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00:00:06,160 --> 00:00:13,679  
welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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00:00:09,099 --> 00:00:13,679  
from Australia for science and reason

3  
00:00:24,750 --> 00:00:30,359  
hello and welcome to the skeptics are an

4  
00:00:27,370 --> 00:00:36,670  
episode number 393 for the first of may

5  
00:00:30,359 --> 00:00:39,369  
2016 Richard Saunders now trying to

6  
00:00:36,670 --> 00:00:42,939  
bring you the show with two little

7  
00:00:39,369 --> 00:00:46,299  
kittens on my lap okay you too hot down

8  
00:00:42,939 --> 00:00:48,099  
there they're very helpful you see what

9  
00:00:46,299 --> 00:00:50,319  
they want to do is help me produce the

10  
00:00:48,100 --> 00:00:53,500  
skeptic zone coming up on this week's

11  
00:00:50,320 --> 00:00:57,509  
show if i can get to my computer here

12  
00:00:53,500 --> 00:00:59,679  
and put it together it's alright mm-hmm

13  
00:00:57,509 --> 00:01:01,509  
coming up on this week's show we're

14  
00:00:59,679 --> 00:01:04,989  
going to start off with an update about

15  
00:01:01,509 --> 00:01:08,739  
the chiropractor who was manipulating

16  
00:01:04,989 --> 00:01:13,000  
cracking treating i wouldn't use that

17  
00:01:08,739 --> 00:01:15,640  
word a four day old baby as mentioned in

18  
00:01:13,000 --> 00:01:17,978  
previous skeptics owns the video has

19  
00:01:15,640 --> 00:01:20,560  
gone viral and it's causing a lot of

20  
00:01:17,978 --> 00:01:23,019  
controversy around the world so right at

21  
00:01:20,560 --> 00:01:25,240  
the start of the show an update to this

22  
00:01:23,019 --> 00:01:27,759  
story following that it's a little

23  
00:01:25,239 --> 00:01:31,419  
review i'm doing about conspiracy theory

24  
00:01:27,759 --> 00:01:34,420  
centering on the port arthur massacre 20

25  
00:01:31,420 --> 00:01:36,728  
years ago now we're 35 people lost their

26  
00:01:34,420 --> 00:01:39,670  
lives and like any mass shooting these

27  
00:01:36,728 --> 00:01:42,030  
days it seems to me the conspiracy

28  
00:01:39,670 --> 00:01:45,399  
theories have come out of there

29

00:01:42,030 --> 00:01:48,820  
wormholes out of the woodwork making a

30  
00:01:45,399 --> 00:01:51,009  
general pest of themselves conspiracy

31  
00:01:48,819 --> 00:01:53,648  
theories san during on the port arthur

32  
00:01:51,009 --> 00:01:55,688  
massacre coming up a little later on in

33  
00:01:53,649 --> 00:01:57,728  
the show and a little bit of information

34  
00:01:55,688 --> 00:02:00,758  
about my upcoming appearance at the

35  
00:01:57,728 --> 00:02:03,459  
perak on the paranormal convention here

36  
00:02:00,759 --> 00:02:07,118  
in in australia up in the blue mountains

37  
00:02:03,459 --> 00:02:08,739  
the wonderful town of katoomba then to

38  
00:02:07,118 --> 00:02:13,080  
round off the show a report about the

39  
00:02:08,740 --> 00:02:16,210  
movie vax the year andrew wakefield

40  
00:02:13,080 --> 00:02:17,950  
effort talking about conspiracy theories

41  
00:02:16,210 --> 00:02:19,960  
now over the past few weeks I've been

42  
00:02:17,949 --> 00:02:21,629  
trying to get myself together after

43  
00:02:19,960 --> 00:02:24,969

suffering some sort of a flu or a cold

44

00:02:21,629 --> 00:02:27,490

something like that and a couple of days

45

00:02:24,969 --> 00:02:30,870

I found myself well a bit wiped out to

46

00:02:27,490 --> 00:02:33,909

be honest not much else to do except

47

00:02:30,870 --> 00:02:36,670

take some aspirin and watch a bit of TV

48

00:02:33,909 --> 00:02:40,150

I was watching a show produced here in

49

00:02:36,669 --> 00:02:42,129

Australia Wow 20 years ago called

50

00:02:40,150 --> 00:02:43,960

frontline and this is produced by the

51

00:02:42,129 --> 00:02:48,549

working dog the same people who brought

52

00:02:43,960 --> 00:02:50,700

you the dish and the castle and recently

53

00:02:48,550 --> 00:02:53,260

utopia which is a very funny show

54

00:02:50,699 --> 00:02:57,759

frontline send it around the fictional

55

00:02:53,259 --> 00:03:00,819

office of a TV a current affairs tabloid

56

00:02:57,759 --> 00:03:02,620

type show and I enjoyed it very much I

57

00:03:00,819 --> 00:03:04,389

enjoy it 20 years ago and I mean doing

58  
00:03:02,620 --> 00:03:06,400  
it very much looking at it again all

59  
00:03:04,389 --> 00:03:08,319  
these years later it's still relevant

60  
00:03:06,400 --> 00:03:12,700  
but I thought I'd play you a very short

61  
00:03:08,319 --> 00:03:17,079  
clip from one of the episodes and it's

62  
00:03:12,699 --> 00:03:21,519  
amazing how relevant it is today next

63  
00:03:17,080 --> 00:03:23,770  
I've got a story I doctor who reckons

64  
00:03:21,520 --> 00:03:25,240  
vaccinating kids can be dangerous that's

65  
00:03:23,770 --> 00:03:27,730  
account of here's a question I love

66  
00:03:25,240 --> 00:03:29,710  
children plus danger to children equals

67  
00:03:27,729 --> 00:03:31,840  
brooke d the story right right next

68  
00:03:29,710 --> 00:03:33,849  
how's Brooke going with that what's at

69  
00:03:31,840 --> 00:03:35,920  
the vaccination guy it's a bit dodgy

70  
00:03:33,849 --> 00:03:37,509  
he's a bit of a kook well he's a doctor

71  
00:03:35,919 --> 00:03:38,859  
no he's a natural birth he's got no

72  
00:03:37,509 --> 00:03:40,929  
formal medical training well he's

73  
00:03:38,860 --> 00:03:43,450  
raising legitimate concern our

74  
00:03:40,930 --> 00:03:45,340  
vaccinations dangerous but surely this

75  
00:03:43,449 --> 00:03:47,919  
is not I'm not a doctor whatever is he

76  
00:03:45,340 --> 00:03:49,750  
well we'll get both sides we're on size

77  
00:03:47,919 --> 00:03:52,089  
just one quack vs world health

78  
00:03:49,750 --> 00:03:53,919  
organization that's sides by giving him

79  
00:03:52,090 --> 00:03:55,569  
equal time we imply that the debate is

80  
00:03:53,919 --> 00:04:01,329  
evenly matched with creating concern

81  
00:03:55,569 --> 00:04:04,030  
over nothing em em you have a child do

82  
00:04:01,330 --> 00:04:06,219  
you love it with all my heart tonight on

83  
00:04:04,030 --> 00:04:09,099  
Frontline could a vaccination kill your

84  
00:04:06,219 --> 00:04:10,479  
child will show you what frontline and

85  
00:04:09,099 --> 00:04:12,069  
what do we want people to do what

86

00:04:10,479 --> 00:04:14,199  
frontline know what story are we gonna

87  
00:04:12,069 --> 00:04:16,269  
run tonight on Frontline vaccinations

88  
00:04:14,199 --> 00:04:18,608  
both sides of this controversial and

89  
00:04:16,269 --> 00:04:20,738  
evenly matched abate gee thank you in

90  
00:04:18,608 --> 00:04:22,959  
but it could home to my kids anything

91  
00:04:20,738 --> 00:04:26,229  
else so there you go even 20 years ago

92  
00:04:22,959 --> 00:04:29,799  
this issue of false balance in the media

93  
00:04:26,230 --> 00:04:32,020  
was was coming up now for those of you

94  
00:04:29,800 --> 00:04:34,629  
in Sydney the next skeptics in the pub

95  
00:04:32,019 --> 00:04:37,029  
is thursday the fifth of may at the

96  
00:04:34,629 --> 00:04:39,490  
crown hotel which is just near museum

97  
00:04:37,029 --> 00:04:42,429  
station now that kicks off at six pm and

98  
00:04:39,490 --> 00:04:44,079  
the talk this month is about well well

99  
00:04:42,430 --> 00:04:46,720  
conspiracy theories there must be

100  
00:04:44,079 --> 00:04:47,680

conspiracy going on all hail the lizard

101

00:04:46,720 --> 00:04:49,690

people

102

00:04:47,680 --> 00:04:52,590

dr. Chris Fleming on the reason and

103

00:04:49,689 --> 00:04:54,490

madness in conspiracy theory here's

104

00:04:52,589 --> 00:04:56,168

conspiracy theories I think that's going

105

00:04:54,490 --> 00:04:59,079

to be very popular night you might want

106

00:04:56,168 --> 00:05:02,829

to go onto the web go to meet up look up

107

00:04:59,079 --> 00:05:06,159

Australian skeptics or meetup com /a ust

108

00:05:02,829 --> 00:05:08,109

skeptics and book your spot and we'll

109

00:05:06,160 --> 00:05:10,350

see you at skeptics in the pub here in

110

00:05:08,110 --> 00:05:13,870

Sydney but now with my voice starting to

111

00:05:10,350 --> 00:05:16,360

run away with me again oh boy this is

112

00:05:13,870 --> 00:05:19,180

cold or whatever it is really dragging

113

00:05:16,360 --> 00:05:21,939

never mind i know i'll run downstairs

114

00:05:19,180 --> 00:05:24,009

i'll give the cats the skeptic zone

115  
00:05:21,939 --> 00:05:25,509  
kittens a little bit of chicken neck

116  
00:05:24,009 --> 00:05:28,689  
each they love that while they're

117  
00:05:25,509 --> 00:05:31,110  
crunching that i hope you enjoy the

118  
00:05:28,689 --> 00:05:31,110  
skeptics

119  
00:05:46,300 --> 00:05:53,840  
and now another update in the continuing

120  
00:05:49,779 --> 00:05:56,929  
drama saga story tale of the

121  
00:05:53,839 --> 00:06:00,948  
chiropractor who cracked the back four

122  
00:05:56,930 --> 00:06:03,860  
day old baby weaving that following this

123  
00:06:00,949 --> 00:06:05,750  
story for some weeks now briefly there's

124  
00:06:03,860 --> 00:06:08,300  
a video of a chiropractor here in

125  
00:06:05,750 --> 00:06:10,550  
Australia manipulating the back of a

126  
00:06:08,300 --> 00:06:13,509  
baby in a violent jerking manner you can

127  
00:06:10,550 --> 00:06:16,490  
hear the baby's back being cracked

128  
00:06:13,509 --> 00:06:19,939  
baby's only four days old baby starts to

129  
00:06:16,490 --> 00:06:22,610  
cry I need not tell you there is no good

130  
00:06:19,939 --> 00:06:25,389  
evidence to suggest that doing this has

131  
00:06:22,610 --> 00:06:28,129  
any positive effects whatsoever

132  
00:06:25,389 --> 00:06:30,019  
apparently the treatment is for colic

133  
00:06:28,129 --> 00:06:32,300  
and it's been pointed out that a four

134  
00:06:30,019 --> 00:06:34,579  
day old baby is far too young to be

135  
00:06:32,300 --> 00:06:36,169  
diagnosed with colic anyway but in the

136  
00:06:34,579 --> 00:06:38,240  
last few days the president of the

137  
00:06:36,168 --> 00:06:41,149  
chiropractor's Association of Australia

138  
00:06:38,240 --> 00:06:43,490  
has said that doctors are overreacting

139  
00:06:41,149 --> 00:06:46,038  
to the video that shows the newborn

140  
00:06:43,490 --> 00:06:48,470  
baby's spine being manipulated dr.

141  
00:06:46,038 --> 00:06:50,120  
Anthony coxon the president of the

142  
00:06:48,470 --> 00:06:52,310  
Victorian branch of the chiropractors

143

00:06:50,120 --> 00:06:54,740  
Association of Australia said the

144  
00:06:52,310 --> 00:06:56,870  
treatment was forceful but effective and

145  
00:06:54,740 --> 00:06:58,879  
he said quote while I am uncomfortable

146  
00:06:56,870 --> 00:07:02,478  
with the procedure that was performed

147  
00:06:58,879 --> 00:07:04,339  
it's still a safe procedure and quote he

148  
00:07:02,478 --> 00:07:06,829  
went on to say quote I know it doesn't

149  
00:07:04,339 --> 00:07:09,619  
look good but the child did get a very

150  
00:07:06,829 --> 00:07:12,019  
good result and immediate result from

151  
00:07:09,620 --> 00:07:14,629  
the care when the parents returned a

152  
00:07:12,019 --> 00:07:16,939  
week later the colic symptoms had

153  
00:07:14,629 --> 00:07:18,860  
improved significantly it's not the

154  
00:07:16,939 --> 00:07:20,810  
choice of technique that most

155  
00:07:18,860 --> 00:07:23,449  
chiropractors would use for these sort

156  
00:07:20,810 --> 00:07:25,120  
of problems but it is very effective and

157  
00:07:23,449 --> 00:07:29,240

despite the fact it doesn't look good

158

00:07:25,120 --> 00:07:32,300

it's still very safe and quote it sort

159

00:07:29,240 --> 00:07:34,840

of reminds me of the alternative medical

160

00:07:32,300 --> 00:07:37,990

field in general where they dare not

161

00:07:34,839 --> 00:07:41,209

criticize each other it's interesting

162

00:07:37,990 --> 00:07:43,310

the homeopaths won't criticize the Reiki

163

00:07:41,209 --> 00:07:45,439

practitioners the Reiki practitioners

164

00:07:43,310 --> 00:07:47,959

won't criticize the acupuncturist and so

165

00:07:45,439 --> 00:07:51,079

on and so on and so on I guess once one

166

00:07:47,959 --> 00:07:51,759

treatment is seen to be bogus it might

167

00:07:51,079 --> 00:07:54,699

be a case

168

00:07:51,759 --> 00:07:56,860

of Domino's they'll falling down let's

169

00:07:54,699 --> 00:08:00,550

see and here is a report on the issue

170

00:07:56,860 --> 00:08:03,460

from the channel 7 TV news here in

171

00:08:00,550 --> 00:08:05,560

Australia a long-running feud between

172  
00:08:03,459 --> 00:08:07,779  
doctors and chiropractors has erupted

173  
00:08:05,560 --> 00:08:10,300  
again this time over a shocking video

174  
00:08:07,779 --> 00:08:12,399  
that went viral thousands of Australians

175  
00:08:10,300 --> 00:08:14,470  
swear by them but some chiropractors are

176  
00:08:12,399 --> 00:08:17,289  
being condemned for controversial

177  
00:08:14,470 --> 00:08:21,580  
practices including cracking a distress

178  
00:08:17,290 --> 00:08:24,490  
newborn babies back a baby back row it's

179  
00:08:21,579 --> 00:08:26,979  
a code all around the world the video

180  
00:08:24,490 --> 00:08:29,050  
shows a chiropractor cracking a newborn

181  
00:08:26,980 --> 00:08:31,300  
babies back that chiropractor is

182  
00:08:29,050 --> 00:08:33,850  
melbourne-based in ross perot who's

183  
00:08:31,300 --> 00:08:36,370  
treating a four day old baby for reflux

184  
00:08:33,850 --> 00:08:38,409  
and colic that hurts to be crying but if

185  
00:08:36,370 --> 00:08:41,019  
the baby isn't crying others are

186  
00:08:38,409 --> 00:08:43,659  
melbourne spinal surgeon John Cunningham

187  
00:08:41,019 --> 00:08:45,850  
says the clip made his eyes water while

188  
00:08:43,659 --> 00:08:49,269  
the head pediatrician at Darwin Hospital

189  
00:08:45,850 --> 00:08:51,550  
says it's beyond belief today this from

190  
00:08:49,269 --> 00:08:53,590  
the Royal Australian College of GPS it

191  
00:08:51,549 --> 00:08:55,449  
seems to me personally unnecessary and

192  
00:08:53,590 --> 00:08:57,399  
cruel to do that to a newborn baby with

193  
00:08:55,450 --> 00:08:59,560  
carros now advertising treatments for

194  
00:08:57,399 --> 00:09:02,439  
everything from asthma to eczema the

195  
00:08:59,559 --> 00:09:04,359  
college says this is the final straw the

196  
00:09:02,440 --> 00:09:06,280  
role of the current practice haven't

197  
00:09:04,360 --> 00:09:07,779  
really got to be examined and they've

198  
00:09:06,279 --> 00:09:09,639  
really got to get their act together the

199  
00:09:07,779 --> 00:09:12,129  
college on behalf of every GP in the

200

00:09:09,639 --> 00:09:14,649  
country is now reviewing its position on

201  
00:09:12,129 --> 00:09:16,689  
chiropractic care options include

202  
00:09:14,649 --> 00:09:18,850  
refusing referrals for children even

203  
00:09:16,690 --> 00:09:21,580  
adults and demanding that medicare

204  
00:09:18,850 --> 00:09:23,769  
rebates for kairos be scrapped citing

205  
00:09:21,580 --> 00:09:26,230  
little to no scientific evidence to

206  
00:09:23,769 --> 00:09:28,899  
support much of the work chiropractors

207  
00:09:26,230 --> 00:09:30,970  
do the research is out there but we're

208  
00:09:28,899 --> 00:09:32,860  
working very hard to try and improve it

209  
00:09:30,970 --> 00:09:35,139  
and build on that low back pain neck

210  
00:09:32,860 --> 00:09:38,080  
pain neck related headaches the research

211  
00:09:35,139 --> 00:09:40,720  
is very strong dr. Andrew Rochford 7

212  
00:09:38,080 --> 00:09:44,650  
News and thank you 7 news that sent a

213  
00:09:40,720 --> 00:09:46,430  
you news yahoo com it seems like this

214  
00:09:44,649 --> 00:09:48,588

story is why

215

00:09:46,429 --> 00:10:08,958  
we'll continue and will bring you

216

00:09:48,589 --> 00:10:13,100  
updates as they come to him secrets of

217

00:10:08,958 --> 00:10:15,500  
the psychics Australian skeptics Sydney

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00:10:13,100 --> 00:10:18,860  
dinner meeting fourth of June at the

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00:10:15,500 --> 00:10:21,850  
ride Eastwood leagues club in west

220

00:10:18,860 --> 00:10:25,759  
riding in preparation for the visit by

221

00:10:21,850 --> 00:10:27,769  
psychic medium John Edward to Australia

222

00:10:25,759 --> 00:10:30,110  
we're thrilled to have a special event

223

00:10:27,769 --> 00:10:32,689  
for our next dinner meeting in Sydney

224

00:10:30,110 --> 00:10:35,740  
and double act with a demonstration of

225

00:10:32,690 --> 00:10:38,870  
psychic powers by self professed psychic

226

00:10:35,740 --> 00:10:41,180  
Nellie Klein and an explanation of the

227

00:10:38,870 --> 00:10:44,028  
psychic skills by Richard Saunders judge

228

00:10:41,179 --> 00:10:46,669  
of the psychic TV challenge show the one

229  
00:10:44,028 --> 00:10:49,519  
and senior investigator for Australian

230  
00:10:46,669 --> 00:10:51,729  
skeptical skeptic miss Klein has agreed to

231  
00:10:49,519 --> 00:10:55,069  
do readings of members of our audience

232  
00:10:51,730 --> 00:10:57,289  
giving you the chance to see her psychic

233  
00:10:55,070 --> 00:10:59,540  
powers in action and see how accurate

234  
00:10:57,289 --> 00:11:01,879  
they are Richard will follow this with a

235  
00:10:59,539 --> 00:11:04,579  
presentation of psychic tricks of the

236  
00:11:01,879 --> 00:11:07,939  
trade using his extensive knowledge and

237  
00:11:04,580 --> 00:11:09,290  
confrontation with claimers that sounds

238  
00:11:07,940 --> 00:11:11,630  
interesting i might even go to this one

239  
00:11:09,289 --> 00:11:13,490  
myself so that's the Australian skeptics

240  
00:11:11,629 --> 00:11:16,789  
our dinner meeting the fourth of June at

241  
00:11:13,490 --> 00:11:21,799  
the ride Eastwood Leagues Club and West

242  
00:11:16,789 --> 00:11:23,449  
Ryde are 6 34 7 15 it says cost is fifty

243  
00:11:21,799 --> 00:11:25,939  
dollars per person which includes a

244  
00:11:23,450 --> 00:11:28,400  
buffet dinner and the dinners there up t

245  
00:11:25,940 --> 00:11:31,070  
damn good plus a lucky door prize

246  
00:11:28,399 --> 00:11:35,259  
somebody will get their ticket refunded

247  
00:11:31,070 --> 00:11:38,260  
for more information visit [www.payakame](http://www.payakame.com)

248  
00:11:35,259 --> 00:11:38,259  
you

249  
00:12:05,850 --> 00:12:14,649  
one of the golden threads golden one of

250  
00:12:10,659 --> 00:12:16,659  
the rusted through the cane threads that

251  
00:12:14,649 --> 00:12:19,149  
binds a lot of what skeptics have to

252  
00:12:16,659 --> 00:12:20,919  
deal with together our conspiracy

253  
00:12:19,149 --> 00:12:23,078  
theorists everything from the

254  
00:12:20,919 --> 00:12:27,849  
assassination of President John F

255  
00:12:23,078 --> 00:12:32,649  
Kennedy in 1963 to the moon landings to

256  
00:12:27,850 --> 00:12:35,610  
the real evil force behind vaccinations

257

00:12:32,649 --> 00:12:38,980  
to the government or the Illuminati or

258  
00:12:35,610 --> 00:12:42,639  
aliens or whoever poisoning our

259  
00:12:38,980 --> 00:12:44,740  
atmosphere with chem trails left behind

260  
00:12:42,639 --> 00:12:46,539  
by commercial jet planes conspiracy

261  
00:12:44,740 --> 00:12:48,579  
theories to those of the right sort of

262  
00:12:46,539 --> 00:12:51,069  
mindset or maybe we should say the wrong

263  
00:12:48,578 --> 00:12:54,099  
sort of mindset I'm very seductive and

264  
00:12:51,070 --> 00:12:57,700  
compelling they make sense they're also

265  
00:12:54,100 --> 00:13:01,659  
a way for people to seem to have the

266  
00:12:57,700 --> 00:13:03,270  
advantage of a skeptics like us classic

267  
00:13:01,659 --> 00:13:05,799  
example is the John F Kennedy

268  
00:13:03,269 --> 00:13:07,600  
assassination I had a conversation with

269  
00:13:05,799 --> 00:13:09,819  
a conspiracy theorist about this once

270  
00:13:07,600 --> 00:13:12,519  
and the conspiracy theorists did

271  
00:13:09,820 --> 00:13:14,820

something we call gish galloping is

272

00:13:12,519 --> 00:13:16,990

where your opponent will just bring up

273

00:13:14,820 --> 00:13:20,320

point after point after point after

274

00:13:16,990 --> 00:13:23,948

point which you cannot possibly refute

275

00:13:20,320 --> 00:13:28,629

in the time given or even research or

276

00:13:23,948 --> 00:13:30,370

even know about so my opponent as it

277

00:13:28,629 --> 00:13:32,620

were was bringing up all sorts of things

278

00:13:30,370 --> 00:13:33,970

saying how do you explain then mr.

279

00:13:32,620 --> 00:13:35,320

skeptic that Lyndon Johnson was

280

00:13:33,970 --> 00:13:36,970

overheard only two days before

281

00:13:35,320 --> 00:13:39,190

discussing the assassination of

282

00:13:36,970 --> 00:13:41,680

President Kennedy with the head of this

283

00:13:39,190 --> 00:13:44,050

company or that company now what are you

284

00:13:41,679 --> 00:13:45,849

going to do how can you possibly refute

285

00:13:44,049 --> 00:13:47,349

that on the spot you don't even know if

286  
00:13:45,850 --> 00:13:49,269  
it's true which it probably isn't and

287  
00:13:47,350 --> 00:13:50,649  
that's another thing that the conspiracy

288  
00:13:49,269 --> 00:13:54,759  
theorists will

289  
00:13:50,649 --> 00:13:56,769  
use if you as the skeptic cannot refute

290  
00:13:54,759 --> 00:14:00,009  
their arguments no matter what their

291  
00:13:56,769 --> 00:14:01,990  
arguments are to the nth degree they

292  
00:14:00,009 --> 00:14:03,850  
will take that as a victory for their

293  
00:14:01,990 --> 00:14:06,579  
argument you can't debunk this mr.

294  
00:14:03,850 --> 00:14:08,980  
skeptic therefore i win is sort of a

295  
00:14:06,578 --> 00:14:11,828  
thinking well let's look at a conspiracy

296  
00:14:08,980 --> 00:14:14,230  
theory that's in the news lately and one

297  
00:14:11,828 --> 00:14:17,109  
that I've heard about for some time and

298  
00:14:14,230 --> 00:14:20,199  
when I first heard about it or six seven

299  
00:14:17,110 --> 00:14:24,428  
years ago it really did really did

300  
00:14:20,198 --> 00:14:27,188  
surprise me really did shock me in 1996

301  
00:14:24,428 --> 00:14:30,539  
at Port Arthur on the island state of

302  
00:14:27,188 --> 00:14:33,698  
Tasmania terrible massacre took place

303  
00:14:30,539 --> 00:14:38,769  
Martin Bryant a lone gunman 28 of the

304  
00:14:33,698 --> 00:14:40,838  
time shot dead 35 people and wounded 23

305  
00:14:38,769 --> 00:14:43,360  
others the story made international news

306  
00:14:40,839 --> 00:14:45,699  
of course and it's regarded as one of

307  
00:14:43,360 --> 00:14:48,539  
Australia's worst single person

308  
00:14:45,698 --> 00:14:51,219  
massacres now before I go any further

309  
00:14:48,539 --> 00:14:53,678  
we're just combining ourselves to this

310  
00:14:51,220 --> 00:14:55,300  
as though terrible massacre I do of

311  
00:14:53,678 --> 00:14:58,208  
course acknowledge that there have been

312  
00:14:55,299 --> 00:15:00,308  
other atrocities and massacres dating

313  
00:14:58,208 --> 00:15:02,409  
back throughout Australia's history

314

00:15:00,308 --> 00:15:04,088  
however for the flow of this

315  
00:15:02,409 --> 00:15:06,958  
conversation will confine ourselves to

316  
00:15:04,089 --> 00:15:10,240  
the single person port arthur massacre

317  
00:15:06,958 --> 00:15:16,239  
here is the audio from a news report of

318  
00:15:10,240 --> 00:15:18,990  
the time seven nightly news with an

319  
00:15:16,240 --> 00:15:18,990  
forward

320  
00:15:21,750 --> 00:15:26,470  
the shooting spree that's shattered

321  
00:15:24,039 --> 00:15:28,778  
dozens of lives grief and anger tonight

322  
00:15:26,470 --> 00:15:32,920  
as a nation searches for answers to the

323  
00:15:28,778 --> 00:15:34,688  
slaughter good evening all Australians

324  
00:15:32,919 --> 00:15:37,208  
tonight share the horror of the port

325  
00:15:34,688 --> 00:15:39,578  
arthur massacre 35 people are dead a

326  
00:15:37,208 --> 00:15:41,679  
teener injured police have now named the

327  
00:15:39,578 --> 00:15:43,899  
mass murder he is 28 year old Martin

328  
00:15:41,679 --> 00:15:46,208

Bryant a local man believed to be

329

00:15:43,899 --> 00:15:48,100

intellectually handicapped he's in royal

330

00:15:46,208 --> 00:15:50,559

hobart hospital tonight suffering burns

331

00:15:48,100 --> 00:15:52,930

to his upper body after running from the

332

00:15:50,559 --> 00:15:54,549

guest lodge that he satellite yes a

333

00:15:52,929 --> 00:15:57,250

horrible story and I certainly remember

334

00:15:54,549 --> 00:15:59,828

hearing the news on the day hard to

335

00:15:57,250 --> 00:16:02,110

believe it was 20 years ago but getting

336

00:15:59,828 --> 00:16:04,859

back to the conspiracy theory yes there

337

00:16:02,110 --> 00:16:07,959

has been for some time now a theory that

338

00:16:04,860 --> 00:16:12,220

Martin Bryant was the Patsy the fall guy

339

00:16:07,958 --> 00:16:15,549

for a conspiracy where marksman marks

340

00:16:12,220 --> 00:16:17,050

women were also at Port Arthur on the

341

00:16:15,549 --> 00:16:23,019

day to make sure that a lot of people

342

00:16:17,049 --> 00:16:26,318

were killed why to disarm Australians

343  
00:16:23,019 --> 00:16:28,688  
because shortly thereafter the prime

344  
00:16:26,318 --> 00:16:30,278  
minister at the time John Howard began

345  
00:16:28,688 --> 00:16:35,289  
the process of changing the laws in

346  
00:16:30,278 --> 00:16:37,120  
Australia to take serious firearms off

347  
00:16:35,289 --> 00:16:40,028  
the streets now this was very

348  
00:16:37,120 --> 00:16:42,278  
controversial especially to the people

349  
00:16:40,028 --> 00:16:44,169  
in the rural areas of Australia and

350  
00:16:42,278 --> 00:16:46,389  
farmers and so on who have a legitimate

351  
00:16:44,169 --> 00:16:49,028  
use for guns of course and there were

352  
00:16:46,389 --> 00:16:51,370  
protests and all sorts of things going

353  
00:16:49,028 --> 00:16:54,220  
on but the point is these laws were

354  
00:16:51,370 --> 00:16:56,470  
passed thousands and thousands of

355  
00:16:54,220 --> 00:16:59,470  
firearms were taken off the streets they

356  
00:16:56,470 --> 00:17:02,019  
had a gun buyback and destroyed now we

357  
00:16:59,470 --> 00:17:05,409  
still have gun crime in Australia of

358  
00:17:02,019 --> 00:17:08,259  
course criminals have guns but it is

359  
00:17:05,409 --> 00:17:11,530  
rare exceedingly rare when you think of

360  
00:17:08,259 --> 00:17:13,568  
this situation in the United States we

361  
00:17:11,529 --> 00:17:15,548  
don't have anything in our Constitution

362  
00:17:13,568 --> 00:17:17,048  
that says we have the right to bear arms

363  
00:17:15,548 --> 00:17:19,088  
and I don't think you'll find too many

364  
00:17:17,048 --> 00:17:21,818  
people in Australia who would want to

365  
00:17:19,088 --> 00:17:24,129  
have this right to bear arms to walk

366  
00:17:21,818 --> 00:17:26,889  
around with the handguns to have guns in

367  
00:17:24,130 --> 00:17:29,200  
the home we just don't have them and I

368  
00:17:26,890 --> 00:17:30,169  
don't think we miss them security guards

369  
00:17:29,200 --> 00:17:32,480  
God

370  
00:17:30,169 --> 00:17:36,080  
banks and money and trains that have

371

00:17:32,480 --> 00:17:38,269  
firearms police have firearms I can't

372  
00:17:36,079 --> 00:17:40,849  
think of many other people who would so

373  
00:17:38,269 --> 00:17:44,419  
to even see a gun is pretty rare the

374  
00:17:40,849 --> 00:17:47,209  
closest I've come to firing a gun was on

375  
00:17:44,419 --> 00:17:49,489  
a farm and that was an air rifle and I

376  
00:17:47,210 --> 00:17:51,048  
think that puts me ahead of most

377  
00:17:49,489 --> 00:17:54,769  
Australians who would have never even

378  
00:17:51,048 --> 00:17:56,989  
have touched a gun of any description by

379  
00:17:54,769 --> 00:17:59,628  
getting back to the massacre itself the

380  
00:17:56,989 --> 00:18:03,169  
eyewitnesses are plentiful although of

381  
00:17:59,628 --> 00:18:05,808  
course chroma tised there was a special

382  
00:18:03,169 --> 00:18:08,239  
on the TV not so long ago interviewing

383  
00:18:05,808 --> 00:18:09,678  
some of the eyewitnesses for the first

384  
00:18:08,239 --> 00:18:11,329  
time some of them for the first time in

385  
00:18:09,679 --> 00:18:14,509

20 years coming forward to put their

386

00:18:11,329 --> 00:18:16,608

story there is grainy video handheld

387

00:18:14,509 --> 00:18:20,028

video made at the time of Martin Bryan

388

00:18:16,608 --> 00:18:23,239

walking around the port arthur area

389

00:18:20,028 --> 00:18:25,878

there is no evidence of any other people

390

00:18:23,239 --> 00:18:29,329

involved let alone some sort of special

391

00:18:25,878 --> 00:18:31,069

forces or government agents or phantoms

392

00:18:29,329 --> 00:18:34,548

from the Illuminati or whatever they'll

393

00:18:31,069 --> 00:18:36,470

have you believe for a good overview of

394

00:18:34,548 --> 00:18:38,569

the conspiracy theories in the port

395

00:18:36,470 --> 00:18:42,858

arthur massacre i can recommend the

396

00:18:38,569 --> 00:18:45,378

sceptile episode 253 the port arthur

397

00:18:42,858 --> 00:18:47,898

massacre and in the news lately a

398

00:18:45,378 --> 00:18:49,788

graphic film parently depicting the

399

00:18:47,898 --> 00:18:51,768

horror of the port arthur massacre will

400  
00:18:49,788 --> 00:18:54,739  
go ahead by an Australian producer Paul

401  
00:18:51,769 --> 00:18:58,999  
modder who it seems is casting doubt on

402  
00:18:54,739 --> 00:19:01,608  
the official explanation and story of

403  
00:18:58,999 --> 00:19:03,769  
the massacre itself now this producer

404  
00:19:01,608 --> 00:19:06,858  
was a guest on the current affairs show

405  
00:19:03,769 --> 00:19:09,829  
the project recently to discuss his

406  
00:19:06,858 --> 00:19:12,558  
movie and he came up against presenter

407  
00:19:09,829 --> 00:19:15,858  
Waleed Aly now Waleed Aly is getting

408  
00:19:12,558 --> 00:19:18,259  
reputation in Australia as being a fine

409  
00:19:15,858 --> 00:19:22,189  
journalist and I think he's even up for

410  
00:19:18,259 --> 00:19:24,019  
a TV award this year for the the best

411  
00:19:22,190 --> 00:19:25,788  
personality on Australian TV or

412  
00:19:24,019 --> 00:19:28,399  
something like that and the project of

413  
00:19:25,788 --> 00:19:31,190  
course is the TV show and which are very

414  
00:19:28,398 --> 00:19:33,558  
own dr. Rachel dr. Rachel Dunlop appears

415  
00:19:31,190 --> 00:19:36,259  
on from time to time and I've even

416  
00:19:33,558 --> 00:19:38,628  
appeared on the show myself talking

417  
00:19:36,259 --> 00:19:42,288  
about skeptical matters well let's

418  
00:19:38,628 --> 00:19:43,289  
listen in to hear how Waleed Aly dealt

419  
00:19:42,288 --> 00:19:46,200  
with

420  
00:19:43,289 --> 00:19:48,029  
producer when it came to conspiracy

421  
00:19:46,200 --> 00:19:50,100  
theories because I note that you wrote

422  
00:19:48,029 --> 00:19:54,089  
on Facebook that Martin Bryant quote

423  
00:19:50,099 --> 00:19:55,769  
allegedly committed the crime what does

424  
00:19:54,089 --> 00:19:57,929  
that meant to mean I mean he's convicted

425  
00:19:55,769 --> 00:19:59,279  
there's no allegedly about it well I

426  
00:19:57,930 --> 00:20:01,289  
guess if you want to look at the the

427  
00:19:59,279 --> 00:20:03,509  
alcohol and discrepancies because I want

428

00:20:01,289 --> 00:20:06,509  
to label them necessarily with calling

429  
00:20:03,509 --> 00:20:08,220  
them conspiracy theories but there are

430  
00:20:06,509 --> 00:20:10,970  
things like because there was no open

431  
00:20:08,220 --> 00:20:13,650  
trial there were never any fingerprints

432  
00:20:10,970 --> 00:20:15,480  
taken from the scene that proves that

433  
00:20:13,650 --> 00:20:17,310  
Martin was there there were never any

434  
00:20:15,480 --> 00:20:18,960  
ballistic evidence matching the firearms

435  
00:20:17,309 --> 00:20:20,250  
to the crime scene or Bryant to the

436  
00:20:18,960 --> 00:20:21,390  
firearms there's not going to be a

437  
00:20:20,250 --> 00:20:23,160  
ballistics evidence because there was a

438  
00:20:21,390 --> 00:20:24,990  
confession but that's not going to be

439  
00:20:23,160 --> 00:20:26,790  
presented in front of court because

440  
00:20:24,990 --> 00:20:28,650  
there was a confession yeah that's

441  
00:20:26,789 --> 00:20:30,389  
that's my understanding is well once

442  
00:20:28,650 --> 00:20:32,670

somebody pleads guilty you don't have to

443

00:20:30,390 --> 00:20:34,470

provide evidence and so there's nothing

444

00:20:32,670 --> 00:20:36,210

to be made you know I guess people have

445

00:20:34,470 --> 00:20:37,799

to understand that this evidence hasn't

446

00:20:36,210 --> 00:20:39,269

been presented publicly of course it

447

00:20:37,799 --> 00:20:41,039

hasn't been presented publicly that's

448

00:20:39,269 --> 00:20:44,099

the way the system works if there was a

449

00:20:41,039 --> 00:20:45,509

defensible case in this case it would

450

00:20:44,099 --> 00:20:47,459

have run a trial that's what would

451

00:20:45,509 --> 00:20:50,670

happen and those discrepancies if they

452

00:20:47,460 --> 00:20:52,470

even exist would be discussed and judges

453

00:20:50,670 --> 00:20:54,509

would rule on them but the fact that

454

00:20:52,470 --> 00:20:57,539

someone can just say in a case where

455

00:20:54,509 --> 00:21:00,119

there was a conviction and really no

456

00:20:57,539 --> 00:21:01,859

debate about who did this oh look there

457  
00:21:00,119 --> 00:21:03,599  
was a discrepancy over here that's the

458  
00:21:01,859 --> 00:21:05,819  
stuff of conspiracy theory that's how

459  
00:21:03,599 --> 00:21:08,339  
you build a conspiracy theories you try

460  
00:21:05,819 --> 00:21:09,720  
to inject doubt where there just isn't

461  
00:21:08,339 --> 00:21:11,189  
any a lot of people out there don't

462  
00:21:09,720 --> 00:21:13,170  
agree with you you just think look

463  
00:21:11,190 --> 00:21:15,090  
there's not enough evidence there are

464  
00:21:13,170 --> 00:21:16,380  
people are in no position to say that

465  
00:21:15,089 --> 00:21:18,720  
Paul they were just so there's no

466  
00:21:16,380 --> 00:21:20,460  
evidence to say that he was they can't

467  
00:21:18,720 --> 00:21:22,170  
say that because it didn't go to trial

468  
00:21:20,460 --> 00:21:25,559  
we didn't see the evidence because there

469  
00:21:22,170 --> 00:21:27,570  
was a confession so I this is absolutely

470  
00:21:25,559 --> 00:21:29,159  
unremarkable as a legal proceeding from

471  
00:21:27,569 --> 00:21:30,779  
what I can tell and it's cell when you

472  
00:21:29,160 --> 00:21:32,130  
say well there's all this stuff out

473  
00:21:30,779 --> 00:21:34,139  
there that might make it remarkable

474  
00:21:32,130 --> 00:21:35,700  
that's what leads me to believe there's

475  
00:21:34,140 --> 00:21:37,620  
something really weird going on here and

476  
00:21:35,700 --> 00:21:39,240  
I can completely understand why

477  
00:21:37,619 --> 00:21:43,619  
survivors and their families would say

478  
00:21:39,240 --> 00:21:45,210  
no I'll let a link to that that video in

479  
00:21:43,619 --> 00:21:48,179  
the show notes this week or if you just

480  
00:21:45,210 --> 00:21:50,819  
google the project Port Arthur you'll

481  
00:21:48,180 --> 00:21:54,830  
find that clip conspiracy theories seem

482  
00:21:50,819 --> 00:21:57,250  
to pop up regularly as soon as there's a

483  
00:21:54,829 --> 00:22:01,419  
large event anywhere in the world

484  
00:21:57,250 --> 00:22:03,549  
sandy hook for example within it seems

485

00:22:01,420 --> 00:22:05,860  
sometimes within minutes the conspiracy

486  
00:22:03,549 --> 00:22:07,779  
theory start I think it's a sport some

487  
00:22:05,859 --> 00:22:09,250  
people just love to come up with

488  
00:22:07,779 --> 00:22:11,589  
something instantly to gain notoriety

489  
00:22:09,250 --> 00:22:14,559  
and conspiracy theories feed on each

490  
00:22:11,589 --> 00:22:18,279  
other again we get back to the same root

491  
00:22:14,559 --> 00:22:21,429  
thing of them they call them what you

492  
00:22:18,279 --> 00:22:23,500  
will the Illuminati the one world

493  
00:22:21,430 --> 00:22:26,529  
government is behind it all why the

494  
00:22:23,500 --> 00:22:29,019  
course they want to control us and upon

495  
00:22:26,529 --> 00:22:30,910  
it goes spiraling into a maze as my

496  
00:22:29,019 --> 00:22:33,759  
friend dr. Phil Plait the bad astronomer

497  
00:22:30,910 --> 00:22:36,630  
once told me into a maze of unending

498  
00:22:33,759 --> 00:22:40,089  
rooms for which there is no escape

499  
00:22:36,630 --> 00:22:43,390

humans are storytelling pattern seeking

500

00:22:40,089 --> 00:22:46,899

animals which means from time to time we

501

00:22:43,390 --> 00:22:49,390

will see patterns where no patterns

502

00:22:46,900 --> 00:22:52,300

exist and if the story associated with a

503

00:22:49,390 --> 00:22:55,420

pattern we think we perceive is enticing

504

00:22:52,299 --> 00:22:57,490

interesting a bit daring and we feel

505

00:22:55,420 --> 00:23:00,130

like we might even be uncovering the

506

00:22:57,490 --> 00:23:02,740

truth or getting behind the mystery it's

507

00:23:00,130 --> 00:23:04,810

very enticing very seductive and that's

508

00:23:02,740 --> 00:23:07,210

why skepticism is so important critical

509

00:23:04,809 --> 00:23:10,419

thinking for when we realize that we are

510

00:23:07,210 --> 00:23:12,970

storytelling patent seeking animals with

511

00:23:10,420 --> 00:23:15,610

a fallible brain and fallible memory and

512

00:23:12,970 --> 00:23:18,279

reasoning skills then we can stop and

513

00:23:15,609 --> 00:23:20,529

question our own assumptions like the

514  
00:23:18,279 --> 00:23:23,200  
John F Kennedy assassination the Port

515  
00:23:20,529 --> 00:23:25,480  
Arthur conspiracy theories they won't go

516  
00:23:23,200 --> 00:23:28,000  
away but it doesn't mean we have to give

517  
00:23:25,480 --> 00:23:32,519  
up our reasoning skills and fall into

518  
00:23:28,000 --> 00:23:32,519  
the endless maze of believing them

519  
00:23:55,359 --> 00:24:01,369  
Eric on Australia's only paranormal

520  
00:23:58,819 --> 00:24:03,589  
conference this year it's going to be at

521  
00:24:01,369 --> 00:24:07,549  
the Carrington hotel timber in the Blue

522  
00:24:03,589 --> 00:24:09,079  
Mountains on may 28 and 29 so if you're

523  
00:24:07,549 --> 00:24:11,869  
into the paranormal two spookier

524  
00:24:09,079 --> 00:24:14,179  
mysterious the supernatural ghost

525  
00:24:11,869 --> 00:24:16,549  
hunters UFOs everywhere that sort of

526  
00:24:14,180 --> 00:24:19,160  
stuff this is the conference for you

527  
00:24:16,549 --> 00:24:22,069  
lots of our local and international

528  
00:24:19,160 --> 00:24:24,500  
guests coming in to talk including yours

529  
00:24:22,069 --> 00:24:26,869  
truly and you can catch my talk as

530  
00:24:24,500 --> 00:24:29,269  
skeptics guide to passing the million

531  
00:24:26,869 --> 00:24:33,139  
dollar challenge and it'll be on the

532  
00:24:29,269 --> 00:24:34,940  
saturday night from 7pm to 8 p.m. for

533  
00:24:33,140 --> 00:24:39,290  
more information and to buy your tickets

534  
00:24:34,940 --> 00:24:40,430  
visit Paracon australia calm and don't

535  
00:24:39,289 --> 00:24:42,799  
forget if you just want to come along

536  
00:24:40,430 --> 00:24:44,690  
and see my talk you can just buy a

537  
00:24:42,799 --> 00:24:47,149  
ticket for my talk and that's at the

538  
00:24:44,690 --> 00:24:49,130  
bargain price of twenty-five dollars or

539  
00:24:47,150 --> 00:24:51,680  
you can buy a one day or two day pass

540  
00:24:49,130 --> 00:24:53,210  
and see the whole kit and caboodle so if

541  
00:24:51,680 --> 00:24:56,090  
you're interested about more details

542

00:24:53,210 --> 00:24:58,130  
about their various skeptical challenges

543  
00:24:56,089 --> 00:25:00,919  
around the world for large amounts of

544  
00:24:58,130 --> 00:25:02,360  
money or you want to apply oh yes if you

545  
00:25:00,920 --> 00:25:05,660  
have a paranormal or supernatural

546  
00:25:02,359 --> 00:25:10,689  
ability you can prove then come and see

547  
00:25:05,660 --> 00:25:10,690  
me at paragon eric on australia com

548  
00:25:30,099 --> 00:25:38,558  
from the Brisbane times at www Brisbane

549  
00:25:33,730 --> 00:25:42,250  
times com not a you by Sarah Gill anti

550  
00:25:38,558 --> 00:25:45,250  
immunization movie vax is a platform for

551  
00:25:42,250 --> 00:25:47,859  
its maker not its message amid world

552  
00:25:45,250 --> 00:25:50,440  
immunization week a film by a frontman

553  
00:25:47,859 --> 00:25:53,619  
for the anti-vaccination movement is

554  
00:25:50,440 --> 00:25:57,160  
being rolled out in US cinemas published

555  
00:25:53,619 --> 00:25:59,829  
on April 27 a new film by Andrew

556  
00:25:57,160 --> 00:26:01,870

Wakefield disgraced former doctor and

557

00:25:59,829 --> 00:26:04,389

poster boy for the anti-vaccination

558

00:26:01,869 --> 00:26:07,719

movement is being rolled out in cinemas

559

00:26:04,390 --> 00:26:10,000

across the United States what more one

560

00:26:07,720 --> 00:26:12,970

wonders could Wakefield possibly have to

561

00:26:10,000 --> 00:26:16,150

offer on this topic given his deplorable

562

00:26:12,970 --> 00:26:18,308

conduct in the late 1990s when he

563

00:26:16,150 --> 00:26:21,130

essentially fabricated a link between

564

00:26:18,308 --> 00:26:23,678

autism and the combined measles mumps

565

00:26:21,130 --> 00:26:26,380

and rubella vaccine that caused the

566

00:26:23,679 --> 00:26:27,548

worldwide vaccination scare what

567

00:26:26,380 --> 00:26:30,309

followed over the next two decades

568

00:26:27,548 --> 00:26:32,519

including mind-blowing revelations of

569

00:26:30,308 --> 00:26:34,928

dishonesty fraud avarice and chicanery

570

00:26:32,519 --> 00:26:38,139

accumulated in Wakefield's medical

571  
00:26:34,929 --> 00:26:40,390  
deregistration in 2010 apparently

572  
00:26:38,140 --> 00:26:43,809  
undeterred by this litany of prime

573  
00:26:40,390 --> 00:26:47,049  
misdemeanors Wakefield's film vax from

574  
00:26:43,808 --> 00:26:49,269  
cover-up to catastrophe simply sidesteps

575  
00:26:47,048 --> 00:26:52,298  
his past and reprises the causal link

576  
00:26:49,269 --> 00:26:54,279  
between MMR vaccine and autism this time

577  
00:26:52,298 --> 00:26:56,889  
accusing the US Center for Disease

578  
00:26:54,279 --> 00:26:59,500  
Control of scientific fraud by

579  
00:26:56,890 --> 00:27:01,509  
manipulating data to conceal the

580  
00:26:59,500 --> 00:27:05,288  
correlation between the triple shot and

581  
00:27:01,509 --> 00:27:07,390  
autism pot kettle black after being

582  
00:27:05,288 --> 00:27:09,849  
dumped by the prestigious tribeca film

583  
00:27:07,390 --> 00:27:12,059  
festival in March following condemnation

584  
00:27:09,849 --> 00:27:15,399  
from the international science community

585  
00:27:12,058 --> 00:27:17,740  
vax premiered in New York on April first

586  
00:27:15,400 --> 00:27:20,169  
the only day of the year so they say

587  
00:27:17,740 --> 00:27:22,120  
when people critically evaluate

588  
00:27:20,169 --> 00:27:25,630  
information rather than taking it on

589  
00:27:22,119 --> 00:27:28,000  
faith let's hope so as global milestones

590  
00:27:25,630 --> 00:27:30,700  
for measles elimination start to slip

591  
00:27:28,000 --> 00:27:32,890  
amid recent outbreaks in Australia New

592  
00:27:30,700 --> 00:27:35,048  
Zealand Britain in the United States to

593  
00:27:32,890 --> 00:27:37,500  
say that this latest offering is

594  
00:27:35,048 --> 00:27:41,408  
seriously unhelpful is an understatement

595  
00:27:37,500 --> 00:27:43,900  
the original 1998 Lancet paper now

596  
00:27:41,409 --> 00:27:46,210  
retracted may have been comprehend

597  
00:27:43,900 --> 00:27:49,210  
sively demolished by subsequent research

598  
00:27:46,210 --> 00:27:51,000  
and crippled by revelations of the

599

00:27:49,210 --> 00:27:54,130  
author's peculiar interests and

600  
00:27:51,000 --> 00:27:55,869  
falsification of data but that doesn't

601  
00:27:54,130 --> 00:27:57,580  
mean the narrative still doesn't

602  
00:27:55,869 --> 00:27:59,889  
resonate with some sectors of the

603  
00:27:57,579 --> 00:28:01,449  
community indeed two weeks after pulling

604  
00:27:59,890 --> 00:28:04,150  
the film from the festival programme

605  
00:28:01,450 --> 00:28:07,120  
Tribeca co-founder Robert De Niro made a

606  
00:28:04,150 --> 00:28:09,490  
spectacular you turn on the Today TV

607  
00:28:07,119 --> 00:28:11,500  
show defending the filmmakers and urging

608  
00:28:09,490 --> 00:28:13,299  
people to see the film as it happens

609  
00:28:11,500 --> 00:28:15,759  
being ditched from the first of a lineup

610  
00:28:13,299 --> 00:28:18,009  
in New York and Houston where people

611  
00:28:15,759 --> 00:28:19,750  
took to the streets in protest doesn't

612  
00:28:18,009 --> 00:28:21,670  
appear to have damaged the interest in

613  
00:28:19,750 --> 00:28:23,799

the film or damaged its commercial

614

00:28:21,670 --> 00:28:25,870

prospects New York screenings

615

00:28:23,799 --> 00:28:28,539

accompanied by talks with Wakefield were

616

00:28:25,869 --> 00:28:32,049

sold out and the film's Facebook page

617

00:28:28,539 --> 00:28:34,210

even hints and level of enthusiasm for

618

00:28:32,049 --> 00:28:36,819

an Australian release Wakefield and

619

00:28:34,210 --> 00:28:38,860

Baxter producer Dell big tree have

620

00:28:36,819 --> 00:28:42,490

described the decision not to screen the

621

00:28:38,859 --> 00:28:44,709

film as quote yet another example of the

622

00:28:42,490 --> 00:28:48,279

power of corporate interests censoring

623

00:28:44,710 --> 00:28:50,529

free speech art and truth tribeca's

624

00:28:48,279 --> 00:28:52,690

action will not succeed in denying the

625

00:28:50,529 --> 00:28:55,569

world access to the truth behind the

626

00:28:52,690 --> 00:28:57,549

film vax to encode and their statement

627

00:28:55,569 --> 00:28:59,829

dovetails selectively with the film's

628  
00:28:57,549 --> 00:29:02,440  
central narrative but what the

629  
00:28:59,829 --> 00:29:04,869  
filmmakers and nero are asserting that

630  
00:29:02,440 --> 00:29:07,480  
different points of view deserve to be

631  
00:29:04,869 --> 00:29:09,879  
aired not censored lively overlooks that

632  
00:29:07,480 --> 00:29:12,640  
this is not just about the message but

633  
00:29:09,880 --> 00:29:15,460  
the messenger as one film critic comment

634  
00:29:12,640 --> 00:29:18,100  
quote Wakefield doesn't just have a dog

635  
00:29:15,460 --> 00:29:20,440  
in this fight he is the dog in quote

636  
00:29:18,099 --> 00:29:22,029  
there is something profoundly ironic

637  
00:29:20,440 --> 00:29:23,380  
about Wakefield pointing to the

638  
00:29:22,029 --> 00:29:25,420  
commercial interests of the

639  
00:29:23,380 --> 00:29:28,120  
pharmaceutical industry or accusing the

640  
00:29:25,420 --> 00:29:30,610  
CD CD of data manipulation when you

641  
00:29:28,119 --> 00:29:34,029  
consider his own undisclosed financial

642  
00:29:30,609 --> 00:29:36,939  
interests behind the 1998 Lancet study

643  
00:29:34,029 --> 00:29:39,160  
and his role in what has been called out

644  
00:29:36,940 --> 00:29:41,590  
to be one of the most flagrant frauds in

645  
00:29:39,160 --> 00:29:44,560  
medical history it's not a stretch to

646  
00:29:41,589 --> 00:29:46,359  
say that the title of his new film could

647  
00:29:44,559 --> 00:29:49,299  
well describe the shenanigans of

648  
00:29:46,359 --> 00:29:51,549  
Wakefield himself in the late 90s the

649  
00:29:49,299 --> 00:29:53,769  
cover up being the secret contract with

650  
00:29:51,549 --> 00:29:56,529  
lawyers who paid him to construct a case

651  
00:29:53,769 --> 00:29:57,670  
against MMR and the catastrophe of

652  
00:29:56,529 --> 00:30:00,519  
course

653  
00:29:57,670 --> 00:30:02,890  
worldwide slump in vaccination don't be

654  
00:30:00,519 --> 00:30:05,319  
fooled wakefield story is not a tale of

655  
00:30:02,890 --> 00:30:07,930  
a man wrong by powerful corporations or

656

00:30:05,319 --> 00:30:10,329  
the medical establishment which in fact

657  
00:30:07,930 --> 00:30:12,730  
closed ranks to protect him it's a story

658  
00:30:10,329 --> 00:30:15,429  
of a physician who set out to cast doubt

659  
00:30:12,730 --> 00:30:18,849  
on vaccine safety before he even

660  
00:30:15,430 --> 00:30:21,070  
gathered the evidence and he did so not

661  
00:30:18,849 --> 00:30:24,129  
for the public good but for private game

662  
00:30:21,069 --> 00:30:27,009  
if this sounds personal that's because

663  
00:30:24,130 --> 00:30:30,610  
it is scores of parents in the early

664  
00:30:27,009 --> 00:30:34,029  
2000s my self included Harvard a deep

665  
00:30:30,609 --> 00:30:36,669  
sense of unease about the 18 month MMR

666  
00:30:34,029 --> 00:30:39,789  
and solely because of a small inclusive

667  
00:30:36,670 --> 00:30:41,830  
but nonetheless troubling study by a man

668  
00:30:39,789 --> 00:30:44,649  
uniquely positioned to exploit our

669  
00:30:41,829 --> 00:30:46,689  
greatest fears Wakefield's hunger for

670  
00:30:44,650 --> 00:30:48,960

media attention his ferocious personal

671

00:30:46,690 --> 00:30:52,299

ambition and cunning business dealings

672

00:30:48,960 --> 00:30:54,850

included a patent filed in 1997 for a

673

00:30:52,299 --> 00:30:57,369

vaccine to replace the triple shot and

674

00:30:54,849 --> 00:31:00,189

generate millions of pounds in general

675

00:30:57,369 --> 00:31:03,489

revenue we're a toxic mix and not so

676

00:31:00,190 --> 00:31:05,410

much it seems has changed if you scratch

677

00:31:03,490 --> 00:31:07,240

the surface of vax that's hardly

678

00:31:05,410 --> 00:31:10,930

surprising to discover the whole thing

679

00:31:07,240 --> 00:31:14,859

starts to disintegrate the reanalysis of

680

00:31:10,930 --> 00:31:17,279

the cdc data set alleging a correlation

681

00:31:14,859 --> 00:31:20,259

between MMR vaccine and autism in

682

00:31:17,279 --> 00:31:22,839

african-american males published in 2014

683

00:31:20,259 --> 00:31:25,150

has now been retracted with the journal

684

00:31:22,839 --> 00:31:28,089

editors citing questionable methods of

685  
00:31:25,150 --> 00:31:29,680  
quote undeclared competing interests on

686  
00:31:28,089 --> 00:31:32,259  
the part of the author unquote

687  
00:31:29,680 --> 00:31:35,080  
lamentably that hasn't stopped it going

688  
00:31:32,259 --> 00:31:37,720  
viral online or prompting mass rallies

689  
00:31:35,079 --> 00:31:40,269  
like the one which took place at the CDC

690  
00:31:37,720 --> 00:31:42,519  
in Atlanta last weekend a symptom

691  
00:31:40,269 --> 00:31:44,740  
perhaps of our enduring fascination for

692  
00:31:42,519 --> 00:31:46,269  
conspiracy theories your pediatrician

693  
00:31:44,740 --> 00:31:49,299  
and bioethicists that john hopkins

694  
00:31:46,269 --> 00:31:52,389  
berman institute of bioethics observed

695  
00:31:49,299 --> 00:31:54,940  
in 2014 but those behind the study quote

696  
00:31:52,390 --> 00:31:57,910  
manipulated the data and manipulated the

697  
00:31:54,940 --> 00:32:01,029  
media in a very savvy and sophisticated

698  
00:31:57,910 --> 00:32:03,580  
way in quote and continue to do so

699

00:32:01,029 --> 00:32:05,349  
needless the same none of this is to

700

00:32:03,579 --> 00:32:07,480  
suggest of course that there's never a

701

00:32:05,349 --> 00:32:09,639  
conflict of interest between private

702

00:32:07,480 --> 00:32:11,558  
enterprise and public good or that

703

00:32:09,640 --> 00:32:14,379  
scrutiny a pharmaceutical company

704

00:32:11,558 --> 00:32:16,329  
responsible God knows for their share of

705

00:32:14,378 --> 00:32:19,119  
public health catastrophes is

706

00:32:16,329 --> 00:32:21,788  
unwarranted but if we really object to

707

00:32:19,119 --> 00:32:23,408  
being lied to if we'd prefer not to

708

00:32:21,788 --> 00:32:25,210  
sacrifice the greater good of the

709

00:32:23,409 --> 00:32:27,879  
community for the benefit of the

710

00:32:25,210 --> 00:32:29,889  
privileged few then why would we not

711

00:32:27,878 --> 00:32:33,398  
apply the same level of scrutiny to

712

00:32:29,888 --> 00:32:35,979  
anyone with a profit motive who knows if

713

00:32:33,398 --> 00:32:38,558  
Wakefield and his associates are true to

714  
00:32:35,980 --> 00:32:41,620  
form vax is just another desperate

715  
00:32:38,558 --> 00:32:44,908  
attempt to hoodwink the public for no

716  
00:32:41,619 --> 00:32:47,798  
greater purpose than making money and

717  
00:32:44,909 --> 00:32:50,259  
Zira Gil is an aged columnist who has

718  
00:32:47,798 --> 00:32:52,599  
worked as a writer and policy analyst

719  
00:32:50,259 --> 00:32:54,940  
she is undertaking postgraduate Legal

720  
00:32:52,599 --> 00:32:57,278  
Studies at the University of Western

721  
00:32:54,940 --> 00:32:59,288  
Australia and this story comes to us

722  
00:32:57,278 --> 00:33:02,169  
from the Brisbane times at Brisbane

723  
00:32:59,288 --> 00:33:05,048  
times com au and the accompanying

724  
00:33:02,169 --> 00:33:09,340  
cartoon illustrated by john spooner

725  
00:33:05,048 --> 00:33:12,548  
depicts a skeleton like the Grim Reaper

726  
00:33:09,339 --> 00:33:16,329  
in a director's chair and the skeleton

727  
00:33:12,548 --> 00:33:18,269

is saying lies camera action and on the

728

00:33:16,329 --> 00:33:22,199  
back of the chair it says director

729

00:33:18,269 --> 00:33:22,200  
anti-vaccination unit

730

00:33:32,890 --> 00:33:34,950  
you

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00:33:41,450 --> 00:33:48,569  
dr. Harriet hall md no into thousands as

732

00:33:45,509 --> 00:33:51,690  
the skeptic a retired family physician

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00:33:48,569 --> 00:33:53,759  
and former Air Force flight surgeon she

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00:33:51,690 --> 00:33:55,460  
writes about medicine so called

735

00:33:53,759 --> 00:33:59,329  
complementary and alternative medicine

736

00:33:55,460 --> 00:34:02,399  
science pakery and critical thinking

737

00:33:59,329 --> 00:34:04,859  
Harriet now has a free course a series

738

00:34:02,398 --> 00:34:08,039  
of ten video lectures on science based

739

00:34:04,859 --> 00:34:10,049  
medicine and alternative medicine the

740

00:34:08,039 --> 00:34:12,179  
videos and an accompanying course guide

741

00:34:10,050 --> 00:34:16,109  
can be found by following the link at

742  
00:34:12,179 --> 00:34:20,128  
skeptical dot info or by visiting web

743  
00:34:16,108 --> 00:34:24,509  
Randy's org slash educational dash

744  
00:34:20,128 --> 00:34:27,598  
modules dot HTML topics covered in the

745  
00:34:24,510 --> 00:34:30,740  
series are science-based medicine vs.

746  
00:34:27,599 --> 00:34:34,159  
evidence-based medicine what is cam

747  
00:34:30,739 --> 00:34:37,348  
chiropractic acupuncture homeopathy

748  
00:34:34,159 --> 00:34:39,450  
naturopathy and herbal medicine energy

749  
00:34:37,349 --> 00:34:42,629  
medicine miscellaneous alternatives

750  
00:34:39,449 --> 00:34:45,918  
pitfalls in research and science-based

751  
00:34:42,628 --> 00:34:48,690  
medicine in the media and politics

752  
00:34:45,918 --> 00:34:51,239  
Harriet covers each topic in a matter of

753  
00:34:48,690 --> 00:34:56,929  
fact no-nonsense way that sure to

754  
00:34:51,239 --> 00:34:56,928  
educate and entertain skeptical dot info

755  
00:35:15,039 --> 00:35:20,420  
thank you for listening to the skeptic

756  
00:35:17,539 --> 00:35:22,940  
zone boy those kittens love their their

757  
00:35:20,420 --> 00:35:25,340  
bit of chicken neck crunch crunch crunch

758  
00:35:22,940 --> 00:35:27,619  
and what's really sweet is when they get

759  
00:35:25,340 --> 00:35:30,140  
tired they look for a lap and up they

760  
00:35:27,619 --> 00:35:31,809  
pop oh yeah anyway coming up on next

761  
00:35:30,139 --> 00:35:34,219  
week's show will have some reports from

762  
00:35:31,809 --> 00:35:36,320  
skeptics in the pub probably some more

763  
00:35:34,219 --> 00:35:38,209  
about conspiracy theories but sometimes

764  
00:35:36,320 --> 00:35:39,620  
I don't even know what's coming up on

765  
00:35:38,210 --> 00:35:41,510  
next week's show it's a surprise to me

766  
00:35:39,619 --> 00:35:43,159  
that's why I'd like to listen thank you

767  
00:35:41,510 --> 00:35:46,070  
to all those people who do contribute to

768  
00:35:43,159 --> 00:35:49,039  
the skeptic zone via paypal at skeptic

769  
00:35:46,070 --> 00:35:50,960  
zone TV micro payments some people chip

770

00:35:49,039 --> 00:35:53,630  
in a dollar a week some people chip in

771  
00:35:50,960 --> 00:35:56,150  
five dollars and even more it's all very

772  
00:35:53,630 --> 00:35:59,210  
much appreciated and it does mean the

773  
00:35:56,150 --> 00:36:02,690  
show keeps going even if my voice

774  
00:35:59,210 --> 00:36:04,820  
doesn't earn all right that's time for

775  
00:36:02,690 --> 00:36:07,460  
me to have a bit of a lie-down rest my

776  
00:36:04,820 --> 00:36:09,440  
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