Dive on that, that issue. It's wild.

[00:24:44] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report
Yeah. I mean, and we are sitting in the middle of this thing right now. Even if it stops tomorrow, we'll have to investigate why. But you know who who knows? As we move forward here, we're just going to keep investigating. Always tune in. We'll give you the best updates that we find in the moment. Let's go to the white House. We started with President Trump saying this is just what happens. Now. Let's go back into the white House and the FDA, uh, particularly, we have, uh, Heidi Overton. She was supposed to be confirmed this week on Wednesday for the head of the FDA to replace Marty McCary. That didn't happen at the zero hour. The confirmation was basically killed. This is Axios scoop white House drops Heidi Overton's FDA nomination. There's been a lot of rumors why this happened, but in Axios own reporting, the their own article, it says this, quote, she has drawn criticism from segments of the Maha movement that saw her siding with health and agricultural interests and helping undermine Kennedy's agenda. So there it is in black and white. And there's there's been kind of a movement here since the midterms to really drop the hammer on anybody that was working against the administration and its goals and its aims. And I remember that just last week we had Kelly Means on Joe Rogan, and he named names. And one of those names was Heidi Overton. So you can check that off the list. How many more of these people are we going to see go? Remember this.

[00:26:05] Calley Means, Former Senior Advisor for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
There is a very concentrated group of people in the Trump administration that are antagonistic to what people voted for and are frankly, uh, and I think it's very clear. Doing things for other reasons, particularly in many cases, to enrich their families. Siouxsie Wiles is the most powerful chief of staff in modern American history. The deputies are. Um, it was James Blair. Uh, another guy named Walker Barrett. Uh, and another guy who, who, um, uh, who recently came in named Richard Walters. These are the most powerful people in the country. Tony Fabrizio is one of the most powerful people in the country. He's Trump's chief pollster. Very good friends with Susie. Chris La Vida, uh, ran the campaign with Susie. He's been on the outside. Uh, he's a lobbyist consultant getting paid a lot of money by special interests. Heidi Overton, who now is, um, who's Susie's, you know, person, um, who's now up for the FDA commissioner, um, worked with the Department of Justice, uh, to construct a legal argument about why this Supreme Court could take the case and why they should be supporting liability protection for the pesticide makers. And she did not consult Bobby Kennedy on that.

[00:27:24] Del Bigtree
I mean, that was I mean, we talked about it. That was a bombshell. And Jefferey. I know before the show we worked out what videos we would play, but I actually want to play the piece from Face the Nation that we had discussed. I'm just asking the team if we've got it. All right. Let's go ahead and play it now because I think it really lays out on Face the Nation. You know what this means. And it looks like, you know, Kelly was gunning for these people, which is I mean, it's rare that you see someone call people out and then actually see people start getting fired. So let's at least take this moment in. But this was Kelly means on Face the Nation shortly after his Rogan interview.

[00:27:59] Margaret Brennan, Host, Face the Nation
President Trump has announced that Chief of Staff Siouxsie Wiles has left the white House. Um, the departure coincides with this resounding Republican loss in the midterms. But also you went public with some very specific allegations of corruption and a call to clean house. Was it your intention to get her removed?

[00:28:19] Calley Means, Former Senior Advisor for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Yes. Um, I think President Trump has been subverted by people that are beholden to special interests and not what President Trump ran on. Uh, and what voters voted for. I led the initiative at the white House, and Stephen Miller said it recently in a speech. The heart of Omaha is that we are the only primate humans that deal with pediatric cancer and rampant cancer rates. And it's obviously because of our environment. It's because of pesticides. It's because of that 70% of a child's diet is ultra processed food. It's because we're not out in the sun. It's basic, basic stuff. And that, I think, was really the heart of the Omaha movement. I think the heart of what President Trump ran on. And there's very simple things. And Americans voted to change those things. And I think underneath Trump's nose, in many cases, you had a group of former lobbyists, um, catering to the vaping industry, catering to the ultra processed food industry, catering to the pharmaceutical industry, catering to the pesticide industry, and doing their bidding with an excuse that we need their money for the midterms and really need to actually go against what voters said. But we need their money explicitly. That's what they said.

[00:29:26] Del Bigtree
So, I mean, essentially, you know, he I don't know, there's probably other names in there that he's talking about that have left, but this was a big one. I mean, if, you know, Heidi Overton was inside of that decision for the liability protection to get the DOJ to go and support, you know, on the government's behalf, saying we want liability, protection of glyphosate. Then she was the world's worst pick for FDA. And so I'm sure there's a lot of opinions. We, you know, we're all skeptical and pessimistic about the things that we happen. But it's been these are big changes. And certainly seeing her, you know, taken out of that position, FDA says to me, change is afoot inside of the government right now. And whatever, you know, this, this Maha coalition, this movement, all these people, this, we didn't ask for liability protection. This isn't what we voted for. This is not no one voted for that, not in any party. Nobody wants to see liability protection of a pesticide and herbicide company. And so, I mean, at least in this case, two people that really were not, you know, for the best interest of the health of America are now out of the picture. So it's I think that's pretty exciting.

[00:30:37] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report
Absolutely. And looking at this just black and white, we have a priority list of names that was given by Kelly. As far as I know, no one sued him for that interview saying you're inaccurate. And Heidi Overton is out. Siouxsie Wiles is out replacing Siouxsie Wiles as the the basically the chief of staff for the white House. One of the most powerful positions in America is Stephen Miller, and the first thing he really does is he puts the hammer down on lobbyists in the white House. This is the headline here. Stephen Miller makes life impossible for lobbyists seeking access to the Trump White House as a daily caller. Um, and it says, here's the memo. He basically put out a memo to all staff. It says white House staff must receive prior approved prior approval from the Office of white House counsel for meetings on the white House complex with registered lobbyists related to government policy. So this is a really big deal. I mean, what's the first thing you do if you find out there's a crisis? You find out there's a problem with your home. The first thing you do is you secure your home and then you go from there. And that's what I see he is doing now. I saw some criticism online of that wording. They're saying on the white House complex, well, can't they meet outside the white House complex? Sure. But I can guarantee you there is infinite number of citizen journalists out there with iPhones that will that will take pictures and video of these people meeting outside and showing who is meeting with what lobbyists. Um, the fact that they used to meet in the white House, they had cover. They could do that undercover. The public didn't know about it. Now it's open to the public and we all get to see. So that's one of the geniuses I see about that memo. Now let's talk about Jefferey.

[00:32:11] Del Bigtree
And you know, we have to be careful. We're a nonprofit. We don't get into the politics of things. But would it be safe to say that removing lobbyists and their power inside of our government is a bipartisan desire? Because I remember wanting that when I was a Democrat. I've been really honest on the show that, you know, I consider myself politically marooned. Obviously, I got involved, you know, as Bobby's director of communications when he ran for president. I have some, you know, thing to do with the position he's in now. But I now I'm like, I'm just trying to understand where we are in the world. Like, what is it we all care about? My monologue, you know, just over a week ago after the election was it looks like we're all voting for the same things. So the question is, just who do we think does it better? But we're moving out of this place where I think we want different things in this world, it seems like. And am I right? Would if you polled people on the street, wouldn't Democrats and Republicans say, yeah, I want the lobbyists and all that money that's, you know, infiltrated into our government. Want it out of there.

[00:33:11] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report
Is that I think yeah, I think but the very nature of the election process, it's our vote. It's the people's vote. Each individual Republican, Democrat, independent, and our vote matters. And I think if you ask people, the corporate vote shouldn't matter because our vote is number one. That brings that's the actual process. So corporations actually within the system have no have no space in there. Yes, they donate to, to, to candidates and things like that, but it's R it's the people's vote. So I would think that would be bipartisan to understand the election process. Me too. Uh, yeah. And let's go to okay. Siouxsie Wiles is out, but let's see what she brought in. Let's see what that leak brought in over the last couple of years. This is Ballard and Partners. That's who she used to work for. And this is a lobbying firm. And this is us, right to know they did a kind of a forensic analysis on really what's happened since she's been in there. And it says Ballard Partners lobbying for tobacco, pesticides, alcohol and chemical interests at the highest level of the Trump White House. Trump, Trump's Washington. And to your point, those are not people that voted for them. Those are people that are lobbying to get their attention away from the people's interests. And it goes on to say, an analysis of federal lobbying disclosure by U.S. Right to Know found that ballot and partners reported more than 38 million in estimated lobbying fees between January 2025 and September 2026.

[00:34:29] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report
Specifically, from here, it is 79 health harming companies and industry groups. These interests there interests include tobacco, pesticides, chemicals, alcohol, gambling, ultra processed foods. So pretty much everything that the vote didn't want in there, that's what this administration came in on, is the antithesis of that. And it goes on to say this ballot partners. So we that's the lobbying we know of. Ballot partners also lobbies for individual corporations and trade organizations whose lobbying can advance the interests of multiple companies, even when individual Manufacturers are not named as clients we know about, and partners was responsible for Pfizer for some time. But let's just look at that on a graph. This is open secrets. They graph this out. The lobbying spending hits Q3 high and remains on pace for record year. And look at this. And you can see here I mean it's just black and white. Trump elected to his second term. And then off it goes. Ballot and partners like a rocket ship up past $30 million. And that's that's where we're at. So stepping back here, taking taking that 30,000 foot view, we have that massive lobbying in the white House, Bolton Partners and these people that are now out, some of them. But then we have the other part of this was, was the glyphosate conversation. So if you see like one really flashing red light that symbolize this lobbying and how it could destroy one of the Maha agendas, it was the glyphosate conversation. And this is croplife. In fact, they're celebrating at the lobbying firms and trade groups.

[00:36:01] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report
This is the headline here. Pesticide lobby touts Maha report rollback as its biggest win in 2025. That's croplife as a trade organization engages in lobbying. It was basically celebrating that they were able to kill the the the spotlight on glyphosate to try to minimize it from the Maha report. So we know this is a sore spot and we still have two years left in this presidency. Lobbyists are being cleaned out. So we'll see where this goes. But you don't have to wait for Steven Miller or the white House to do the right thing. Right now, the EPA until this Monday is open for comment. They're going to reevaluate glyphosate. This happens every 15 years. And they're asking you, the people, for the science that they should be using to evaluate this. Now, understand there's obviously science we've covered here that shows glyphosate is associated with cancer, autism, all types of renal issues, and the list goes on and on and on. Make sure that science gets to the EPA, and that way they can. They can never say we didn't know. And they will reevaluate this. And from my understanding, it's supposed to be a very quick reevaluation. We're not to wait 2 to 3 years and that could change the tide here. You could have a part in that. I recommend everyone do that because this is our voice. This is this is how we have the ability to affect change at these regulatory agencies.

[00:37:20] Del Bigtree
Uh, Jefferey amazing reporting. I want to just take a moment because I always find when a QR code pops up, by the time I find my phone, I'm fumbling around for it. You miss it. Can we bring it up? This is really important, folks. If you're watching right now, remember the whole idea of what happened with glyphosate? I'm going to talk here while you take your time to take your phone, get a picture of this, and actually do your civic duty to reach out and let the EPA know what you think about glyphosate. Go ahead and let them know what you think about liability protection. But remember the unique situation that happened in the Supreme Court. Essentially, they said, hey, if the EPA didn't put in the warning label that it causes cancer, that's not our fault. You can't sue us because it's the EPA's problem. And if the EPA does write that it causes cancer in there, you can't sue us because we, you know, we you were warned. So it's like they get it both ways. But right now, the EPA is the one standing in here. And the EPA needs to do what's right and bring out all of the science that we, the entire world knows this stuff is causing cancer, and EPA needs to be responsible for this product.

[00:38:26] Del Bigtree
They're saying it's safe. How are they explaining that they should be showing all the science? That's one of the things I'm going to write in about, but let them know what you think. This is that moment. Let's bury them in the evidence. Jefferey as always, you know. Yeah, very, very important. Uh, great work this week and I'm glad you are, you know, digging in here. And frankly, this is a very unique week, right? Where the download you were able to cover all the incredible breaking stories that were happening over the weekend, whether it was that tanker ship running into the passenger ship and then, you know, you went through all of the things that had happened, you know, planes being grounded. And yet that was only the beginning. And here we are this week with even more new information. But it just shows how down I love how down load is now working, you know, in concert with Highwire. So we're really able to start giving people, you know, more contacts and stay on top of the story better than ever before. Very exciting. The show is growing. People love it. It's short and sweet. It's to the point if you aren't checking out the download, make sure you do. Jefferey keep up the good work.

[00:39:34] Jefferey Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report
All right. Thank you.

[00:39:35] Del Bigtree
All right. You know, in the nature of legal updates, which is a lot of what we do here, we're not like any other social media company out there, frankly. Any news company, we don't just point out the issues we see in the world. We try to do something about it. Um, we are America's public health watchdog. And a lot of what we do goes through Aaron Siri we bring lawsuits against the government of the United States. We've won back religious exemptions like in Mississippi, where have been lost since the 1970s. These are major accomplishments. But sometimes what we do is give you an opportunity to use your voice like we, you know, we just talked about right into the EPA. But this week, Aaron and his team thought for all the complaining to the government and all the wanting the government to make changes. I mean, really is like the nanny state. The answer is it just the government's the problem. How about the manufacturers themselves? Why don't we talk to them? Why don't we start dealing with them? And so our legal team built a letter. You can do it on our website prior to vaccinating. Ask the pharma company selling the vaccine to waive its immunity liability. We want to bury them. Use ICAN new form to ask the pharma company selling a particular vaccine anyone you want to accept responsibility for the safety or lack thereof, of its vaccine product if it refuses.

[00:40:53] Del Bigtree
Ask your pediatrician why the company won't stand by its product and who is responsible if your child is injured. We want to push this dialog. We've already pushed our pediatricians to the point where the WHO is, you know, throwing up their hands in meetings saying, we don't know what to do. These pediatricians can't ask questions. The parents coming in are more knowledgeable in many ways than pediatricians themselves, who, as you've seen it on this show, stated by the WHO you know, our pediatricians, our doctors, our nurses, our frontline doctors are lucky if they get a half a day education on vaccines. So that's who you're going to. Well, imagine if you could say, hey, I wrote the pharmaceutical industry. Why won't they protect us from liability if this is only if the injuries really are 1 in 1,000,000, they sell other products that have far, you know, worse safety stats. But this is how you do it. I can decide.org/accountability-letters. Help us bury Pharma this week and what we really think in our questions and really ask them, why do you need liability protection? Why don't you waive it for me? And then and then maybe, uh, I'll consider it, but I would make sure that you read all the safety labels and everything around it before you make any decision like that.

[00:42:08] Del Bigtree
Anyway, just one of the many things, like we say, we're always trying to get outside the box. Think of new ways to actually, you know, uh, hit the issues of our time. You should have control over your body. You should have control over the bodies of your children. Frankly, if you don't, you have the same exact rights as a farm animal. And I think it should be bipartisan that no one in this country wants to be a farm animal. But jury's still out on that. I don't want to, you know, make that a direct quote. Okay. So if you want to be a supporter of all the work that we do, whether it's the legal cases over 90 cases now across the country, you can click this QR code or it's super easy. You can just text us right now at seven, 2022 and write in the word donate. And I'll respond to your text and make it super easy so that you can become a recurring donor. We love it if you're, you know, want to be recurring donor, just think of like, what could I give once a month that just comes out of my account and is easy? $26 a month is what we're asking for. I mean, that's not even lunch anymore. Um, but look, if it's a dollar, it makes a difference.

[00:43:19] Del Bigtree
We just want you to be involved. It's the Informed Consent Action network. We want you to be a part of our network for everyone that donates and makes the work that we do possible. This brilliant show. I want to thank you. All right. You know, when we started out this work, especially around the vaccine issue, vaccine risk, I mean, that was the third rail of all third rails. Frankly, I really don't think there was another topic that was harder to talk about online. And I've said to you that one of the things that really warms my heart is the fact that my feed on social media is now filled with all of these people talking about vaccine injuries from so many different perspectives, whether a mom or a lawyer or a banker or just someone that's waking up to the truth, the world is changing because of these new voices, frankly. New media. I think rules the day. Well, one of the incredible voices that keeps popping up into my feed, um, is someone that we're going to have on the show right now. And he's awesome. I can't stop every time he's in my feed. I got to say, Kaylor, I can't swipe. I'm like, all right, you got me. I don't know what it is. Let's call it it factor. And it looks something like this.

[00:44:30] Kaylor Betts, Founder, Betts Nation, Host, Betts Nation Radio
If you care about real food and real freedom, then wakey wakey, to all the people around you. The world desperately needs more healthy, strong, masculine men who are unapologetic about it. All right, so the last thing I'm going to let the government do is with my meat. I feel really passionate about getting as many women off of birth control as possible. You know, there was a time that I was so afraid to be called an anti-vaxxer, and now I'm like, I'm proud of it. Like, maybe I should get a tattooed on my neck at this point. Wake up. Never was good in school. I was eventually diagnosed with ADHD, so a quote unquote learning disability. I had anxiety depression, I couldn't focus, so I went to the professional and really all they offered me was pills. I just kind of got to a point where I just didn't like the idea of having to be on a pharmaceutical for the rest of my life, just to feel good. So I became a personal trainer. Then I became a nutrition coach. I opened up a couple gyms. April 8th, 2021 was really when I made the decision to go on a rant about Covid. Governments and health officials should be ashamed. All you've done is instill so much fear inside of people, and I'm not going to stay silent. And that video ended up, you know, getting over a million views. It was very polarizing. We had university professors debunking my video on CBC. There was a petition to get my Instagram account shut down. I kind of felt like I was coming out of the closet as a anti-establishment, traditional valued guy.

[00:45:50] Kaylor Betts, Founder, Betts Nation, Host, Betts Nation Radio
And that's a really freeing thing. Yeah. You know what? I'm starting to think that maybe toxic masculinity does exist. You know, it's like when a man doesn't want to take on the responsibility of providing for women and children and think it's okay to split the bills. So I didn't get vaccinated over Covid, and you won't believe what happened next. I've had the best sleeps of my entire life knowing that I didn't fall for the biggest fear and manipulation campaign in human history. I see people wearing masks all the time. I see people putting masks on children when I see them be able to normalize stupidity. I think that's really dangerous. My name is Kiki. I suffer from long Covid. I'm a victim of the patriarchy and I'm gender fluid. Trans rates are skyrocketing, especially among children. Irreversible surgeries and hormone therapy for kids whose brains aren't even fully developed yet is unacceptable. And quite frankly, it's child abuse. It is hilarious to me to see the left speak about the dangers of the Maha movement. A dangerous, anti-vaccine, right wing extremist conspiracy theorist is going to be in control of public health. You want to know what's dangerous and completely broken? The current health care system, America and the world have never been sicker. And it's getting worse. How do you win at life? You get really clear on what your principles are, what you know to your core to be the truth. And you stand by those principles at all costs.

[00:47:03] Del Bigtree
Well, he's dynamic, unapologetic, and it's my honor to be joined by Kayla Betts.

[00:47:08] Kaylor Betts, Founder, Betts Nation, Host, Betts Nation Radio
Thanks, Del. A little bit of a switch up from your other guest.

[00:47:10] Del Bigtree
It is a little bit of a switch up. I'm usually the one that's like in everybody's face. So, uh, let's start with social media in general. You know, one of the things we hear, you know, is it's, it's, it's terrible for society. It's tearing us apart. And yet it's a huge part of what you do. So what is your opinion of social media?

[00:47:34] Kaylor Betts, Founder, Betts Nation, Host, Betts Nation Radio
Yeah. Well, I think social media is like any powerful tool and that there's a healthy amount and there's a toxic amount, right. And I think what we're really moving into in society, at least us that are conscious of, you know, these tools that we use is we're realizing that our relationship with these tools really determines whether or not we have a healthy outcome or a toxic outcome to these. Like I said, these powerful tools like social media. And I think for me, if I use it consciously and intentionally, I mean, it's changed my life more than anything that I've ever used in my entire life. And that's really what I'm trying to get people to get on board with is like, instead of just consuming, like I said, impulsively, uh, unconsciously, um, you know, lighting up the pleasure centers of our brain consistently throughout the day. Um, I mean, you see what's going on with all of these cyber attacks and everything, the amount of fear that's instilled in people and their nervous systems being hijacked when they go on this rectangle that they open probably every two minutes of the day. It's not healthy. So what I'm really trying to do is switch people from consuming to producing and leveraging what I think is the highest leverage activity that you can do in 2026, which is to become known, right? And it's a powerful thing when you do. Um, so no matter what your ambition is, whether you want to build a business or, you know, if you want to make an impact, social media is a fantastic way of doing it. And we all have a megaphone and some people are taking advantage of it.

[00:49:10] Del Bigtree
There's a moment you've said in some podcasts where you say that become known. You were you were out there, you were on socials, but really blew up was this moment, I think it was in 2021. I think we have we've cut some of this eight minute video down. Let's take a look at this moment that.

[00:49:25] Kaylor Betts, Founder, Betts Nation, Host, Betts Nation Radio
I'm pissed off. I'm angry. And I think it's embarrassing at this point that after over a year into this pandemic, we still have the exact same narrative. We are still choosing to deal with this in the exact same way that so evidently does not work sustainably and is so backwards. I haven't heard one government or health official talk anything still to this day remotely about health, even though it is so obvious that this is a health crisis, not a virus crisis. When are we going to realize that lockdowns don't even sustainably work? You know, look at California. They've locked down probably more than anywhere on earth. And then the contrast Florida, who doesn't even give a they laugh at you if you wear a mask, apparently. I want you to look at their deaths converted to population since the beginning of the pandemic. They're almost exactly the same. How do you explain that? If you don't see and you haven't woken up yet and seen the ridiculousness of this by now. Keep digging. We live in a system that rewards and incentivizes when people stay sick. The governments get more power. The pharmaceutical companies make more money. We need to start living in a system that actually incentivizes and rewards when people get better And we don't. And it's embarrassing, you know? Mark Sisson recently said, this is the most mismanaged world event in human history, and I could not agree more.

[00:50:46] Del Bigtree
What was it about that moment that, I mean, you say that sort of was a turning point that kind of blew up. Had you changed? Did you change why you were there? Was it just the element in your hands? Like, what was it about that moment?

[00:51:01] Kaylor Betts, Founder, Betts Nation, Host, Betts Nation Radio
Yeah. I mean, most people would be surprised to know that I was actually wiping down my groceries at the beginning of Covid, and I was getting mad at my mom for going on walks with her friends.

[00:51:10] Del Bigtree
So meaning like you were really worried about the virus.

[00:51:11] Kaylor Betts, Founder, Betts Nation, Host, Betts Nation Radio
100% I was. Um, I'm just a very health conscious person and I didn't really, uh, go down too many rabbit holes about what could happen if there were a pandemic or pandemic, whatever you want to call it. Um, so I didn't really know what was going on. I just knew that, um, maybe this is serious. Maybe it's something that we need to, you know, be very aware of and take precautions. So yeah, I was, I was actually riddled with fear. I'm going to be very honest. I was not awake. Um, and then speaking of social media, del, I mean, it was, it was podcasters like yourself or journalists like yourself, uh, independent ones, ones that were, you know, brave enough at that time to, to speak out against what was going on and how we were dealing with it. It didn't take me too long before I saw the writing on the wall. And I said, okay, this isn't adding up. And it was because of people on social media. It was because of people on podcasts that were just, you know, going out there and speaking truth. And so I started to learn about it, and I started to say, okay, well, now it's time for me to do my part. I mean, and I was lucky enough to not have a job or something that was really contingent on me staying silent. Um, I was just actually trying to make the social media thing work. Um, so on April 8th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Mountain Standard Time. I even remember the time I decided to just riff and go on a rant, a nine minute one. And I don't know what you think dull, but I think some of those some of those comments aged pretty well. I mean, that's that's an old video. Yeah. It's even kind of cringey for me to watch because.

[00:52:51] Del Bigtree
You were living in Canada at the time too, which I think also probably sculpted your experience.

[00:52:56] Kaylor Betts, Founder, Betts Nation, Host, Betts Nation Radio
Yeah. So I was actually in Bali when Covid first hit.

[00:52:59] Del Bigtree
Okay.

[00:53:00] Kaylor Betts, Founder, Betts Nation, Host, Betts Nation Radio
And I was there for a couple of months, and I think my buddy that I was there with, he wanted to stay in, in Bali. But I said, you know, what, with all this stuff going on, I didn't really want to be in a developing country. If, you know, things were to, to really go haywire. And I was also really worried about the people more than anything in people's reactions and responses. So we got one of the last flights out of Bali to Canada. We, uh, you remember at that time, it was in March 2020. So we were all quarantined and yeah, in a house. So me and my friend got an Airbnb in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. And yeah, that's when I really started to, to sit down and listen to some independent thinkers who had the courage to speak up about, um, just the fact that, you know, even people like me, I'm just a guy on Instagram that you don't need a double blind, placebo controlled randomized study to, to realize that, um, hey, I think we're mismanaging this thing here.

[00:53:56] Del Bigtree
So I mean, by that, can I then assume that you believed in the system a little bit more prior to Covid? You trusted the government a little bit more and that, you know, because you don't sound at all like that now, like when you're in my feed now, I'm a little bit like, wow. So, you know, how far have you come? Or was it just you just didn't get the, the health side of it?

[00:54:21] Kaylor Betts, Founder, Betts Nation, Host, Betts Nation Radio
Well, I'll be honest. I mean, you said distrust in the system. I don't actually really feel I knew what the system was.

[00:54:28] Del Bigtree
Okay.

[00:54:28] Kaylor Betts, Founder, Betts Nation, Host, Betts Nation Radio
At that point, you know, I was just, uh, enjoying my life. And at that point, I mean, there was a lot of us who just felt like we don't need to be into politics because it just doesn't really matter. I mean, like, yeah, it goes left, right and whatever. It doesn't really matter. Um, so I can't say that I was always, uh, you know, really into what the system was or the effect that it had on my life until it did, until I started to see right in front of my eyes that, like how we're dealing with this thing is starting to infringe on some of my civil liberties, right? And that's not okay with me. So, you know, it really woke me up. And I know you talk about this a lot is there's this dichotomy of, you know, like, what did we just go through over Covid? And like, what was that? That was absolute insanity. And there was some really tragic and horrible things that happened, as you know. But I'll also be honest, there was this awakening that it had for me that if it wasn't for Covid, maybe I would still be asleep to what the system even is. And, you know, ignorance is bliss. I don't know, maybe that would be better.

[00:55:30] Del Bigtree
But it's the matrix, right? Like a lot. There are moments where you just think, jeez, if I could just take a blue pill. I've been thinking, like, even this week, like I was thinking I almost said the opening of my show. Am I really paying attention to all this stuff? Because this is what I do, is talk about it. And I'm starting to really, especially for my kids, my kids are were in a family, you know? Is there a future or is there a group of people that just aren't living in this world that aren't seeing it? I'm all about like, could you just turn off your TV? Say, I can't do anything about it and I just want to live my life about that.

[00:56:07] Kaylor Betts, Founder, Betts Nation, Host, Betts Nation Radio
So my mom just visited me. I just moved down to South Florida from Canada, escaped communism to, to head down there. My mom visited me for a week. She is probably the happiest person I've ever met in my life. Like, just like truly just. I never really seen her even remotely depressed, and she was with me for about a week. And of course, the. And you know, she's on Instagram and she's on. But, you know, she doesn't. She's like 67 years old. She doesn't really know technology that well. And she mostly just like watches my stuff and whatever on Instagram. And when the ground stop happened, I was wondering because I was like glued to my phone. I'm like, what is going on here? This is kind of strange. I was glued to my phone and obviously I was going down the rabbit hole a little bit and seeing what this was and texting people, whatever. I rented a boat a couple days later and we were on the water. So this was literally two days after the ground stop. And I hadn't talked to her about it because I didn't want to like her to be afraid or whatever. I want her to enjoy her trip. And the captain that was driving our boat started talking about the ground stop, and I could tell she had no idea what he was talking about. Right. So it just goes to show you someone like that. And she was just in absolute Paradise for a week and just so happy. Not a worry in the world, but had no idea about the ground stop. Right. So it's a tough one, right? Because like, I want to be informed because these things can have consequences and dangers. But at the same time, there is an element of here's where I land is. I think we should take the red pill, just not the whole bottle.

[00:57:42] Del Bigtree
Okay.

[00:57:43] Kaylor Betts, Founder, Betts Nation, Host, Betts Nation Radio
Right.

[00:57:44] Del Bigtree
Yeah.

[00:57:44] Kaylor Betts, Founder, Betts Nation, Host, Betts Nation Radio
Like we should be awake to some of the dangers and the consequences, but we should also realize that we're also living in some of the most abundant and opportunistic times in human history. I mean, del, I have an incredible life because I walked into this freaking rectangle for six years, you know, and I kind of run my life like a small, well-managed country for most of human history. At least I live. We live like how kings would have lived for most of human history as well too. So, you know, I think it's, it's a harmony that we have to strike of seeing all the evil and understanding the dangers and potential consequences. But at the same time, we have to see the good. And there is a lot of good, I think. Right.

[00:58:24] Del Bigtree
Well, I mean, I think you're sort of mirroring. I wasn't expecting what Ed Dowd said. But this technology is here. It's a technology. It's not going to go away. Let's let's take the fear out of it. Let's use this as a tool. Let's see. It's going to go through the same sort of procedures. Everything else has. There's going to be crashes, there's going to be issues. But let's just keep our head screwed on and walk.

[00:58:46] Kaylor Betts, Founder, Betts Nation, Host, Betts Nation Radio
What's the alternative?

[00:58:47] Del Bigtree
Eyes wide open.

[00:58:47] Kaylor Betts, Founder, Betts Nation, Host, Betts Nation Radio
What's the alternative

[00:58:48] Del Bigtree
That's exactly it too.

[00:58:49] Kaylor Betts, Founder, Betts Nation, Host, Betts Nation Radio
I think it was Musk. He said a good quote. He said, I'd rather be optimistic and wrong than pessimistic and right. I mean, to some level, you just have to have faith. And I know that's to some people, going to sound like a cop out. Again, like with all this stuff going on in the news and stuff, I mean, I don't know anyone.

[00:59:08] Del Bigtree
That's correct. It would be a cop out if you didn't talk about it. Like, I mean, honestly, if you knew better and just kept it to yourself, I think that's a cop out. Like I think the greatest power we have in a modern society, I think, especially in America. And thank you. Welcome. Um, this place is amazing. I went to school up in Canada, and I dreamt about living there, but I couldn't figure out how to get paid. I got a job, and, like, you don't live here. You don't want to go. It's that serious. I couldn't check, I was like, oh, I guess they're kicking me out. Yeah, I'm glad they did.

[00:59:38] Kaylor Betts, Founder, Betts Nation, Host, Betts Nation Radio
Yeah, 100%.

[00:59:39] Del Bigtree
But you know, you're you're engaging, you're doing something about it, which I think is the difference. But how far in that state? Because I am curious, you know, you have a great life. I think a lot of people have a great life. In fact, most of the people I knew during Covid that really spoke their truth and didn't kowtow to the system, whether they were a chiropractor, even a doctor, you know, they really ended up thriving through that situation. The people I know that felt oppressed by it allowed it to oppress them. Their lives were just rocked. Um, but how far does it go for you? I mean, are you do you have food ready for are you are you concerned something could go wrong? Are you a prepper at all?

[01:00:23] Kaylor Betts, Founder, Betts Nation, Host, Betts Nation Radio
I wouldn't, I don't like to identify as a prepper, but I would say that. Yeah, absolutely. I am actively orchestrating a pretty diligent and comprehensive plan with the community that I have around me in Florida. A lot of my team is starting to move there as well too. So yeah, we're making a plan, but I will tell you like going to. I've never really been too prepared. You know, I'm just kind of like have things on hand for about three days or whatever. Um, I want to go even farther than that. Um, but I will say getting into like learning about everything you need. It's like, man, there's a lot to it. There's a lot of things that you have to get to, like really have all your bases covered. And then there's also the fact of, of like, okay, if the grid goes down, let's say, um, and you know, our infrastructure is affected to a point where like society can't run the way it does right now. And you know, how long does it really go until anarchy starts? Right? Like, can we get past the week before? Things are just so haywire that it's like we're not coming back. And do you even want to live in that world? Right? I mean, so I think for me, the long term vision is really having a homestead on, you know, somewhere very remote and, you know, have the chickens and the cows and the goats and the solar and all that stuff. But, um, but even then, I mean, am I going to be there every day of the year? No. What if when it goes out, you're in Austin, Texas on the Highwire and, you know, hopefully Dell can protect you, but.

[01:01:49] Del Bigtree
Don't worry, I'm prepped for the two of us. Everybody else. How do you you know, you have a very successful persona. I know you say everybody can do it. I would slightly disagree. I think you have something special. I mean, everybody can find some piece of it. But there is something I it is almost impossible to swipe you off at the moment. You start talking something very engaging, very honest about it. Um, you know, I think you've already stated you take risk. Do you feel a responsibility to that that, you know, a lot of people are listening? And then how do you choose your subjects with that in mind?

[01:02:28] Kaylor Betts, Founder, Betts Nation, Host, Betts Nation Radio
Yeah, that's a tricky. First off, just on your point where you disagree. I mean, look, there's grandmas on TikTok that are making bank right now, you know, who barely even knew how to make a social media post, you know, two years ago or whatever. There's, you know, teenagers in Africa that are millionaires as well too. But I also know that there's people on social media who have like under 5000 followers who they just are very niche. So, so this is to your point. I just want to be clear on that because I do believe that everyone can find a niche. And I mean, if you want to be like, I don't know, I know a guy on, on Instagram who goes around and he takes poops in different bathrooms and he ranks the bathrooms. So, hey, we're going to the Four Seasons today. Let's check out their bathroom and their restaurant or whatever. And, and he, you know, he's, he's doing something. Yeah. You know, we could argue whether or not he's making an impact, but he's found his little niche. I've seen some crazy stuff on social media. That's why I think everyone can kind of, you know, find something that they can they can roll with. Um, but to your point, do I feel a responsibility? Yeah. That became increasingly, um, something I became aware of. As you know, my following started to be built because I'll never forget, I mean, I had someone come up to me and started crying and saying, like, you have no idea how, you know, impactful your content was over Covid when I felt so alone. That moment truly, it hit me like, holy shit. Like I didn't even realize what I was actually doing. Yeah. Um, until you have an interaction like that where you're like, holy, like this person, like I really have an impact on them.

[01:04:02] Kaylor Betts, Founder, Betts Nation, Host, Betts Nation Radio
I really have an influence on them. So I, I did increasingly feel a sense of responsibility. How do I choose what I talk about? I think for me, I talk about what I want to talk about. Like, because for me, it's like, that's why we do social media. That's why you do the like the Highwire is it's an independent news source, and there's a level of freedom and flexibility that you have that legacy, legacy media doesn't have. And to me, I want to uphold that. But you have to harmonize that with like, yeah, you have a responsibility. You have to understand that people are actually listening to you and they're actually taking what you say, and they are forming their beliefs and their opinions. And like sometimes even taking actions on their life based off what you say. As crazy as that sounds to me, that's the reality. So I have to harmonize it with like, I want to talk about what I really want to talk about because I want to be authentic. Um, you know, people message me all the time, like, why aren't you talking about this? Why aren't you talking about that? Because like, I don't have to, you know, sometimes I can just not have an opinion on the internet about something. You know, it's like, God forbid I don't talk about one thing or the next. I talk about what I want to talk about. Um, but once I decide what I want to talk about, I don't take it lightly. How I frame things. Um, and I also try to consistently let people know that I am just a dude on Instagram, you know? Like, I'm not anything really that special, you know?

[01:05:29] Del Bigtree
Well, I mean, I think it's speaking of, dude, this you have this character with the dyed hair, the nose ring. Kiki. Tell me about Kiki. How does just a dude decide to do this on socials? What was the inspiration and what's the goal? What is it? Kiki can do that that Taylor can't do on his own.

[01:05:51] Kaylor Betts, Founder, Betts Nation, Host, Betts Nation Radio
So that's the way to frame the question. Because, you know, for me, Kiki was all about I got the idea on a flight, actually, I think to Austin and I was just looking.

[01:06:01] Del Bigtree
You're about to go to Austin to keep it weird. Exactly.

[01:06:04] Kaylor Betts, Founder, Betts Nation, Host, Betts Nation Radio
Well, me and JP Sears did a skit. I don't know if you know JP, but he does a lot of Yeah, crazy stuff like that. And yeah, look, I think it was kind of twofold. I've always had this like, look, I was kind of going on these like rants. I call it kind of intellectual rants about Covid and all these crazy things going on in the world. But I've also always had this internal like, uh, you know, creative comedic expression that has been dying to kind of come out. Like, I just, I love comedy, I love humor, and I do find myself to be quite funny sometimes, if I dare say some people don't think I'm funny at all. That's totally fine.

[01:06:45] Del Bigtree
That's the nature of comedy.

[01:06:46] Kaylor Betts, Founder, Betts Nation, Host, Betts Nation Radio
Exactly. And my comedic, uh, you know, my comedy is very polarizing as well, too, but I just decided to do it because it was an expression that I always wanted to, to kind of get out into the world. But also, I would say too, I genuinely actually care about whether or not like, I don't want to just go on Instagram and rant, like I genuinely care if I'm moving the needle or if I'm changing anyone's mind or, you know, even giving them a perspective that was alternative to what they they think I actually genuinely care about that. I mean, what are we doing if we're not going to change anyone's minds? And I really think that you have to there's like an armor that people have, and there's a wall that a lot of people have nowadays with some of these topics that we're really like, you know, emotion we get emotional about. And I think comedy is just such a great way to sometimes bring that wall down. Um, you know, I watch comedians sometimes, like I even see it in myself. My, I have a wall right when it comes to the other side, like my mind is pretty set on like a lot of different, you know, perspectives and opinions and beliefs. But comedy sometimes brings that wall down a little bit. And it makes me think when I, when I hear a joke that maybe is a little bit inconvenient to my current beliefs, it's the one thing that makes me be like, huh, I'm kind of laughing at that because that's kind of true. Yeah. You know. So it's another aspect of why I put on a wig and makeup and lipstick and all that stuff.

[01:08:13] Del Bigtree
Yeah. So, you know, as you look, you came to America. I mean, came down to Florida. You visit a lot, but you've moved into really a state. That's the only one that didn't have a huge swinging shift. Yeah. During this election, also talked about sounds like you weren't really involved in politics when you were younger. Yeah. Does an election like we just went through, does it matter? And does it tell us something about how we need to be thinking of the world we're in now?

[01:08:42] Kaylor Betts, Founder, Betts Nation, Host, Betts Nation Radio
Yeah, I think it's just very revealing. Yeah. You know, like when something like like Texas flipping. I mean, I don't know if you were expecting that. No, I certainly wasn't. No. I don't know too many people that were. I think it's just revealing. I think you have to ask the question why. I mean, I don't know what's going to happen. I don't know if you know how consequential that will be to Texas. You would imagine that it's going to have to some degree. Great bit of consequence, but I don't know. I have no idea. My political analysis is through the lens of the everyday regular person. And I just ask myself, what's going on? Why? And it's like, okay, well, you know, a lot of people from places like California are moving to Texas. Did they bring their politics with them? I think there's an aspect of that happening.

[01:09:25] Del Bigtree
Yeah.

[01:09:26] Kaylor Betts, Founder, Betts Nation, Host, Betts Nation Radio
I think there's indoctrination and propagandizing from, you know, our institutions, whether it be the school system or, you know, mainstream media. Um, and, you know, the woke culture and the, you know, um, even different companies out there is that having an effect on particularly younger people and that's making a difference. Absolutely. But I also think that, you know, the Republicans have to take some responsibility as well, too. I think that they have a communication problem. And even with what's going on lately. I mean, I don't know anyone that's not a little bit fearful and confused. It hasn't really been too many too much communication. I mean, Rubio comes out and says, hey, nothing's wrong. You talked about it earlier. Trump said, hey, if there's something, I'll let you know. I just there's he's so good at marketing and he runs such a good campaign. But once he's in office, I feel like he's his team. Him and his team are lacking a little bit of clarity on what's going on. You know what's really going on.

[01:10:27] Del Bigtree
Yeah. That is that's that's super interesting. You know when so let's when you look at Maha, I'm sure you see a lot of the angst around that. You know, you we watch Bobby go in. There's people like, oh look at all he's doing. He's not doing a damn thing at all. How do you navigate that?

[01:10:46] Kaylor Betts, Founder, Betts Nation, Host, Betts Nation Radio
So that's the other thing, right? That's why I say there's a communication, you know, issue because it seems like everyone is saying something different. I mean Carly means going on Rogan obviously you just spoke to it. That was um, revealing, clarifying, you know, the whole Siouxsie Wiles thing, and I believe that is all relevant. And that was part of, you know, what's going on. But I think also like a big part of it too is there's just a lot of red tape. Again, my political analysis is pretty simple. And through the lens of the average human and what I know, which is I think there's a lot of hoops that you got to go through to make change. I do believe that RFK Jr's intentions are really pure. I mean, I've always been a fan. He obviously was one of the best things that happened, you know, when this new administration came into power. I think we had a lot of high hopes, but I was cautiously optimistic. And I kind of I kind of predicted this, to be honest. It was like, you know, I don't think things are going to move as fast as we think. Um, but who knows, with some of the recent changes, maybe maybe the needle will move. We'll see.

[01:11:50] Del Bigtree
When you think about the work that you do, is there a they is there is there something you feel like you're against? Can you quantify that in any way, or is it.

[01:12:02] Kaylor Betts, Founder, Betts Nation, Host, Betts Nation Radio
How much time do we have that I'm against?

[01:12:05] Del Bigtree
I mean, is it one thing? Is it.

[01:12:07] Del Bigtree
How do I hold a space or is it just all over the place?

[01:12:10] Kaylor Betts, Founder, Betts Nation, Host, Betts Nation Radio
I think there's four fundamental principles that I'm. And it's basically traditional values, individual and personal responsibility, family and freedom. Mhm. I mean, those those are to me, the four core tenets, you know, that all of my. And I would even add maybe another one, which is being pretty anti. Oh, I'm putting it lightly, being very anti-establishment at this point. I think our institutions and establishments are deeply flawed and I think they need to be checked. I think they need to be, you know, maybe not completely dismantled. Um, but just, you know, it's not working, you know, and I think it's pretty evident. Right. So I think they need an overhaul. Um, so those are kind of my five, I guess, fundamental principles that all of my beliefs and opinions kind of all kind of come back to at the end of the day.

[01:13:02] Del Bigtree
So you're advancing your business now outside of just being a voice, you're helping people find their voice. Tell me a little bit about that work that you're doing.

[01:13:10] Kaylor Betts, Founder, Betts Nation, Host, Betts Nation Radio
Yeah. You know, honestly though, like the craziest thing is that, you know, when you build a social media following, I'm going to sound maybe a little cheesy here, but when you build a business or a social media following or a personal brand, I don't know if you can relate to this. I think you think that you're building it, but it's actually in many ways building you up. So I have to say that, you know, a lot of my confidence to like actually say, I mean, I, I like most people are riddled with fear to say, you know, any opinion that goes outside the conventional narrative, right? Or the status quo. Um, and I, you know, this again, this flipping rectangle, it's so crazy, but it gave me the opportunity to, to actually go out and and because I've always been a bit of a black sheep, a contrarian, and it's given me the opportunity to actually go out and voice those things. And guess what? I got judged and criticized and rejected and abandoned and shamed like crazy. But there's something beautiful that happens. I mean, I think that's most people's biggest fear is to experience those things and to get ousted. Because I could tell you some stories about I lost friend groups.

[01:14:20] Kaylor Betts, Founder, Betts Nation, Host, Betts Nation Radio
And I, you know, people I share Christmas dinner with and stuff that don't want my, you know, all my sister's friends, they don't want to have anything to do with me because apparently I'm dangerous. But there's something beautiful that happens when you go through that. And the next day you realize that you're all in one piece. The sun rose and it's like, I'm okay. We don't live like how we lived for most of human history, and that if you were ousted by a lot of people, you'd be thrown to the wolves. We don't live in that, you know, society anymore. And it's a beautiful thing to actually, like, find the courage to just like, say what's actually What you believe to your core to be the truth. And it's sad how many people in society are actually not doing that, because they're just so afraid of not getting love, care, and attention from the people around them. And what people need to realize is that there's enough people in this world that no matter what opinion you have, you're going to find your people or you're going to find, you know, the people that maybe shouldn't be in your life.

[01:15:16] Del Bigtree
So, so how do you work with people? How do they work with you? How did you you know, because you seem to think, I mean, in a world that is going to get a lot of jobs are going to disappear. It's one thing AI is going to do, but your feeling is that in the social media space, more people could be making money off of it.

[01:15:31] Kaylor Betts, Founder, Betts Nation, Host, Betts Nation Radio
Well, I mean, 100%. I mean, look, billionaires are building personal brands, right? And we got to ask ourselves, why are billionaires building billionaires? Billionaires have all the resources, the money and, you know, freedom that, you know, most people could could dream of. Why? Because they're the most opportunistic people in the world. And they know that the number One commodity. And the most powerful asset that we can have is being known. In today's world. I mean, look at you. I mean, you have a phenomenal example of a personal brand, right? And what it can do, but what people need to realize is that Sally can also build, again, with her little niche that she like, maybe she loves, uh, I don't know, anything like, um, you know, organic cooking or, you know, carnivore cooking and baking or whatever. And, you know, she's a busy mom that wants to just like reduce her inflammation and get rid of her autoimmune. Okay. Cool. Well, you can make, again, you can capture a little segment of the market and you can build a personal brand, not just by talking about your expertise in that little niche that you have, but you can also, you know, be yourself and you can be you. And that's what, you know, when you look at a really powerful personal brand, people are bringing their personalities and their characteristics and like what makes them unique into the equation, right? It doesn't have to just be about that. I mean, you have your character. You've got an awesome personality. You're funny, you know, and people like you just as much as they like what you talk about. So that's what we teach. We teach people that, you know, they can leverage those things and they can go online and build a personal brand, especially if you want to build outside of the system.

[01:17:13] Del Bigtree
Here it is, folks. If you want some help to work with all this information and get better at yourself, bets nation.be a super cool. Um, what are you is there a future you dream about?

[01:17:29] Kaylor Betts, Founder, Betts Nation, Host, Betts Nation Radio
Yeah. Um, again, I want a future where I, you know, I think we would actually be very well served to, to segment more. I think we've really gotten to a point where we realized that, you know, we do have differences in and we all have the same values. We all want to be safe and we all want clean drinking water and to be well fed and have fun and be able to do all these things. We just have vehemently different ways of.

[01:17:58] Del Bigtree
Allow us like, I mean, separate segregate, like just say.

[01:18:02] Kaylor Betts, Founder, Betts Nation, Host, Betts Nation Radio
And I think in an age

[01:18:02] Del Bigtree
I have my community, we don't all need to get along perfectly and agree to every thing there is.

[01:18:08] Kaylor Betts, Founder, Betts Nation, Host, Betts Nation Radio
Yeah. Because I think especially in an age of AI, I mean, I think we're going to get to a point where it's as crazy as it sounds. I mean, it probably doesn't sound that crazy anymore, but I think there's going to be people that want the chip in the brain. They want, you know, all the things and their, their whole lives to be automated and, and all this stuff by AI. And at some point, I think we're going to have to revert back to more traditional values and to family and community, you know, so I think to be really honest with you, the future that I really dream of is one where like, I'm living in community with a bunch of people that are incredible, that I love, and we're dancing and laughing and playing and all raising children together and living off the earth and the land. Um, and I'm totally fine. If not everyone in society wants to do that. But, um, I'm going to do my thing.

[01:18:56] Del Bigtree
I'm the same way. I mean, we get a lot into vaccines, but I've been saying to these journalists, look, there's really two different ways to get to immunity. You can pump yourself full of a bunch of inferior products that you can do five, six, seven, eight, ten times, or maybe they never quite take root and have, you know, lots of chemicals and things in them. Or you can take your chances with the virus itself, which is what my family, I want to do. We do it once we're, you know, immune for life. And I, and I kind of agree, like, can we just this community is over here. You do it your way. You want to have a chip in the brain, you're not allowed to play touch football with the rest of us. We're doing the non chip in the brain football game right. Is that.

[01:19:36] Kaylor Betts, Founder, Betts Nation, Host, Betts Nation Radio
Yeah. And allow each other to live at peace, which I mean gosh that's going to be a tall order. But you know I hope we can get there for sure. And isn't that what Fauci Fauci actually even said to the best vaccine is natural immunity. But you know, we won't go down that rabbit hole. Yeah.

[01:19:52] Del Bigtree
Well, look, I want you to stick around for off the record if you got a little bit of time. Of course. Um, one of the things when you're coming on the big, like. I mean, we're getting blown up. Is he single? Is he available? Do not tell me. I'll ask you off the record. I also want to know what it's like to live up in Canada and how it's different than America. And really, do you have any concerns about censorship in the work that you do? And I do moving forward. We'll get into that. Off the record, if you are aware, Off the Record is available. It goes live tomorrow on Friday. You can check it out. That is on our Highwire plus we're going to do something when we decided we want this information out far and wide. So you're going to get a first look. If you are a recurring donor and a part of our Highwire plus program. But on Sunday, off the record, we'll go live to the world and we're going to start releasing a lot of the old ones. We just want to make sure that everybody is getting all the information so you get a first look. If you're one of the people that has joined us and supporting us, but ultimately we're going to start releasing all this information. So tell all your friends Sunday. It's all going live. They can check out off the record then. Meanwhile, the holidays are coming up. We got Thanksgiving. I think, you know, a lot of fun can be had with the t shirts that maybe you give some friends and family, especially ones that you know, are in the club that are in the community like Kaylor's talking about, but maybe some that aren't. Wouldn't it be a stocking stuffer or at least a conversation starter of one of these t shirts was wrapped for them.

[01:21:23] Female Speaker
You can't spell American without. I can at the informed Consent Action Network. Freedom starts with believing I can.

[01:21:31] Female Speaker
I can think for myself.

[01:21:33] Male Speaker
I can ask questions.

[01:21:34] Male Speaker
I can speak my mind.

[01:21:35] Male Speaker
I can make my own choices every day.

[01:21:38] Female Speaker
I can fights for you and for the children of America.

[01:21:41] Male Speaker
I can demand informed consent.

[01:21:43] Female Speaker
I can stand up for medical freedom.

[01:21:45] Male Speaker
I can choose a healthier life for my family.

[01:21:48] Female Speaker
For ten years. Ican has stood up for the freedoms that have defined this country for 250 years. And freedom isn't just about what we fight for. It's about what we live for.

[01:21:59] Male Speaker
I can play hard.

[01:22:01] Male Speaker
I can work hard,

[01:22:02] Female Speaker
I can explore,

[01:22:04] Male Speaker
I can laugh.

[01:22:05] Male Speaker
I can love.

[01:22:06] Male Speaker
I can decide.

[01:22:08] Female Speaker
Freedom isn't just something you talk about. It's something you live support. I can and help us keep fighting for informed consent, medical freedom, and the right to choose. And to all you guardians of natural immunity x Vaxxers and parents that don't want the government involved in how you raise your children, we've got you. Our Black Friday sale starts early. Get 10% off everything Thanksgiving Day and Friday the 27th only at thehighwire.com dot shop.

[01:22:38] Del Bigtree
You know, one of the things I process through is I think about what we're going to see on this show or the energy we're going to bring, or the things that I want to be focused on talking about is this idea that throughout time, it's almost like every generation has, you know, the end is nigh. As a thought looming, if we don't make changes, there'll be no future for our kids. It's not brand new. We're not the first ones doing that. Welcome to the club. You start getting a little silver in your hair, and you just become the next generation of people that's saying, oh, my God, we've got to save the world for everybody. And it's been going on really since the dawn of man. Are there some tools now in place that, um, you know, could be used in ways that are not good? Sure. Is the answer to that? Having no idea how they work or not being involved with it? I mean, I'll be honest, I have to open my mind to that a little bit. Part of me, you know, you know, feels like those old, you know, legends or, you know, fables of, you know, the guy picking his way. Was it John Henry fights the machine? He's just never going to give it to the machine. And yeah, he makes it through. I don't know if you know that story. I'm probably really dating myself, but, you know, he picks his way, fighting the machine that's drilling through the mountain, and he gets to the other side and wins.

[01:23:56] Del Bigtree
And then I think the story is, you know, he dies. Well, what's the story where we live? What's the story that we succeed? And what is the mindset that takes the moments, the tragedies, the difficulties, the elections, the the, the communication issues and says, you know what? We do have a good life. You know, I still look out. I'm lucky. I have a, you know, a beautiful view out of my house. And I look at the trees and I look at the water and I just think those trees do not care, you know, that planes just got grounded. This lake does not care who just got elected. There's still beauty in the world, and there always is. And I think there's also a sense of, you know what? We're resilient. You know, if if, you know, I talk about it all the time, if we were created in the image and likeness of God, then surely we got this. And by the way, there's also that idea that everything's happening for a reason. I mean, look at this election for a lot of us that are watching this show, and I know it's not all of you. You know, there's some political diversity, which I'm really happy to hear still exist out there on the show. But for a lot of people that watch it, it was like this tragic moment, oh my God.

[01:25:09] Del Bigtree
But look at the repercussions of it now, for the first time in my lifetime. Major newspapers are having a report that lobbyists have been kicked out of the white House. I don't think that's happened in my entire lifetime. Real people that were up for FDA are being pulled. The chief of staff is being fired. And the conversation that everyone in the same media that I thought was owned by pharma has to admit what's happening. Looks like the fact that the citizens were pissed at Trump. They felt like there was too much, you know, pharma and pharmaceutical and pesticide influence. And there's a house cleaning going on and it's not happening, you know, in the shadows. It's not happening in a bubble. It's right there in mainstream news and reporting on it, which means millions, hundreds of millions of people are reading right now about a government that is at least saying, we want to get rid of the lobbyists. We're not allowing the white House. We see all the damage that's done. Trump might be saying, I think it's hurt my reputation. I'm pissed off about it. But whatever's happening there, there's a consciousness shift that is taking place, and a lot of it has nothing to do with us. It's something much bigger than us. What happened? This election is gigantic. And whether it happened for the right reasons or the wrong reasons, all we can do is react. And right now we're kind of reacting in a really beautiful way.

[01:26:33] Del Bigtree
And as I've said, I think there's a lot more common ground than I remember recognizing to talk to people that thought were on the other side. It looks like we have similar views on the economy. We have similar views on lobbyists in Washington. There are places that we can meet and we can talk about. I think everyone Democrats, Republicans, independents, whatever, whatever it is, are little concerned about planes being grounded and your bank not opening up. So there's a lot of places where we can meet each other now and say, hey, we're all in this together. Let's just let's let's eyes wide open. I love what Ed Dowd said. No matter where you're coming from right now, it's time for some Eyes Wide open. And we know how the controller like to use tragedy and fear to just take more power away from us. That is one thing for sure. We're never going to allow as Highwires here broadcasting as we are bringing lawsuits against any government official that attempts to do that. We're proud of our record on that. But let's remember this week we got each other. And if we've got each other, then we got this. We're going to be all right, but start enrolling all the people in your community that you're going to need to make this world what we want it to be now and forever. It's the Highwire. I'll see you next week.

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