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00:00:06,349 --> 00:00:14,119
welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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00:00:09,509 --> 00:00:14,120
from Australia for science and reason

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00:00:20,500 --> 00:00:27,500
hello and welcome to the skeptic zone

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00:00:23,690 --> 00:00:29,359
show number 78 for the 16th of April

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00:00:27,500 --> 00:00:36,049
Richard Saunders here with you once

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00:00:29,359 --> 00:00:37,689
again sex sex sex sex sex now that I've

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00:00:36,049 --> 00:00:41,780
got your attention coming up on the show

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00:00:37,689 --> 00:00:46,719
Kylie Sturgis interviews sex researcher

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00:00:41,780 --> 00:00:51,739
dr. Petra boyington from the UK about

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00:00:46,719 --> 00:00:54,560
and that'll be followed by a special

11
00:00:51,738 --> 00:00:56,959
doctor Rachel reports updating us all on

12
00:00:54,560 --> 00:01:00,620
the current situation and the good news

13
00:00:56,960 --> 00:01:02,179
with Simon Singh also in the UK and to

14
00:01:00,619 --> 00:01:05,118
round off the show we have the think

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00:01:02,179 --> 00:01:08,060
tank with dr. H again Joe Benna mu and

16
00:01:05,118 --> 00:01:10,909
myself those people in the wollongong

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00:01:08,060 --> 00:01:14,240
area why not join dr. Chrissie Wilson

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00:01:10,909 --> 00:01:17,599
dr. Rachel Dunlop and myself as we give

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00:01:14,239 --> 00:01:21,079
a talk at skeptics in the breeze and now

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00:01:17,599 --> 00:01:24,079
the website is meetup.com / Wollongong

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00:01:21,079 --> 00:01:27,019
hyphen skeptics or if you just google

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00:01:24,079 --> 00:01:31,129
skeptics in the breeze we're speaking

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00:01:27,019 --> 00:01:33,590
this sunday afternoon on the 18th

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00:01:31,129 --> 00:01:36,859
of april and that's kicking off around

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00:01:33,590 --> 00:01:39,909
two o'clock check it out and come and

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00:01:36,859 --> 00:01:43,989
say hello and enjoy three talks on

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00:01:39,909 --> 00:01:46,940
Sunday afternoon so sit back grab that

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00:01:43,989 --> 00:01:51,728
vodka martini shaken not stirred and

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00:01:46,939 --> 00:01:51,728
enjoy this episode of the skeptics

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00:02:04,939 --> 00:02:11,250
I'm Carly Sturgis and I'm talking to dr.

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00:02:08,879 --> 00:02:13,079
Petra Boynton dr. Petra Boynton is a

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00:02:11,250 --> 00:02:15,330
lecturer in International Health

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00:02:13,080 --> 00:02:18,240
Services Research at a London University

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00:02:15,330 --> 00:02:20,040
where she teaches doctors nurses and

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00:02:18,240 --> 00:02:21,930
other health professionals at a

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00:02:20,039 --> 00:02:24,150
postgraduate level she regularly

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00:02:21,930 --> 00:02:26,310
presents a conferences in the UK and

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00:02:24,150 --> 00:02:29,069
internationally and completes research

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00:02:26,310 --> 00:02:31,170
and training within the area of sex and

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00:02:29,069 --> 00:02:33,239
relationships health she has presented

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00:02:31,169 --> 00:02:36,509
earlier this year at the westminster

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00:02:33,240 --> 00:02:38,909
skeptics on sex and the media to begin

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00:02:36,509 --> 00:02:43,409

this interview I simply asked dr. Petra

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00:02:38,909 --> 00:02:45,680

what is sexology well most people if you

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00:02:43,409 --> 00:02:49,139

ask them what they think sexology is

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00:02:45,680 --> 00:02:51,060

usually don't have any idea they they

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00:02:49,139 --> 00:02:53,639

don't know what term means it's not

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00:02:51,060 --> 00:02:55,620

familiar to them but I think for anyone

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00:02:53,639 --> 00:02:58,469

who doesn't know what a sexologist is or

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00:02:55,620 --> 00:03:02,099

even a sex researcher it's the study of

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00:02:58,469 --> 00:03:04,560

sex but it could include a whole variety

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00:03:02,099 --> 00:03:07,229

of areas so it could be through say

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00:03:04,560 --> 00:03:09,420

sociology or psychology medicine it

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00:03:07,229 --> 00:03:12,329

could be through history or anthropology

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00:03:09,419 --> 00:03:14,069

it can be very biomedical in nature it

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00:03:12,330 --> 00:03:17,640

can be very much in the sort of zoology

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00:03:14,069 --> 00:03:19,289

biology areas sometimes I'm even until

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00:03:17,639 --> 00:03:20,909
they've been doing physics and sex and

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00:03:19,289 --> 00:03:24,060
I'm not quite sure what that involves

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00:03:20,909 --> 00:03:26,400
but it most is a thing but most

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00:03:24,060 --> 00:03:28,739
disciplines that study sex would come

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00:03:26,400 --> 00:03:31,920
under a sort of an umbrella of sexology

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00:03:28,739 --> 00:03:35,280
you're very active on your doctor petrol

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00:03:31,919 --> 00:03:38,039
co uk website and on twitter with a

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00:03:35,280 --> 00:03:40,830
number of links to media releases on sex

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00:03:38,039 --> 00:03:43,769
and sexuality like Facebook will give

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00:03:40,830 --> 00:03:44,700
you syphilis story for example how do

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00:03:43,769 --> 00:03:46,680
you deal with that sort of

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00:03:44,699 --> 00:03:49,768
misinformation and it seems to be

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00:03:46,680 --> 00:03:51,930
never-ending is it really that bad yeah

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00:03:49,769 --> 00:03:54,360
I think I think it's one of those things

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00:03:51,930 --> 00:03:58,709
that when you start looking at it you

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00:03:54,360 --> 00:04:01,860
find more awful things so I started off

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00:03:58,709 --> 00:04:03,269
blogging to try and um I suppose have a

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00:04:01,860 --> 00:04:06,569
platform to share more accurate

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00:04:03,269 --> 00:04:08,700
information and to challenge initially

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00:04:06,568 --> 00:04:11,159
stuff that I'd been misquoted on but it

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00:04:08,699 --> 00:04:12,479
quickly spread to actually

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00:04:11,159 --> 00:04:14,159
really being a lot to do with what I've

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00:04:12,479 --> 00:04:18,899
been misquoted on but a lot more about

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00:04:14,159 --> 00:04:21,089
poor media coverage generally and I mean

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00:04:18,899 --> 00:04:23,069
I could spend pretty much all my time

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00:04:21,089 --> 00:04:26,759
criticizing because there's lots of

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00:04:23,069 --> 00:04:30,079
stuff that's not very good but I think I

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00:04:26,759 --> 00:04:32,879
tried to limit myself to things that are

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00:04:30,079 --> 00:04:35,359
really awful so their Facebook give you

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00:04:32,879 --> 00:04:38,639
syphilis top story was just such a bad

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00:04:35,360 --> 00:04:41,819
piece of reporting but also bad practice

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00:04:38,639 --> 00:04:44,789
from people involved in health care in

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00:04:41,819 --> 00:04:46,230
the UK they they claim that the face

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00:04:44,790 --> 00:04:47,850
well they didn't say face but they said

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00:04:46,230 --> 00:04:52,020
social networking sites gave me syphilis

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00:04:47,850 --> 00:04:54,780
I'm forward related to it but it's it's

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00:04:52,019 --> 00:04:57,569
things like that where I see it going

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00:04:54,779 --> 00:05:00,509
kind of global that I usually will try

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00:04:57,569 --> 00:05:02,610
and write something because a lot of

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00:05:00,509 --> 00:05:05,490
stuff is is very localized it's not very

98
00:05:02,610 --> 00:05:07,650
good but you know maybe hardly anyone

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00:05:05,490 --> 00:05:09,420
sees it and my worry is if sometimes I

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00:05:07,649 --> 00:05:11,459

write about it and it gets a lot of

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00:05:09,420 --> 00:05:14,310

attention I've kind of made it worse

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00:05:11,459 --> 00:05:17,099

giving it more more credit than it needs

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00:05:14,310 --> 00:05:21,329

so most of the stuff I do tends to focus

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00:05:17,100 --> 00:05:23,010

around really large scale pieces of

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00:05:21,329 --> 00:05:25,079

research or things that have become very

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00:05:23,009 --> 00:05:27,240

popular in the media internationally

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00:05:25,079 --> 00:05:30,149

recently you wrote on your blog about

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00:05:27,240 --> 00:05:31,860

the need for reliable UK sex education

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00:05:30,149 --> 00:05:34,139

and the difficulties of making it

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00:05:31,860 --> 00:05:36,300

compulsory in schools but people think

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00:05:34,139 --> 00:05:38,550

we've had sex education in schools for a

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00:05:36,300 --> 00:05:41,600

very long time and in fact a lot of

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00:05:38,550 --> 00:05:44,129

faith-based groups point to our rising

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00:05:41,600 --> 00:05:46,140

rates of sexually transmitted infections

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00:05:44,129 --> 00:05:48,480
and pregnancy and young people and they

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00:05:46,139 --> 00:05:50,370
say that's happened because of sex

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00:05:48,480 --> 00:05:52,110
education that you know you teach it and

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00:05:50,370 --> 00:05:55,199
they all rush out and try and have set

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00:05:52,110 --> 00:05:58,050
in truth we actually haven't got very

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00:05:55,199 --> 00:06:00,120
good sex education in the UK in the in a

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00:05:58,050 --> 00:06:02,819
lot of places it doesn't happen at all

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00:06:00,120 --> 00:06:05,189
or it does but it's only talk within the

123
00:06:02,819 --> 00:06:08,009
curriculum which is basic biology so

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00:06:05,189 --> 00:06:10,110
reproduction some schools are fabulous

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00:06:08,009 --> 00:06:11,579
and they bring in outside speakers they

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00:06:10,110 --> 00:06:13,680
have great school nurses who are

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00:06:11,579 --> 00:06:15,810
specifically trained to talk about sex

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00:06:13,680 --> 00:06:17,759
other schools bring in people who talk

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00:06:15,810 --> 00:06:20,280
about abstinence some schools don't

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00:06:17,759 --> 00:06:23,550
bring in anybody at all and so we have a

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00:06:20,279 --> 00:06:24,750
real model in the UK of inconsistent

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00:06:23,550 --> 00:06:26,790
teaching it's unreliable

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00:06:24,750 --> 00:06:28,410
be taught and it's not to say that those

134
00:06:26,790 --> 00:06:30,270
doing the teaching are well-meaning or

135
00:06:28,410 --> 00:06:32,520
I'll trying i think you know there's a

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00:06:30,269 --> 00:06:34,709
danger of suggesting that and that's not

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00:06:32,519 --> 00:06:36,629
what I'm saying but if you look at this

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00:06:34,709 --> 00:06:38,549
growing body of research from young

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00:06:36,629 --> 00:06:40,409
people studies and young people shown

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00:06:38,550 --> 00:06:43,110
time and time again then saying look

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00:06:40,410 --> 00:06:44,400
okay yeah teaching us about condoms and

142
00:06:43,110 --> 00:06:46,680
teaching us about contraception and

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00:06:44,399 --> 00:06:49,319
sti's and all the rest of it is useful

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00:06:46,680 --> 00:06:51,600
but what about feelings and emotions and

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00:06:49,319 --> 00:06:54,029
managing a relationship and knowing when

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00:06:51,600 --> 00:06:56,100
someone sees you and when to say yes and

147
00:06:54,029 --> 00:06:58,500
when to say no and all the things that

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00:06:56,100 --> 00:07:00,450
we all want to know as adults and as

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00:06:58,500 --> 00:07:03,180
young people there was clearly you need

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00:07:00,449 --> 00:07:05,269
to do something in fairness or

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00:07:03,180 --> 00:07:08,310
Department of families children and

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00:07:05,269 --> 00:07:11,339
skills they basically our families and

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00:07:08,310 --> 00:07:12,569
kids Department really felt that that

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00:07:11,339 --> 00:07:14,250
something needed to be done there was a

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00:07:12,569 --> 00:07:16,319
big Youth Parliament study that said

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00:07:14,250 --> 00:07:18,839
thousands of kids wanted it and felt it

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00:07:16,319 --> 00:07:20,759

was there right and so a couple of years

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00:07:18,839 --> 00:07:23,609

ago they said okay we are we are going

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00:07:20,759 --> 00:07:25,980

to make this compulsory and there was a

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00:07:23,610 --> 00:07:27,600

huge outcry in the press about how very

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00:07:25,980 --> 00:07:30,120

young children children as young as five

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00:07:27,600 --> 00:07:31,320

we're going to be made to watch why I

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00:07:30,120 --> 00:07:32,728

don't know what they were going to be

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00:07:31,319 --> 00:07:34,620

made to do but there was a whole sort of

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00:07:32,728 --> 00:07:37,110

backlash in the right-wing press about

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00:07:34,620 --> 00:07:38,850

sort of corruption of children with even

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00:07:37,110 --> 00:07:41,009

the allegations that anyone who wanted

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00:07:38,850 --> 00:07:43,140

to teach edgy sex education somehow had

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00:07:41,009 --> 00:07:45,269

a an unhealthy interest in children

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00:07:43,139 --> 00:07:48,539

which is obviously a very very damaging

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00:07:45,269 --> 00:07:50,490

and patient have rose but that kind of

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00:07:48,540 --> 00:07:52,110
blew over and there was a consultation

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00:07:50,490 --> 00:07:54,449
and lots of people said they didn't want

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00:07:52,110 --> 00:07:57,360
it but most people did and most parents

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00:07:54,449 --> 00:07:59,969
did we then saw not not too long ago

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00:07:57,360 --> 00:08:01,530
that they did a bit of a u-turn where

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00:07:59,970 --> 00:08:05,430
they said okay we're going to let faith

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00:08:01,529 --> 00:08:06,689
groups decide what could be taught now

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00:08:05,430 --> 00:08:08,129
this is quite interesting because what

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00:08:06,689 --> 00:08:10,139
what they also said was that we will

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00:08:08,129 --> 00:08:12,569
make their parents opt their children

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00:08:10,139 --> 00:08:15,029
out of sex education until the child is

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00:08:12,569 --> 00:08:17,129
15 so that would mean that you'd have at

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00:08:15,029 --> 00:08:19,349
least one year of compulsory sex

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00:08:17,129 --> 00:08:21,870
education but up until that time your

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00:08:19,350 --> 00:08:24,300
parents could remove you obviously you

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00:08:21,870 --> 00:08:25,769
know but that's just ridiculous because

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00:08:24,300 --> 00:08:27,660
you need to have the education much

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00:08:25,769 --> 00:08:28,918
younger if you're having it at 15 you

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00:08:27,660 --> 00:08:30,720
know you're at risk from a teenage

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00:08:28,918 --> 00:08:33,870
pregnancy you'll probably be a mum by

192
00:08:30,720 --> 00:08:35,930
then it's just dark so is that backtrack

193
00:08:33,870 --> 00:08:38,019
and then there was this faith backtrack

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00:08:35,929 --> 00:08:39,819
where they said okay they're going to

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00:08:38,019 --> 00:08:42,699
don't have to teach the standard

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00:08:39,820 --> 00:08:44,710
curriculum this new curriculum but they

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00:08:42,700 --> 00:08:46,450
can say what they want about their faith

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00:08:44,710 --> 00:08:48,250
on top of it so it might be in a

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00:08:46,450 --> 00:08:49,900
Catholic school they would teach

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00:08:48,250 --> 00:08:52,360
everything about termination but they

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00:08:49,899 --> 00:08:54,250
would then say it was wrong or in a

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00:08:52,360 --> 00:08:56,500
school where maybe many of the children

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00:08:54,250 --> 00:08:58,509
were Muslim they might say well there is

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00:08:56,500 --> 00:09:01,059
differences in sexuality but being gay

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00:08:58,509 --> 00:09:04,179
is wrong and then just the other week

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00:09:01,059 --> 00:09:08,859
they basically were trying to get this

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00:09:04,179 --> 00:09:12,189
new sex education statutory into schools

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00:09:08,860 --> 00:09:13,300
and the Conservatives opposed and

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00:09:12,190 --> 00:09:14,710
wouldn't support it and basically

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00:09:13,299 --> 00:09:16,539
because they were trying to get other

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00:09:14,710 --> 00:09:19,300
things on on the new Children and

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00:09:16,539 --> 00:09:21,250
Families bill through they dropped it so

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00:09:19,299 --> 00:09:23,740
what that means in a very long-winded

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00:09:21,250 --> 00:09:26,409

reply is that having had all this

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00:09:23,740 --> 00:09:28,269
consultation and support and and and

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00:09:26,409 --> 00:09:30,129
sort of growth and parents saying yes we

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00:09:28,269 --> 00:09:32,110
need this help because most of us didn't

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00:09:30,129 --> 00:09:34,629
get good sex education so you know

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00:09:32,110 --> 00:09:36,190
please help us what we ended up with now

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00:09:34,629 --> 00:09:37,929
is that there will be still in the same

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00:09:36,190 --> 00:09:39,550
position that some schools will be doing

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00:09:37,929 --> 00:09:40,870
great but a lot of schools won't and

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00:09:39,549 --> 00:09:43,659
it's really going to be a kind of a

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00:09:40,870 --> 00:09:46,480
lottery to what you get but this is

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bearing in mind you know people living

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00:09:46,480 --> 00:09:51,279
in a in a very different climate now

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00:09:48,759 --> 00:09:54,370
that it's not that you know young people

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00:09:51,279 --> 00:09:56,049
20 30 50 60 years ago weren't interested

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00:09:54,370 --> 00:09:59,289
in dating and relationships and having

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00:09:56,049 --> 00:10:01,839
sex but nowadays there are very

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00:09:59,289 --> 00:10:03,759
different expectations upon young people

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00:10:01,840 --> 00:10:07,240
and pressures that we would really need

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00:10:03,759 --> 00:10:09,759
sex education to help explain and it is

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00:10:07,240 --> 00:10:11,769
really unclear now what is going to

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00:10:09,759 --> 00:10:13,779
happen we really don't know and that's a

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00:10:11,769 --> 00:10:16,419
worry one of the things that keeps

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00:10:13,779 --> 00:10:18,370
coming up again and again is this tale

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00:10:16,419 --> 00:10:20,860
about launch culture and how the

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00:10:18,370 --> 00:10:23,470
sexualization of young women is a huge

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00:10:20,860 --> 00:10:26,950
concern you even linked on twitter to a

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00:10:23,470 --> 00:10:29,050
salon com article about how films like

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00:10:26,950 --> 00:10:32,440
juno didn't seem to be really

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00:10:29,049 --> 00:10:34,689
encouraging teen pregnancy so is this

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00:10:32,440 --> 00:10:36,700
sexualization as bigger concerned as the

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00:10:34,690 --> 00:10:37,930
media seems to make it the majority of

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00:10:36,700 --> 00:10:40,870
the reports have been on Donald

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00:10:37,929 --> 00:10:42,699
sexualization I think are not

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00:10:40,870 --> 00:10:44,350
particularly helpful because they all

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00:10:42,700 --> 00:10:45,490
work from the premise of saying well

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00:10:44,350 --> 00:10:47,409
there's this thing called sexualisation

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00:10:45,490 --> 00:10:48,669
we don't quite know what it is but we're

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00:10:47,409 --> 00:10:50,328
going to act as though we do know what

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00:10:48,669 --> 00:10:52,818
it is and now talk about how all

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00:10:50,328 --> 00:10:54,618
is and will bring in for evidence we can

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00:10:52,818 --> 00:10:57,469
find you know to support our cause and

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00:10:54,619 --> 00:10:59,720
so terrible certainly some things have

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00:10:57,470 --> 00:11:01,369
have undone t be changed new

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00:10:59,720 --> 00:11:02,660
technologies have made things different

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00:11:01,369 --> 00:11:04,548
the Internet's make things different

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00:11:02,659 --> 00:11:06,110
mobile phones that make things different

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00:11:04,548 --> 00:11:08,869
I mean I think you know for a lot of us

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00:11:06,110 --> 00:11:11,389
when we were at school you know we might

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00:11:08,869 --> 00:11:13,009
have picked on a girl who was perceived

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00:11:11,389 --> 00:11:16,129
to be sexual we might have called her

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00:11:13,009 --> 00:11:17,899
nasty names we may have tormented her on

266
00:11:16,129 --> 00:11:19,879
the way home from school but we wouldn't

267
00:11:17,899 --> 00:11:22,458
have been able to go home and then go on

268
00:11:19,879 --> 00:11:24,110
to you know the internet and corner

269
00:11:22,458 --> 00:11:27,708
names or go on facebook and stop me

270
00:11:24,110 --> 00:11:29,269
being mean or texting or all its so if i

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00:11:27,708 --> 00:11:31,099

don't believe that these these

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00:11:29,269 --> 00:11:34,100

technologies have somehow made this

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00:11:31,100 --> 00:11:36,439

suddenly start but they do enable things

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00:11:34,100 --> 00:11:37,939

that are problematic to go on they also

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00:11:36,438 --> 00:11:39,889

enable things that are very good to

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00:11:37,938 --> 00:11:41,838

happen I mean they offer opportunities

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00:11:39,889 --> 00:11:44,959

for young people to learn a lot and to

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00:11:41,839 --> 00:11:46,759

share and connects but there is the

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00:11:44,958 --> 00:11:49,159

downside and I think the difficulty

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00:11:46,759 --> 00:11:50,808

we've got is is having a calm and recent

281

00:11:49,159 --> 00:11:52,850

discussion about it because it gets

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00:11:50,808 --> 00:11:54,860

caught up with the media with

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00:11:52,850 --> 00:11:56,928

politicians and it's very easy to make

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00:11:54,860 --> 00:11:58,699

these blanket statements but the thing

285

00:11:56,928 --> 00:12:00,918

that I think is worrying about a lot of

286

00:11:58,698 --> 00:12:03,409
the sexualisation debates is that it

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00:12:00,918 --> 00:12:05,448
becomes very reductionist if this idea

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00:12:03,409 --> 00:12:07,639
that young people have no sense of

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00:12:05,448 --> 00:12:09,828
awareness or agency that if they happen

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00:12:07,639 --> 00:12:11,480
to see dunno then they'll go and get

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00:12:09,828 --> 00:12:13,428
pregnant or if they watch a rap video

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00:12:11,480 --> 00:12:15,709
the next minute they'll be just wearing

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00:12:13,428 --> 00:12:19,009
hot pants and dancing in the high street

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00:12:15,708 --> 00:12:20,778
or if they are in any way exposed to

295

00:12:19,009 --> 00:12:23,178
sort of sexual messages they'll go off

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00:12:20,778 --> 00:12:25,039
and try them and I think a lot of the

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00:12:23,178 --> 00:12:27,259
research with young people shows that

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00:12:25,039 --> 00:12:29,448
they're quite savvy they don't all want

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00:12:27,259 --> 00:12:31,548
to do this they can interpret it they

300
00:12:29,448 --> 00:12:34,159
may choose to do it and often quite

301
00:12:31,548 --> 00:12:35,778
knowingly but they may also decide that

302
00:12:34,159 --> 00:12:37,428
they don't like it particularly or it

303
00:12:35,778 --> 00:12:39,168
doesn't appeal to them or they can take

304
00:12:37,428 --> 00:12:41,328
it or leave it and certainly give it

305
00:12:39,168 --> 00:12:44,208
some sensible thought it seems sometimes

306
00:12:41,328 --> 00:12:46,248
that people have this notion in their

307
00:12:44,208 --> 00:12:47,988
mind that young women are just passive

308
00:12:46,249 --> 00:12:49,970
that they just sort of taking these

309
00:12:47,989 --> 00:12:52,668
things on that they're not being

310
00:12:49,970 --> 00:12:55,009
encouraged to question it does is that

311
00:12:52,668 --> 00:12:56,749
really as true as it seems to be I mean

312
00:12:55,009 --> 00:12:58,668
it's so difficult it's now I think that

313
00:12:56,749 --> 00:13:00,649
that certainly there are some women

314

00:12:58,668 --> 00:13:02,389
who've had negative experiences but I

315
00:13:00,649 --> 00:13:03,669
think the general approach to sort of

316
00:13:02,389 --> 00:13:06,930
suggesting that your women

317
00:13:03,669 --> 00:13:09,039
victims and young men are all sort of

318
00:13:06,929 --> 00:13:10,479
aggression are a assumes everyone's

319
00:13:09,039 --> 00:13:13,209
heterosexual which of course they are

320
00:13:10,480 --> 00:13:15,129
yeah and be all young people are

321
00:13:13,210 --> 00:13:16,870
internet savvy and connected which a lot

322
00:13:15,129 --> 00:13:19,179
of the moment and that they're all

323
00:13:16,870 --> 00:13:20,710
somehow or other part of this i mean you

324
00:13:19,179 --> 00:13:22,089
know a lot of youth culture is about

325
00:13:20,710 --> 00:13:23,860
doing things that are baffling and

326
00:13:22,090 --> 00:13:25,300
offensive to adults I mean that's the

327
00:13:23,860 --> 00:13:27,100
point you don't you don't want to be

328
00:13:25,299 --> 00:13:30,009

doing what your parents agree with and

329

00:13:27,100 --> 00:13:31,629

you know that and and I think also part

330

00:13:30,009 --> 00:13:33,279

of being a parent from from the other

331

00:13:31,629 --> 00:13:36,610

side is that you see things very

332

00:13:33,279 --> 00:13:39,429

differently as an adult and and so a lot

333

00:13:36,610 --> 00:13:41,919

of its is about us being afraid for our

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00:13:39,429 --> 00:13:44,589

children and we should worry about young

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00:13:41,919 --> 00:13:46,689

people but it then the thing that

336

00:13:44,590 --> 00:13:48,639

bothers me about a lot of these such

337

00:13:46,690 --> 00:13:50,740

discussions in the media and there's

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00:13:48,639 --> 00:13:53,740

been a few books written recently about

339

00:13:50,740 --> 00:13:55,870

this so-called Raj culture and how

340

00:13:53,740 --> 00:13:58,269

somehow it's the demise of feminism

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00:13:55,870 --> 00:14:00,879

that's led to it and a problem at scales

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00:13:58,269 --> 00:14:02,769

rather than boys and it what it ends up

343

00:14:00,879 --> 00:14:04,720
with eventually is still a sort of

344

00:14:02,769 --> 00:14:07,149
narrative about bills behaving

345

00:14:04,720 --> 00:14:08,860
themselves so it kind of talks about

346

00:14:07,149 --> 00:14:11,250
awful it is that girls are better

347

00:14:08,860 --> 00:14:13,779
portrayed in a sexual way and yet

348

00:14:11,250 --> 00:14:15,549
critiques and attacks those girls who do

349

00:14:13,779 --> 00:14:18,129
it or make something they need their

350

00:14:15,549 --> 00:14:20,289
victims or the baby somehow deluded or

351

00:14:18,129 --> 00:14:22,360
they don't know their own minds or that

352

00:14:20,289 --> 00:14:24,639
they can't possibly have any agency or

353

00:14:22,360 --> 00:14:26,800
choice that this is being sort of this

354

00:14:24,639 --> 00:14:28,720
sexualisation is sort of dumped upon

355

00:14:26,799 --> 00:14:31,449
them you know as though they don't think

356

00:14:28,720 --> 00:14:33,250
about it and I think what we're

357
00:14:31,450 --> 00:14:34,960
realizing for more sensitive work with

358
00:14:33,250 --> 00:14:38,230
young people is that yes they actually

359
00:14:34,960 --> 00:14:40,540
do think about this young men have a lot

360
00:14:38,230 --> 00:14:42,009
to say and there is some sensitive work

361
00:14:40,539 --> 00:14:43,569
to be done with young men i mean the

362
00:14:42,009 --> 00:14:45,460
difficulty i think with young men is

363
00:14:43,570 --> 00:14:47,890
that within the sexualisation debate

364
00:14:45,460 --> 00:14:50,259
they tend to be given questions that

365
00:14:47,889 --> 00:14:51,970
will only make them look dreadful so you

366
00:14:50,259 --> 00:14:53,409
also you know you see a lot of studies

367
00:14:51,970 --> 00:14:55,300
where they say have you looked at

368
00:14:53,409 --> 00:14:57,819
pornography and they say yes they have

369
00:14:55,299 --> 00:14:59,529
and then they said you do do what you

370
00:14:57,820 --> 00:15:01,840
think about women and they get to say

371

00:14:59,529 --> 00:15:04,299
you know how negatively they view women

372
00:15:01,840 --> 00:15:05,830
but I think if you don't give young boys

373
00:15:04,299 --> 00:15:07,750
those cues and just getting to talk

374
00:15:05,830 --> 00:15:09,970
about relationships generally yes they

375
00:15:07,750 --> 00:15:13,419
can be incredibly judgment about women

376
00:15:09,970 --> 00:15:14,860
but you can challenge that and it

377
00:15:13,419 --> 00:15:17,139
doesn't mean to say that I'll tell they

378
00:15:14,860 --> 00:15:17,440
actually behave all the time I mean I

379
00:15:17,139 --> 00:15:19,600
think

380
00:15:17,440 --> 00:15:22,090
certainly a lot of issues around sexism

381
00:15:19,600 --> 00:15:24,430
is an issue and we need to challenge it

382
00:15:22,090 --> 00:15:26,410
but for me I think the point when we're

383
00:15:24,429 --> 00:15:29,109
only talking about sexualization and

384
00:15:26,409 --> 00:15:31,889
victims and oppressors is we miss this

385
00:15:29,110 --> 00:15:34,480

is actually a lot more about

386

00:15:31,889 --> 00:15:36,750

commercialization and aspirational

387

00:15:34,480 --> 00:15:39,700

messages that we're getting all the time

388

00:15:36,750 --> 00:15:41,909

about how you should act and leave and

389

00:15:39,700 --> 00:15:44,620

have great sex and all of the rest of it

390

00:15:41,909 --> 00:15:46,149

and it seems strange that the media on

391

00:15:44,620 --> 00:15:48,610

the one hand says how all form

392

00:15:46,149 --> 00:15:51,129

sexualisation is and yet is saying you

393

00:15:48,610 --> 00:15:53,019

know two pages later how to please your

394

00:15:51,129 --> 00:15:55,059

partner or here's to buy these great

395

00:15:53,019 --> 00:15:56,860

blog way that will boost your sex life

396

00:15:55,059 --> 00:15:58,779

or you know all these sort of message is

397

00:15:56,860 --> 00:16:02,169

constantly of sex is something to

398

00:15:58,779 --> 00:16:04,089

achieve and to perfect and to perform

399

00:16:02,169 --> 00:16:06,669

there's nothing about pleasure or

400
00:16:04,090 --> 00:16:09,190
teasing or adventure or exploration or

401
00:16:06,669 --> 00:16:11,259
just not doing it you know that's not an

402
00:16:09,190 --> 00:16:13,390
option and so I think we look to

403
00:16:11,259 --> 00:16:15,129
pornography and and we look to all sorts

404
00:16:13,389 --> 00:16:16,990
of things like you know playboy bunny

405
00:16:15,129 --> 00:16:19,480
t-shirts and makeup for young children

406
00:16:16,990 --> 00:16:22,450
and get upset about that and we miss

407
00:16:19,480 --> 00:16:24,639
these very commercialized messages young

408
00:16:22,450 --> 00:16:27,190
people are getting all the time really

409
00:16:24,639 --> 00:16:30,639
many people might be wondering why am I

410
00:16:27,190 --> 00:16:32,950
talking to you on a skeptic show but

411
00:16:30,639 --> 00:16:35,199
there has been a recent development that

412
00:16:32,950 --> 00:16:37,210
seems to be very much looking at

413
00:16:35,200 --> 00:16:40,150
paranormal and pseudo scientific beliefs

414
00:16:37,210 --> 00:16:43,389
in regards to critter aid in Africa and

415
00:16:40,149 --> 00:16:46,929
the pro alien group called the Raelian

416
00:16:43,389 --> 00:16:50,529
movement how on earth could clitoris

417
00:16:46,929 --> 00:16:54,399
Africa and the idea that we're all alien

418
00:16:50,529 --> 00:16:56,379
be joined together well I mean yes it is

419
00:16:54,399 --> 00:16:59,500
just a rather baffling John but I will

420
00:16:56,379 --> 00:17:01,720
hopefully hopefully explain it because I

421
00:16:59,500 --> 00:17:03,549
am taking away and I still can't figure

422
00:17:01,720 --> 00:17:06,039
it out who's like where did these people

423
00:17:03,549 --> 00:17:07,869
it is well but I think we come from

424
00:17:06,039 --> 00:17:10,088
other planets is the answer but I don't

425
00:17:07,869 --> 00:17:12,938
know I mean it's all it's all very very

426
00:17:10,088 --> 00:17:14,559
peculiar I mean basically some people

427
00:17:12,939 --> 00:17:16,990
may have actually seen this in that what

428

00:17:14,559 --> 00:17:18,970
actually happened a few weeks ago was

429
00:17:16,990 --> 00:17:21,730
that that we a lot of people had

430
00:17:18,970 --> 00:17:23,828
invitations on Twitter to a doctor

431
00:17:21,730 --> 00:17:25,360
clitoris and a lot of people are

432
00:17:23,828 --> 00:17:27,609
actually I like the sound of that you

433
00:17:25,359 --> 00:17:29,529
know pleasure helping women regain their

434
00:17:27,609 --> 00:17:31,029
bodies and and and reconstructive

435
00:17:29,529 --> 00:17:33,069
surgery you know I'll sign off

436
00:17:31,029 --> 00:17:34,509
yeah I have new tonight why not yeah

437
00:17:33,069 --> 00:17:36,250
yeah exactly you know people thought it

438
00:17:34,509 --> 00:17:38,019
was a good idea and very well-meaning

439
00:17:36,250 --> 00:17:40,720
and all the rest of it and I went had a

440
00:17:38,019 --> 00:17:43,299
look at the website and the first thing

441
00:17:40,720 --> 00:17:45,670
that I thought was a bit peculiar about

442
00:17:43,299 --> 00:17:47,799

it was that it said it was run by these

443

00:17:45,670 --> 00:17:49,840

very rarely an organization which I have

444

00:17:47,799 --> 00:17:51,579

to say I didn't really know much about I

445

00:17:49,839 --> 00:17:53,379

don't mean they weren't someone I was

446

00:17:51,579 --> 00:17:55,929

familiar with so I did a bit of digging

447

00:17:53,380 --> 00:17:57,910

until actually you know they do have

448

00:17:55,930 --> 00:18:01,240

some slightly peculiar beliefs around

449

00:17:57,910 --> 00:18:04,150

subcloning and intelligent design and

450

00:18:01,240 --> 00:18:06,730

and sidim I don't know it just made me

451

00:18:04,150 --> 00:18:08,500

feel slightly uncomfortable um but I

452

00:18:06,730 --> 00:18:11,170

thought well I'll still keep an open

453

00:18:08,500 --> 00:18:14,019

mind because a lot of faith groups do do

454

00:18:11,170 --> 00:18:16,600

work in in all over the world and and do

455

00:18:14,019 --> 00:18:18,639

a good job at it and so I didn't want to

456

00:18:16,599 --> 00:18:21,069

say no this is awful straightaway but I

457
00:18:18,640 --> 00:18:23,350
just had these alarm bells ringing that

458
00:18:21,069 --> 00:18:26,200
this this was just not quite right so I

459
00:18:23,349 --> 00:18:28,029
emailed the organization and said you

460
00:18:26,200 --> 00:18:30,100
know what what are you actually doing

461
00:18:28,029 --> 00:18:31,839
because it wasn't really clear from

462
00:18:30,099 --> 00:18:33,429
their website and their brochures it

463
00:18:31,839 --> 00:18:35,109
said that they were doing reconstructive

464
00:18:33,430 --> 00:18:37,810
surgery so basically afterwards had a

465
00:18:35,109 --> 00:18:40,229
clitoris removed you can do some repair

466
00:18:37,809 --> 00:18:43,359
that actually helps her to sort of

467
00:18:40,230 --> 00:18:45,329
reattach know anything so she can regain

468
00:18:43,359 --> 00:18:48,129
the feeling and an experienced a

469
00:18:45,329 --> 00:18:50,859
clitoral orgasm but we don't know how

470
00:18:48,130 --> 00:18:53,080
often or how effective it is and I

471
00:18:50,859 --> 00:18:55,149
couldn't really work out from Cliff Road

472
00:18:53,079 --> 00:18:56,679
you know where were they involved and

473
00:18:55,150 --> 00:18:58,900
did people have to join their

474
00:18:56,680 --> 00:19:01,240
organization to have the surgery were

475
00:18:58,900 --> 00:19:04,360
they offering other both you know

476
00:19:01,240 --> 00:19:06,309
they're sort of faith-based views along

477
00:19:04,359 --> 00:19:08,319
side the surgery how were they working

478
00:19:06,309 --> 00:19:09,789
in communities and particularly how

479
00:19:08,319 --> 00:19:11,230
collaborative was it were they just

480
00:19:09,789 --> 00:19:13,539
turning up and telling people what they

481
00:19:11,230 --> 00:19:15,849
had to do or were they engaging because

482
00:19:13,539 --> 00:19:17,740
a lot of my works in international

483
00:19:15,849 --> 00:19:20,049
health and we're very mindful that

484
00:19:17,740 --> 00:19:22,630
there's a long history of a well-meaning

485

00:19:20,049 --> 00:19:24,819
but often very oppressive people who

486
00:19:22,630 --> 00:19:27,790
have a great idea that worked in in

487
00:19:24,819 --> 00:19:29,939
Manhattan or in in Boston or in London

488
00:19:27,789 --> 00:19:33,309
and so they think what this will work in

489
00:19:29,940 --> 00:19:35,440
you know Botswana so here we are and the

490
00:19:33,309 --> 00:19:38,109
community may be too polite or two

491
00:19:35,440 --> 00:19:40,630
oppressed or just need something and so

492
00:19:38,109 --> 00:19:42,009
won't say no I kind of was a bit

493
00:19:40,630 --> 00:19:43,660
bothered about their approaches they

494
00:19:42,009 --> 00:19:44,890
didn't really reply to me I didn't get

495
00:19:43,660 --> 00:19:46,660
anything from them

496
00:19:44,890 --> 00:19:48,730
colleagues did and they weren't very

497
00:19:46,660 --> 00:19:50,860
clear on what it was they were actually

498
00:19:48,730 --> 00:19:52,029
doing and they they've not measured I

499
00:19:50,859 --> 00:19:53,799

mean this is a hospital doing

500

00:19:52,029 --> 00:19:55,359

reconstructive surgery but they can't

501

00:19:53,799 --> 00:19:56,529

tell you how many surgeries they've

502

00:19:55,359 --> 00:19:59,289

carried out or whether they were

503

00:19:56,529 --> 00:20:00,940

successful or not which is worrying and

504

00:19:59,289 --> 00:20:02,649

they said they're going to publish

505

00:20:00,940 --> 00:20:05,110

something but but they haven't got any

506

00:20:02,650 --> 00:20:06,940

data and you know the weird be there

507

00:20:05,109 --> 00:20:10,149

signing off their emails from their

508

00:20:06,940 --> 00:20:11,529

hospital with this join another group of

509

00:20:10,150 --> 00:20:14,200

theirs which is to give women the right

510

00:20:11,529 --> 00:20:15,490

to go topless which you know you know

511

00:20:14,200 --> 00:20:18,009

fair enough if you want to go topics but

512

00:20:15,490 --> 00:20:19,809

it seems slightly flippant alongside of

513

00:20:18,009 --> 00:20:21,700

campaign against female genital

514
00:20:19,809 --> 00:20:24,250
mutilation you know it's all a bit

515
00:20:21,700 --> 00:20:26,799
peculiar so there's been a whole issue

516
00:20:24,250 --> 00:20:29,470
around sort of critter aid and who they

517
00:20:26,799 --> 00:20:32,440
are and how much money they've gotten I

518
00:20:29,470 --> 00:20:34,930
had an email from a somebody who works

519
00:20:32,440 --> 00:20:37,570
in in the porn industry he'd said you

520
00:20:34,930 --> 00:20:39,670
know I actually saw these guys coming to

521
00:20:37,569 --> 00:20:42,369
a conference an adult conference and

522
00:20:39,670 --> 00:20:44,560
entertainment conference back in 2007

523
00:20:42,369 --> 00:20:46,959
and they were collecting them for this

524
00:20:44,559 --> 00:20:49,210
hospital and people were stuffing you

525
00:20:46,960 --> 00:20:52,090
know lots of money into their collection

526
00:20:49,210 --> 00:20:54,130
boxes because they they play on what I

527
00:20:52,089 --> 00:20:56,199
think some people have called orgasm

528
00:20:54,130 --> 00:20:58,600
guilt you know I'm here having this sexy

529
00:20:56,200 --> 00:21:02,350
time therefore I'm going to help these

530
00:20:58,599 --> 00:21:04,750
other people have a sexy time and yet

531
00:21:02,349 --> 00:21:06,459
this hospital is you know the calls just

532
00:21:04,750 --> 00:21:08,289
to adopt a clitoris are still to build

533
00:21:06,460 --> 00:21:10,930
this hospital and I impeach I appreciate

534
00:21:08,289 --> 00:21:12,579
hospitals cost money but it just seems

535
00:21:10,930 --> 00:21:14,980
this has been going on for a long while

536
00:21:12,579 --> 00:21:16,539
and nobody can really see what they're

537
00:21:14,980 --> 00:21:18,819
doing or where they've got with this

538
00:21:16,539 --> 00:21:21,159
program and the other thing apart from

539
00:21:18,819 --> 00:21:23,049
this sort of i suppose imposition of a

540
00:21:21,160 --> 00:21:25,090
program on a community which may or may

541
00:21:23,049 --> 00:21:27,009
not be welcome is there doesn't seem to

542

00:21:25,089 --> 00:21:29,199
be any local checking they claim that

543
00:21:27,009 --> 00:21:30,940
nobody else offers this service in

544
00:21:29,200 --> 00:21:32,769
burkina faso where when they're offering

545
00:21:30,940 --> 00:21:34,900
it and yet actually where people have

546
00:21:32,769 --> 00:21:37,210
investigated it there's plenty of people

547
00:21:34,900 --> 00:21:39,519
in burkina faso offering free

548
00:21:37,210 --> 00:21:41,920
reconstructive surgery you know yeah

549
00:21:39,519 --> 00:21:43,869
they don't have a lot of money but why

550
00:21:41,920 --> 00:21:45,519
is is clutter aid and the Raelians

551
00:21:43,869 --> 00:21:47,559
building their own hospital when

552
00:21:45,519 --> 00:21:50,079
existing hospitals are doing this and

553
00:21:47,559 --> 00:21:52,119
just need a bit more cash to to pay for

554
00:21:50,079 --> 00:21:54,609
it so there's that elements are sort of

555
00:21:52,119 --> 00:21:56,169
imposing not only your idea that you're

556
00:21:54,609 --> 00:21:58,329

going to build a hospital but not lazing

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00:21:56,170 --> 00:22:01,720
with services that are already

558

00:21:58,329 --> 00:22:03,189
doing what needs to be done so I mean

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00:22:01,720 --> 00:22:06,069
you know I think the thing the thing

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00:22:03,190 --> 00:22:07,600
that has made a lot of people feel

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00:22:06,069 --> 00:22:09,519
uncomfortable as well as is not only

562

00:22:07,599 --> 00:22:12,668
that you know these services already

563

00:22:09,519 --> 00:22:14,649
exist so it's not like you know closer

564

00:22:12,669 --> 00:22:16,059
80 right when they say you know nobody

565

00:22:14,648 --> 00:22:17,969
else is doing this but they don't seem

566

00:22:16,058 --> 00:22:20,168
to have consulted with anybody else

567

00:22:17,970 --> 00:22:22,288
offering this service which you would

568

00:22:20,169 --> 00:22:24,940
normally do in an international context

569

00:22:22,288 --> 00:22:27,369
but but more than that I think there's

570

00:22:24,940 --> 00:22:30,788
this additional problem of the call to

571
00:22:27,369 --> 00:22:32,319
adopt a woman's clitoris which you know

572
00:22:30,788 --> 00:22:34,388
I think a lot of people have found

573
00:22:32,319 --> 00:22:36,220
distasteful because it's saying you know

574
00:22:34,388 --> 00:22:38,048
go and adopt an african woman's clitoris

575
00:22:36,220 --> 00:22:40,470
and you're wondering what it would it

576
00:22:38,048 --> 00:22:44,109
work if we said why don't we adopt a

577
00:22:40,470 --> 00:22:46,630
Frenchman's testicle Laura an Icelandic

578
00:22:44,109 --> 00:22:48,459
woman's nipple or something I mean you

579
00:22:46,630 --> 00:22:50,679
know does it carry with particular of

580
00:22:48,460 --> 00:22:53,409
connotations of sort of ownership and

581
00:22:50,679 --> 00:22:56,230
and sort of appropriation that would

582
00:22:53,409 --> 00:22:58,210
understandably cause offence and even

583
00:22:56,230 --> 00:23:00,009
though I think a lot of people have been

584
00:22:58,210 --> 00:23:03,419
incredibly well meaning in their support

585
00:23:00,009 --> 00:23:05,679
of this campaign and it's not been

586
00:23:03,419 --> 00:23:07,299
something that they thought about and I

587
00:23:05,679 --> 00:23:10,090
think it's been actually quite telling

588
00:23:07,298 --> 00:23:11,888
case study for people involved in in sex

589
00:23:10,089 --> 00:23:14,740
education and in science because I've

590
00:23:11,888 --> 00:23:16,629
seen a lot of scientists talk about we

591
00:23:14,740 --> 00:23:18,099
know we must do something about this and

592
00:23:16,630 --> 00:23:20,320
a lot of people involved in sex

593
00:23:18,099 --> 00:23:21,969
education and research saying come and

594
00:23:20,319 --> 00:23:24,129
support this this venture support

595
00:23:21,970 --> 00:23:25,569
clitter aid and a doctor clitoris and I

596
00:23:24,130 --> 00:23:27,700
think it's because you know female

597
00:23:25,569 --> 00:23:30,599
genital mutilation and cutting is so

598
00:23:27,700 --> 00:23:33,370
upsetting and such an awful thing that

599

00:23:30,599 --> 00:23:35,798
people don't want to question it and

600
00:23:33,369 --> 00:23:38,349
because giving women pleasure is such a

601
00:23:35,798 --> 00:23:40,509
powerful thing nobody wants to be the

602
00:23:38,349 --> 00:23:42,579
one that's the sort of spoils the party

603
00:23:40,509 --> 00:23:44,470
and so the difficult I thinking

604
00:23:42,579 --> 00:23:46,678
challenging this is that the people have

605
00:23:44,470 --> 00:23:48,880
you would normally be very critical

606
00:23:46,679 --> 00:23:52,450
people who normally be very skeptical

607
00:23:48,880 --> 00:23:55,570
have not applied they're skeptical lens

608
00:23:52,450 --> 00:23:58,778
on this occasion because I think the

609
00:23:55,569 --> 00:24:00,700
overall area is something that is so

610
00:23:58,778 --> 00:24:02,710
problematic they they want to be seen to

611
00:24:00,700 --> 00:24:03,580
do something and not question it's

612
00:24:02,710 --> 00:24:05,079
something that they wouldn't even

613
00:24:03,579 --> 00:24:08,288

question it because they think well this

614

00:24:05,079 --> 00:24:10,658

is this is obviously a good cause and if

615

00:24:08,288 --> 00:24:12,669

I've had some people say you know

616

00:24:10,659 --> 00:24:15,039

okay it's run by the Raelians and it is

617

00:24:12,669 --> 00:24:16,929

a cult and it is you know we don't

618

00:24:15,038 --> 00:24:19,509

really know much about it to me the test

619

00:24:16,929 --> 00:24:21,220

got this you know awful dr. clitoris

620

00:24:19,509 --> 00:24:23,528

thing that goes with it but hey if it's

621

00:24:21,220 --> 00:24:26,739

helping women we shouldn't really say

622

00:24:23,528 --> 00:24:28,210

anything about it or some people said

623

00:24:26,739 --> 00:24:31,058

you know that because I questioned it

624

00:24:28,210 --> 00:24:33,129

i'm sort of an anti-sex feminist who is

625

00:24:31,058 --> 00:24:34,928

prudish and I want to deny African women

626

00:24:33,128 --> 00:24:37,538

pleasure so by that token I'm also

627

00:24:34,929 --> 00:24:40,059

prudish and racist or that because I

628
00:24:37,538 --> 00:24:42,519
challenged female circumcision sorry

629
00:24:40,058 --> 00:24:44,168
female genital mutilation or I've got

630
00:24:42,519 --> 00:24:46,808
involved in debates around male and

631
00:24:44,169 --> 00:24:50,409
female circumcision which is sort of

632
00:24:46,808 --> 00:24:54,278
come with this that there's been a sort

633
00:24:50,409 --> 00:24:56,470
of a wider discussion about you know

634
00:24:54,278 --> 00:24:59,169
that this is your somehow condoning

635
00:24:56,470 --> 00:25:02,288
female genital mutilation and cutting by

636
00:24:59,169 --> 00:25:05,559
questioning this issue and and that I

637
00:25:02,288 --> 00:25:07,419
think is quite a sort of a good but

638
00:25:05,558 --> 00:25:10,259
upsetting case study for people who are

639
00:25:07,419 --> 00:25:13,210
skeptical to think about we're often

640
00:25:10,259 --> 00:25:16,509
good on certain issues immunization

641
00:25:13,210 --> 00:25:19,239
vaccinations homeopathy and various

642
00:25:16,509 --> 00:25:20,618
other things too quickly think ok I'm

643
00:25:19,239 --> 00:25:23,048
going to question this I'm going to go

644
00:25:20,618 --> 00:25:25,418
and really research it but on this issue

645
00:25:23,048 --> 00:25:27,729
a lot of people have been like well I

646
00:25:25,419 --> 00:25:31,109
don't think I'm going to question it

647
00:25:27,729 --> 00:25:33,609
because I don't want to be seen to be

648
00:25:31,108 --> 00:25:35,499
you know condoning a practice I don't

649
00:25:33,608 --> 00:25:37,478
agree with or it's just too

650
00:25:35,499 --> 00:25:39,129
uncomfortable or maybe just I don't

651
00:25:37,479 --> 00:25:40,538
think I need to question it because I

652
00:25:39,128 --> 00:25:41,978
don't agree with female genital

653
00:25:40,538 --> 00:25:43,450
mutilation and therefore I will do

654
00:25:41,979 --> 00:25:45,940
anything to support you know

655
00:25:43,450 --> 00:25:47,739
organizations very little to show

656

00:25:45,940 --> 00:25:50,139
evidence of where the money is going on

657
00:25:47,739 --> 00:25:52,989
yet absolutely i mean you know there's

658
00:25:50,138 --> 00:25:55,719
we approach this as I I tend to approach

659
00:25:52,989 --> 00:25:57,460
most things which is okay I'd like this

660
00:25:55,720 --> 00:25:59,319
to be a really good venture you know I

661
00:25:57,460 --> 00:26:00,608
bear it no real will I would like it to

662
00:25:59,319 --> 00:26:02,829
be a good venture but the more I looked

663
00:26:00,608 --> 00:26:04,628
into it you know I can't work out what

664
00:26:02,829 --> 00:26:06,699
they're doing I can't work out why

665
00:26:04,628 --> 00:26:09,278
they're doing sort of treatment where

666
00:26:06,700 --> 00:26:11,979
it's already on offer I don't understand

667
00:26:09,278 --> 00:26:13,388
why you know there is no real clear

668
00:26:11,979 --> 00:26:15,278
evidence of what they've spent this

669
00:26:13,388 --> 00:26:18,248
money on or how much they've got so far

670
00:26:15,278 --> 00:26:22,450

since at least 2007 but possibly longer

671

00:26:18,249 --> 00:26:24,230

as far as we know and again you know if

672

00:26:22,450 --> 00:26:25,759

you are providing certain

673

00:26:24,230 --> 00:26:27,650

Karen you can't talk about how many

674

00:26:25,759 --> 00:26:30,529

people you've seen or what's happened

675

00:26:27,650 --> 00:26:33,830

their responses to say the own what

676

00:26:30,529 --> 00:26:35,480

evidence they count is women telling

677

00:26:33,829 --> 00:26:39,439

them they've had an orgasm for the first

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00:26:35,480 --> 00:26:41,599

time which is wonderful but it's also

679

00:26:39,440 --> 00:26:43,039

quite naive because it doesn't tell you

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00:26:41,599 --> 00:26:45,529

about women you feel whom it may not

681

00:26:43,039 --> 00:26:48,200

have works and in a culture if you're in

682

00:26:45,529 --> 00:26:49,819

a culture where you know woman's

683

00:26:48,200 --> 00:26:53,210

clitoris is a view to so threatening

684

00:26:49,819 --> 00:26:54,798

they have to be cut away there is a

685
00:26:53,210 --> 00:26:56,440
whole question of if you start restoring

686
00:26:54,798 --> 00:26:59,210
them but you don't do any wider

687
00:26:56,440 --> 00:27:02,600
community working and education and

688
00:26:59,210 --> 00:27:05,900
practice that that she may be shunned or

689
00:27:02,599 --> 00:27:08,719
ostracized or researcher you know we cut

690
00:27:05,900 --> 00:27:11,450
or whatever so you know there's that

691
00:27:08,720 --> 00:27:12,919
whole problem there around I mean we

692
00:27:11,450 --> 00:27:16,069
certainly know that we constructed

693
00:27:12,919 --> 00:27:18,230
surgery can work but the evidence

694
00:27:16,069 --> 00:27:19,970
suggests that the surgery is really the

695
00:27:18,230 --> 00:27:22,069
own the first bit of the puzzle it only

696
00:27:19,970 --> 00:27:24,589
works if you then do wider community

697
00:27:22,069 --> 00:27:26,779
work and building and particularly

698
00:27:24,589 --> 00:27:30,079
around gender inequalities and and and

699
00:27:26,779 --> 00:27:33,019
interpersonal relationships and involve

700
00:27:30,079 --> 00:27:34,879
women and men in in what you do and and

701
00:27:33,019 --> 00:27:37,910
I haven't got any evidence that they've

702
00:27:34,880 --> 00:27:39,230
done that either and it's unfortunate

703
00:27:37,910 --> 00:27:41,120
because it's got you know sort of

704
00:27:39,230 --> 00:27:44,179
commercial backing for a sex store and

705
00:27:41,119 --> 00:27:45,859
and it's all kind of resulting now in in

706
00:27:44,179 --> 00:27:48,830
sort of kind of fairly unpleasant

707
00:27:45,859 --> 00:27:51,168
discussions really about you know people

708
00:27:48,829 --> 00:27:52,759
getting involved and I think you know

709
00:27:51,169 --> 00:27:54,830
the best thing we can think about when

710
00:27:52,759 --> 00:27:58,669
anything like this comes along is is to

711
00:27:54,829 --> 00:27:59,869
try and be you know critical and and you

712
00:27:58,669 --> 00:28:01,970
know it doesn't mean say you're going to

713

00:27:59,869 --> 00:28:03,739
knock not support something but you're

714
00:28:01,970 --> 00:28:06,410
just going to ask a few questions first

715
00:28:03,740 --> 00:28:09,109
and and we do need to talk about that

716
00:28:06,410 --> 00:28:11,120
publicly even if it's uncomfortable and

717
00:28:09,109 --> 00:28:12,829
I think you know what's happened here is

718
00:28:11,119 --> 00:28:14,298
a lot of people are running headfirst

719
00:28:12,829 --> 00:28:16,639
wanting to supported and have done so

720
00:28:14,298 --> 00:28:18,440
very publicly and as a result we've had

721
00:28:16,640 --> 00:28:19,850
having questions and conversations in

722
00:28:18,440 --> 00:28:22,759
public that perhaps would have been

723
00:28:19,849 --> 00:28:24,439
better in private that they probably

724
00:28:22,759 --> 00:28:25,548
could have had you know people that said

725
00:28:24,440 --> 00:28:28,000
I think I might support this

726
00:28:25,548 --> 00:28:30,109
organization what do you reckon

727
00:28:28,000 --> 00:28:31,369

collaboratively working again we could

728

00:28:30,109 --> 00:28:33,439

have probably found that lately work

729

00:28:31,369 --> 00:28:34,969

right people to support but it's

730

00:28:33,440 --> 00:28:36,360

interesting that people are still saying

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00:28:34,970 --> 00:28:38,009

well ok I might

732

00:28:36,359 --> 00:28:40,979

not donate but I still think it's a good

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00:28:38,009 --> 00:28:42,808

idea but but I don't know that it's a

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00:28:40,980 --> 00:28:44,460

good idea I mean I I certainly

735

00:28:42,808 --> 00:28:46,289

reconstructive surgery is not a bad idea

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00:28:44,460 --> 00:28:48,230

it's done appropriately and with

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00:28:46,289 --> 00:28:51,720

community involvement and a proper

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00:28:48,230 --> 00:28:54,630

support as certainly challenging female

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00:28:51,720 --> 00:28:57,210

genital mutilation is definitely a good

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00:28:54,630 --> 00:28:59,540

cause but this particular organization

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00:28:57,210 --> 00:29:01,769

of their approach I don't know you know

742
00:28:59,539 --> 00:29:03,389
what it's doing I mean they certainly

743
00:29:01,769 --> 00:29:05,639
seem to have done some surgery so I

744
00:29:03,390 --> 00:29:08,549
don't think it's you know a total scam

745
00:29:05,640 --> 00:29:10,590
but I don't know quite what is going on

746
00:29:08,548 --> 00:29:13,259
and I think the interesting thing about

747
00:29:10,589 --> 00:29:15,149
the sponsorship ankle because they had

748
00:29:13,259 --> 00:29:17,759
some sponsorship coming in from sort of

749
00:29:15,150 --> 00:29:19,769
sex stores and the like is that you know

750
00:29:17,759 --> 00:29:22,769
very often people working in sex

751
00:29:19,769 --> 00:29:24,960
education and research like me you know

752
00:29:22,769 --> 00:29:27,179
we want to do some good we want to help

753
00:29:24,960 --> 00:29:28,950
people but it's it's often quite hard

754
00:29:27,179 --> 00:29:31,169
some charities won't accept your money

755
00:29:28,950 --> 00:29:33,360
because you're involved in insects or

756
00:29:31,169 --> 00:29:36,150
areas of sex that they disapproval and

757
00:29:33,359 --> 00:29:38,069
particularly around sexual pleasure I

758
00:29:36,150 --> 00:29:39,840
mean I don't think a few years ago where

759
00:29:38,069 --> 00:29:42,149
I was involved with some some friends of

760
00:29:39,839 --> 00:29:44,129
mine who who were involved in dancing

761
00:29:42,150 --> 00:29:47,009
erotic dancing and stripping and they

762
00:29:44,130 --> 00:29:49,140
made a charity calendar and and they

763
00:29:47,009 --> 00:29:51,569
found it very hard to find charities who

764
00:29:49,140 --> 00:29:53,429
would accept their money they raised me

765
00:29:51,569 --> 00:29:54,720
but people didn't want that money all

766
00:29:53,429 --> 00:29:57,540
rather they didn't want to be associated

767
00:29:54,720 --> 00:29:59,400
with this organization and it could

768
00:29:57,539 --> 00:30:01,349
could play on that in a sense in that

769
00:29:59,400 --> 00:30:05,009
they'll take cash because I'm let you

770

00:30:01,349 --> 00:30:06,589
know other people won't and that that's

771
00:30:05,009 --> 00:30:09,119
an issue I think we need to think about

772
00:30:06,589 --> 00:30:10,889
and also again to sort of challenge this

773
00:30:09,119 --> 00:30:14,250
notion that just because you've

774
00:30:10,890 --> 00:30:16,020
questions this organization doesn't mean

775
00:30:14,250 --> 00:30:18,450
to say that you think that the African

776
00:30:16,019 --> 00:30:20,668
women aren't entitled to pleasure I mean

777
00:30:18,450 --> 00:30:22,558
that that is a nonsense I guess it's

778
00:30:20,669 --> 00:30:25,169
also one of those sticky things about

779
00:30:22,558 --> 00:30:26,639
feminism altogether if you are you being

780
00:30:25,169 --> 00:30:28,350
anti-feminist or are you being

781
00:30:26,640 --> 00:30:30,809
pro-feminist because you care enough to

782
00:30:28,349 --> 00:30:34,769
question absolutely and I think for me

783
00:30:30,808 --> 00:30:37,829
it's it's it's years ago I heard about

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00:30:34,769 --> 00:30:40,048

female genital mutilation cutting in the

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00:30:37,829 --> 00:30:43,889

early 90s actually and it was after

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00:30:40,048 --> 00:30:45,629

Alice Walker wrote bucum possessing the

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00:30:43,890 --> 00:30:48,059

secret of joy which which talked about

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00:30:45,630 --> 00:30:48,930

it and I've never heard of it so that's

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00:30:48,058 --> 00:30:50,519

how and

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00:30:48,930 --> 00:30:52,500

got very interested in it and I started

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00:30:50,519 --> 00:30:54,569

to read up on it and make connections of

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00:30:52,500 --> 00:30:55,980

people working on the issue in the UK

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00:30:54,569 --> 00:30:59,189

and at the time I was a psychology

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00:30:55,980 --> 00:31:03,120

lecturer welcome an undergraduate sir

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00:30:59,190 --> 00:31:04,769

Knight I wanted it but like we had a

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00:31:03,119 --> 00:31:07,469

health court and I put it into the

797

00:31:04,769 --> 00:31:09,450

health psychology course and I ended up

798

00:31:07,470 --> 00:31:11,069

with all kinds of problems with you know

799
00:31:09,450 --> 00:31:12,630
people saying well why are you teaching

800
00:31:11,069 --> 00:31:13,859
this because this is just about African

801
00:31:12,630 --> 00:31:15,180
when what's it got to do with us so

802
00:31:13,859 --> 00:31:17,189
we're never going to meet anybody who's

803
00:31:15,180 --> 00:31:18,930
involved in this and you know it's it's

804
00:31:17,190 --> 00:31:20,220
you should just let cultures get on with

805
00:31:18,930 --> 00:31:22,350
it you're being raised is four saying

806
00:31:20,220 --> 00:31:24,509
they shouldn't do it and all sorts of

807
00:31:22,349 --> 00:31:26,579
backlash that sort of happened there and

808
00:31:24,509 --> 00:31:28,829
it's one of those areas that I think you

809
00:31:26,579 --> 00:31:30,269
know in this situation you've got got

810
00:31:28,829 --> 00:31:33,240
the sort of the female genital

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00:31:30,269 --> 00:31:35,819
mutilation issue which always brings up

812
00:31:33,240 --> 00:31:38,640
did buy it you know around culture and

813
00:31:35,819 --> 00:31:42,200
race and other areas and religion as

814
00:31:38,640 --> 00:31:45,330
well and then because it's linked to

815
00:31:42,200 --> 00:31:47,370
sort of feminism and and sex positive

816
00:31:45,329 --> 00:31:50,519
feminism there's obviously the arguments

817
00:31:47,369 --> 00:31:52,379
around feminist involvement there but I

818
00:31:50,519 --> 00:31:54,000
suppose an added layer is also sort of

819
00:31:52,380 --> 00:31:55,260
the international development level of

820
00:31:54,000 --> 00:31:57,420
whether you should or shouldn't get

821
00:31:55,259 --> 00:32:00,480
involved and all of the things to really

822
00:31:57,420 --> 00:32:01,860
kind of get into a sticky an unpleasant

823
00:32:00,480 --> 00:32:03,450
debate this will probably have the

824
00:32:01,859 --> 00:32:05,159
hallmarks of all the things that they're

825
00:32:03,450 --> 00:32:07,230
you know you're going to get you know

826
00:32:05,160 --> 00:32:08,580
got up from all sides for saying and I

827

00:32:07,230 --> 00:32:10,079
think that's why a lot of people have

828
00:32:08,579 --> 00:32:12,839
said I just don't want to talk about

829
00:32:10,079 --> 00:32:14,699
this publicly because it means you know

830
00:32:12,839 --> 00:32:16,109
even if I can argue it from an

831
00:32:14,700 --> 00:32:18,029
international development and the health

832
00:32:16,109 --> 00:32:19,529
argument I'm still going to get got out

833
00:32:18,029 --> 00:32:22,500
from feminist so I'm still going to be

834
00:32:19,529 --> 00:32:24,930
got up from sex educators or you know

835
00:32:22,500 --> 00:32:26,880
you kind of can't win and that's I think

836
00:32:24,930 --> 00:32:29,630
for me one of the interesting things

837
00:32:26,880 --> 00:32:32,160
about the sort of the journey of

838
00:32:29,630 --> 00:32:35,300
skepticism in a sense is that how do you

839
00:32:32,160 --> 00:32:38,670
find ways to try and raise these issues

840
00:32:35,299 --> 00:32:40,980
firmly but gently that doesn't sort of

841
00:32:38,670 --> 00:32:42,750

have to become a personal attack on

842

00:32:40,980 --> 00:32:45,360

people even though it might feel like

843

00:32:42,750 --> 00:32:47,400

that but that still makes us think you

844

00:32:45,359 --> 00:32:50,519

know you know let's question it because

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00:32:47,400 --> 00:32:52,320

one of the things I really value from my

846

00:32:50,519 --> 00:32:54,029

people I know who are critical thinkers

847

00:32:52,319 --> 00:32:56,339

and and people who are very reflective

848

00:32:54,029 --> 00:33:02,039

is that they make me think twice about

849

00:32:56,339 --> 00:33:03,839

what I do and that really helps me make

850

00:33:02,039 --> 00:33:06,119

decisions and it means that if I've made

851

00:33:03,839 --> 00:33:07,619

the incorrect decision or perhaps I

852

00:33:06,119 --> 00:33:10,229

could have done something better I can

853

00:33:07,619 --> 00:33:13,739

hopefully find a way to express that or

854

00:33:10,230 --> 00:33:16,440

setting right and I think when you get

855

00:33:13,740 --> 00:33:19,259

into something like this where it's it's

856
00:33:16,440 --> 00:33:20,970
got lots of gray areas in a sense and

857
00:33:19,259 --> 00:33:22,500
lots of areas where people might feel

858
00:33:20,970 --> 00:33:24,779
they're not sure so on the one hand yes

859
00:33:22,500 --> 00:33:26,009
they want to be a sex positive person

860
00:33:24,779 --> 00:33:27,450
and support pleasure but on the other

861
00:33:26,009 --> 00:33:29,849
hand they don't agree with female

862
00:33:27,450 --> 00:33:31,710
genital cutting and on the other hand

863
00:33:29,849 --> 00:33:33,959
they're not sure about the whole cult

864
00:33:31,710 --> 00:33:37,410
thing and the rail lan movement but yet

865
00:33:33,960 --> 00:33:39,660
they want to encourage development in in

866
00:33:37,410 --> 00:33:42,390
Africa you know you'll kind of pulled

867
00:33:39,660 --> 00:33:44,190
the whole time and I think that we very

868
00:33:42,390 --> 00:33:45,990
often feel more comfortable I think as a

869
00:33:44,190 --> 00:33:47,880
skeptic sometimes with with more black

870
00:33:45,990 --> 00:33:49,680
and white debates you know that we can

871
00:33:47,880 --> 00:33:52,140
say well this is wrong this is right or

872
00:33:49,680 --> 00:33:55,500
we can get into quite concrete thinking

873
00:33:52,140 --> 00:33:57,509
and instead of arguments that are are

874
00:33:55,500 --> 00:34:00,960
quite static whereas a lot of this stuff

875
00:33:57,509 --> 00:34:03,450
is fluid it's it's very very complex and

876
00:34:00,960 --> 00:34:05,370
and it's not comfortable to talk about

877
00:34:03,450 --> 00:34:07,230
and and because it makes people very

878
00:34:05,369 --> 00:34:09,929
upset and angry it then tends to lead to

879
00:34:07,230 --> 00:34:11,250
I mean I I talked about it a bit I tried

880
00:34:09,929 --> 00:34:13,349
to talk about it a bit on the bad

881
00:34:11,250 --> 00:34:14,789
science forums because I didn't know

882
00:34:13,349 --> 00:34:16,889
much about the Raelians I knew a lot

883
00:34:14,789 --> 00:34:18,300
about female genital cutting but I

884

00:34:16,889 --> 00:34:19,889
didn't know much about the Raelians and

885
00:34:18,300 --> 00:34:21,480
I wondered if anybody might know

886
00:34:19,889 --> 00:34:22,980
something there and I asked and some

887
00:34:21,480 --> 00:34:24,960
people were very helpful that a lot of

888
00:34:22,980 --> 00:34:27,418
people be very helpful on this venture

889
00:34:24,960 --> 00:34:30,059
but there is the inevitable backlash of

890
00:34:27,418 --> 00:34:31,889
you know accusations of racism and

891
00:34:30,059 --> 00:34:33,989
things like that that you kind of think

892
00:34:31,889 --> 00:34:37,619
well this now makes it very difficult to

893
00:34:33,989 --> 00:34:39,689
have a sensible conversation because

894
00:34:37,619 --> 00:34:41,460
you're now firefighting those

895
00:34:39,690 --> 00:34:43,860
accusations and that's I think the

896
00:34:41,460 --> 00:34:45,659
problem in that what we really need with

897
00:34:43,860 --> 00:34:48,750
these issues is to focus on the issues

898
00:34:45,659 --> 00:34:50,969

and in a sense evidence is our friend

899

00:34:48,750 --> 00:34:52,949

here because it lets us think about it I

900

00:34:50,969 --> 00:34:55,678

wouldn't say dispassionately because

901

00:34:52,949 --> 00:34:59,250

certainly I'm not but at least with a

902

00:34:55,679 --> 00:35:00,990

kind of a I suppose a buffer there that

903

00:34:59,250 --> 00:35:02,909

you can say well look you know I mean

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00:35:00,989 --> 00:35:05,099

and certainly the way I've approach

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00:35:02,909 --> 00:35:08,609

writing about Chris 'read is is not to

906

00:35:05,099 --> 00:35:10,710

start sort of really a slanging match

907

00:35:08,610 --> 00:35:13,140

with anyone who supported them it's more

908

00:35:10,710 --> 00:35:14,639

to say look here's your way out look

909

00:35:13,139 --> 00:35:15,429

this is what I found out about this

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00:35:14,639 --> 00:35:17,170

organization

911

00:35:15,429 --> 00:35:19,000

makes me question what's happening and

912

00:35:17,170 --> 00:35:21,220

I'm not sure about how it's been

913
00:35:19,000 --> 00:35:23,230
employed in this community and I really

914
00:35:21,219 --> 00:35:25,000
don't know how it's been sort of done it

915
00:35:23,230 --> 00:35:27,369
it seems to be stepping on a lot of toes

916
00:35:25,000 --> 00:35:31,000
so I think we should think about that

917
00:35:27,369 --> 00:35:34,300
and you know part of being you know I

918
00:35:31,000 --> 00:35:37,059
suppose a a critical thinker is that you

919
00:35:34,300 --> 00:35:40,420
can say hang on i did this i supported

920
00:35:37,059 --> 00:35:42,550
this but I actually think I'm I'm gonna

921
00:35:40,420 --> 00:35:45,369
change my mind and yes why and I think

922
00:35:42,550 --> 00:35:46,869
people and people respect you for that

923
00:35:45,369 --> 00:35:50,170
you know I think people really do

924
00:35:46,869 --> 00:35:51,970
respect you for that but um I've

925
00:35:50,170 --> 00:35:53,530
certainly had a few people email me who

926
00:35:51,969 --> 00:35:55,149
you weren't more in the sex education

927
00:35:53,530 --> 00:35:56,920
side of things you've said look I are

928
00:35:55,150 --> 00:35:59,108
permanently support this venture and I

929
00:35:56,920 --> 00:36:01,300
kind of know feel I can't say I don't

930
00:35:59,108 --> 00:36:03,219
support it anymore because people think

931
00:36:01,300 --> 00:36:05,349
I'm a hypocrite you know this is a big

932
00:36:03,219 --> 00:36:07,299
issue for a lot of people who talk about

933
00:36:05,349 --> 00:36:09,369
and blog about and research and do

934
00:36:07,300 --> 00:36:10,990
therapy insects that you're under such a

935
00:36:09,369 --> 00:36:12,010
lot of criticism with the best of times

936
00:36:10,989 --> 00:36:13,838
that you know you're not a proper

937
00:36:12,010 --> 00:36:15,550
scientist if you research sex and you're

938
00:36:13,838 --> 00:36:17,019
not a proper blog review right about sex

939
00:36:15,550 --> 00:36:19,030
and you know you're not promised Tara

940
00:36:17,019 --> 00:36:20,409
pissed if you do sex therapy that that

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00:36:19,030 --> 00:36:21,910
people don't want to give any more

942
00:36:20,409 --> 00:36:23,259
ammunition that they might have changed

943
00:36:21,909 --> 00:36:26,078
their mind because it will be used

944
00:36:23,260 --> 00:36:27,700
against them and I can see that being a

945
00:36:26,079 --> 00:36:30,010
big barrier for a lot of people are just

946
00:36:27,699 --> 00:36:33,338
not knowing how to sort of find a way

947
00:36:30,010 --> 00:36:35,230
through it I think we still have to say

948
00:36:33,338 --> 00:36:37,328
things even if they're uncomfortable and

949
00:36:35,230 --> 00:36:38,949
reflect I mean I'm still reflecting on

950
00:36:37,329 --> 00:36:40,660
this now and if it turns out someone can

951
00:36:38,949 --> 00:36:42,250
give me evidence to say that this

952
00:36:40,659 --> 00:36:44,379
critter a thing is the best thing ever

953
00:36:42,250 --> 00:36:46,329
and has helped transform a community

954
00:36:44,380 --> 00:36:48,099
then I'm going to have to say that but

955
00:36:46,329 --> 00:36:50,410

nobody has been able to say that to me

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00:36:48,099 --> 00:36:52,059

so far and if people want to check out

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00:36:50,409 --> 00:36:54,670

your work and check out your Twitter

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00:36:52,059 --> 00:36:58,000

stream they carried 200 on Twitter it's

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00:36:54,670 --> 00:37:05,079

at dr. Petra and which is just dr p e

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00:36:58,000 --> 00:37:09,369

tra and the website is www.petra.co.uk

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00:37:05,079 --> 00:37:11,619

sets dr p ET Rho dot u K and it's a l

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00:37:09,369 --> 00:37:12,910

the blog is just some like it you just

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00:37:11,619 --> 00:37:15,250

go straight to it but if not it's

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00:37:12,909 --> 00:37:17,769

forward slash blog so have a look around

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00:37:15,250 --> 00:37:19,420

because um hopefully they'll find some

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00:37:17,769 --> 00:37:21,568

stuff in there that they kind of find

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00:37:19,420 --> 00:37:23,769

interesting and it sort of veers between

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00:37:21,568 --> 00:37:25,269

you know complaining about the media to

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00:37:23,769 --> 00:37:27,280

sort of unpacking pieces of research to

970
00:37:25,269 --> 00:37:28,900
advise and there there is bits of advice

971
00:37:27,280 --> 00:37:30,190
in there as well

972
00:37:28,900 --> 00:37:32,230
right and will be wonderful to see you

973
00:37:30,190 --> 00:37:34,480
more on the skeptics into a bit really

974
00:37:32,230 --> 00:37:36,190
yeah I mean it's it's I've actually had a

975
00:37:34,480 --> 00:37:37,780
very warm welcome and i think it's been

976
00:37:36,190 --> 00:37:39,730
you know I've been doing stuff to do

977
00:37:37,780 --> 00:37:41,410
through through science sort of

978
00:37:39,730 --> 00:37:43,539
communication for a long while although

979
00:37:41,409 --> 00:37:46,089
I certainly have issues about you know

980
00:37:43,539 --> 00:37:47,469
what that always means and you know I

981
00:37:46,090 --> 00:37:49,180
don't know that I would call myself as

982
00:37:47,469 --> 00:37:51,459
like this but you know but I think

983
00:37:49,179 --> 00:37:52,750
within sort of skepticism it's and it's

984
00:37:51,460 --> 00:37:54,699
interesting actually colleagues of mine

985
00:37:52,750 --> 00:37:57,639
he'd been working in sort of trying to

986
00:37:54,699 --> 00:37:59,349
do research around people involved in

987
00:37:57,639 --> 00:38:01,119
prostitution which is again a very

988
00:37:59,349 --> 00:38:02,559
controversial area found that they they

989
00:38:01,119 --> 00:38:04,449
had a lot of support from skeptics

990
00:38:02,559 --> 00:38:06,460
around helping them kind of challenge

991
00:38:04,449 --> 00:38:08,739
policy and practice and avoid the sort

992
00:38:06,460 --> 00:38:09,940
of more hysterical side of our arguments

993
00:38:08,739 --> 00:38:12,879
about it just to do some straightforward

994
00:38:09,940 --> 00:38:14,950
talking that inevitably will be better

995
00:38:12,880 --> 00:38:17,740
in terms of helping people involved in

996
00:38:14,949 --> 00:38:19,480
in sec so if you want to add the exit it

997
00:38:17,739 --> 00:38:21,909
but also supporting those who are

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00:38:19,480 --> 00:38:23,829
currently involved to do so I think

999
00:38:21,909 --> 00:38:25,899
that's been a very helpful move we're in

1000
00:38:23,829 --> 00:38:29,949
it well thank you very much dr. d'etre

1001
00:38:25,900 --> 00:38:32,230
you're welcome thank you upon completing

1002
00:38:29,949 --> 00:38:36,419
this interview more breaking news about

1003
00:38:32,230 --> 00:38:42,510
Pluto a has hit the internet so head to

1004
00:38:36,420 --> 00:38:42,510
WWD patricio UK to find out more

1005
00:38:52,550 --> 00:39:01,080
now it's time for dr. Rachel reports

1006
00:38:55,920 --> 00:39:03,420
with dr. Rachel Dunlop hello listeners

1007
00:39:01,079 --> 00:39:05,789
i'm dr. rachy and welcome to this very

1008
00:39:03,420 --> 00:39:09,210
special roundup of recent events in The

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00:39:05,789 --> 00:39:11,489
Skeptical community has not been a busy

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00:39:09,210 --> 00:39:14,099
few weeks some people are saying that

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00:39:11,489 --> 00:39:16,019
2010 is going to be the year for science

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00:39:14,099 --> 00:39:18,390

and skepticism and it's certainly

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00:39:16,019 --> 00:39:20,519

starting to look that way so let me

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00:39:18,389 --> 00:39:22,858

start off by saying happy chiropractic

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00:39:20,519 --> 00:39:24,809

Awareness Week to everyone yes it is

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00:39:22,858 --> 00:39:26,969

chiropractic Awareness Week and it

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00:39:24,809 --> 00:39:29,969

overlaps with world homeopathy Awareness

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00:39:26,969 --> 00:39:32,789

Week how convenient and what a great way

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00:39:29,969 --> 00:39:34,769

to start the week yesterday and after

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00:39:32,789 --> 00:39:37,349

two years of a long and drawn-out battle

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00:39:34,769 --> 00:39:40,469

the British chiropractic association or

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00:39:37,349 --> 00:39:42,630

BCA finally caved in and announced they

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00:39:40,469 --> 00:39:45,689

were withdrawing their liability against

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00:39:42,630 --> 00:39:48,720

dr. Simon seen Simon things lawyers were

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00:39:45,690 --> 00:39:50,940

advised after the BCA filed a notice of

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00:39:48,719 --> 00:39:54,000

discontinuation in the High Court in

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00:39:50,940 --> 00:39:57,059
London now to recap sing with food in

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00:39:54,000 --> 00:39:59,309
April 2008 for a piece he wrote in the

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00:39:57,059 --> 00:40:00,690
Guardians comment pages where he

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00:39:59,309 --> 00:40:03,000
suggested there was a lack of evidence

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00:40:00,690 --> 00:40:05,519
for the claims some chiropractors made

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00:40:03,000 --> 00:40:08,519
on treating certain childhood conditions

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00:40:05,519 --> 00:40:10,588
and this included colic and asthma now

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00:40:08,519 --> 00:40:12,630
the BCA alleged that dr. Singh had

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00:40:10,588 --> 00:40:15,119
effectively accused its leaders of

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00:40:12,630 --> 00:40:17,369
knowingly supporting bogus treatments

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00:40:15,119 --> 00:40:19,190
after advising they were dropping the

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00:40:17,369 --> 00:40:21,990
court case in a statement they said

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00:40:19,190 --> 00:40:23,519
having carefully considered its position

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00:40:21,989 --> 00:40:25,469
in the light of the judgment of the

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00:40:23,519 --> 00:40:28,679
Court of Appeal on the first of april

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00:40:25,469 --> 00:40:31,639
2010 the BCA has decided to discontinue

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00:40:28,679 --> 00:40:34,409
its libel action against Simon Singh as

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00:40:31,639 --> 00:40:36,210
previously made clear the BCA brought

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00:40:34,409 --> 00:40:37,949
the claim because it considered that

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00:40:36,210 --> 00:40:41,429
Simon Singh had made a serious

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00:40:37,949 --> 00:40:43,919
allegation against its reputation namely

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00:40:41,429 --> 00:40:47,879
that the BCA promoted treatments that

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00:40:43,920 --> 00:40:50,039
are new to be bogus the BCA now feels

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00:40:47,880 --> 00:40:53,519
that the time is right for the matter to

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00:40:50,039 --> 00:40:56,429
draw to a close so as recently as April

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00:40:53,519 --> 00:40:57,389
the first 2010 Simon won the right to

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00:40:56,429 --> 00:40:59,759
appeal

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00:40:57,389 --> 00:41:02,879
the initial decision by Mr Justice ed

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00:40:59,760 --> 00:41:05,760
over the meaning of the word bogus Lord

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00:41:02,880 --> 00:41:08,220
Justice judge Lord Justice neuberger and

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00:41:05,760 --> 00:41:11,520
Lord Justice sadly ruled unanimously

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00:41:08,219 --> 00:41:14,609
that Singh had the right to appeal that

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00:41:11,519 --> 00:41:17,759
his article was opinion or comment they

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00:41:14,610 --> 00:41:19,500
said quote this litigation has almost

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00:41:17,760 --> 00:41:21,630
certainly had a chilling effect on

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00:41:19,500 --> 00:41:24,059
public debate which might otherwise have

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00:41:21,630 --> 00:41:26,400
assisted potential patients to make

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00:41:24,059 --> 00:41:29,880
informed choices about the possible use

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00:41:26,400 --> 00:41:31,619
of chiropractic so before the case was

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00:41:29,880 --> 00:41:34,200
dropped Singh had stated that he would

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00:41:31,619 --> 00:41:35,880
continue to defend his position even

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00:41:34,199 --> 00:41:39,239
though he expected the case would cost

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00:41:35,880 --> 00:41:41,579

him in excess of 1 million pounds he has

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00:41:39,239 --> 00:41:45,000

already spent more than 100,000 pounds

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00:41:41,579 --> 00:41:46,799

of his own money defending the case now

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00:41:45,000 --> 00:41:49,559

the action taken by the BCA has

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00:41:46,800 --> 00:41:51,690

backfired to some extent and resulted in

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00:41:49,559 --> 00:41:54,090

significant scrutiny of chiropractic

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00:41:51,690 --> 00:41:56,280

treatment in the UK and in particular

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00:41:54,090 --> 00:41:58,500

following complaints to the Advertising

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00:41:56,280 --> 00:42:00,750

Standards Authority one in four

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00:41:58,500 --> 00:42:03,329

chiropractors in Britain are currently

1079

00:42:00,750 --> 00:42:04,860

under investigation for allegedly making

1080

00:42:03,329 --> 00:42:07,489

misleading claims in their

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00:42:04,860 --> 00:42:10,440

advertisements and in a related

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00:42:07,489 --> 00:42:12,449

defensive move another chiropractic body

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00:42:10,440 --> 00:42:15,780

called the MEC Timoney Association of

1084
00:42:12,449 --> 00:42:18,329
chiropractors or the MCA deleted their

1085
00:42:15,780 --> 00:42:22,110
website for fear of retribution and

1086
00:42:18,329 --> 00:42:24,090
advised its members to do the same in a

1087
00:42:22,110 --> 00:42:28,079
leaked email they told their members

1088
00:42:24,090 --> 00:42:30,329
this remove all the blue MCA patient

1089
00:42:28,079 --> 00:42:32,279
information leaflets or any patient

1090
00:42:30,329 --> 00:42:35,909
information leaflets of your own that

1091
00:42:32,280 --> 00:42:38,340
state you treat whiplash colic or other

1092
00:42:35,909 --> 00:42:39,929
childhood problems in your clinic or at

1093
00:42:38,340 --> 00:42:42,059
any other site where they might be

1094
00:42:39,929 --> 00:42:44,399
displayed with your contact details on

1095
00:42:42,059 --> 00:42:47,460
them do not use them until further

1096
00:42:44,400 --> 00:42:49,380
notice the MCA are working on an interim

1097
00:42:47,460 --> 00:42:52,289
replacement leaflet which will be sent

1098
00:42:49,380 --> 00:42:54,750
to you shortly well pretty amazing stuff

1099
00:42:52,289 --> 00:42:56,429
and even here in Australia we were not

1100
00:42:54,750 --> 00:43:00,809
immune from complaints by chiropractors

1101
00:42:56,429 --> 00:43:02,399
in October 2009 Australian skeptics had

1102
00:43:00,809 --> 00:43:04,679
a complaint lodged with the healthcare

1103
00:43:02,400 --> 00:43:06,900
Complaints Commission following the

1104
00:43:04,679 --> 00:43:09,329
publication of Singh's original guardian

1105
00:43:06,900 --> 00:43:11,190
article on our website it was

1106
00:43:09,329 --> 00:43:12,900
republished across the world

1107
00:43:11,190 --> 00:43:14,670
with the libelous statement removed on

1108
00:43:12,900 --> 00:43:17,730
the one-year anniversary of original

1109
00:43:14,670 --> 00:43:19,619
publication an Australian chiropractor

1110
00:43:17,730 --> 00:43:22,199
Joseph erano wrote a letter to

1111
00:43:19,619 --> 00:43:24,480
Australian skeptics with a detailed but

1112

00:43:22,199 --> 00:43:26,489
somewhat rambling rebuff of the article

1113
00:43:24,480 --> 00:43:29,269
and when he did not receive a response

1114
00:43:26,489 --> 00:43:31,969
to his liking he went to the H Triple C

1115
00:43:29,269 --> 00:43:34,829
the complaint was subsequently dismissed

1116
00:43:31,969 --> 00:43:37,769
now of the case being dropped against

1117
00:43:34,829 --> 00:43:39,930
him Simon Singh had this to say the case

1118
00:43:37,769 --> 00:43:42,449
is not quite over because we still have

1119
00:43:39,929 --> 00:43:44,818
to argue over costs having backed down

1120
00:43:42,449 --> 00:43:46,858
and dropped the case i expect the BCA to

1121
00:43:44,818 --> 00:43:50,759
pay my legal bills of approximately

1122
00:43:46,858 --> 00:43:52,799
200,000 pounds I fully expect the BCA to

1123
00:43:50,760 --> 00:43:55,290
argue that they should not pay all my

1124
00:43:52,800 --> 00:43:57,240
costs but I think this is the very least

1125
00:43:55,289 --> 00:43:59,338
that they should do because this entire

1126
00:43:57,239 --> 00:44:03,239

legal battle has been instigated by the

1127

00:43:59,338 --> 00:44:05,818

BCA he also told BBC News other

1128

00:44:03,239 --> 00:44:08,368

scientists science writers bloggers

1129

00:44:05,818 --> 00:44:10,739

investigative journalists human rights

1130

00:44:08,369 --> 00:44:13,380

activists all get threatened with these

1131

00:44:10,739 --> 00:44:15,358

libel suits and at the end of the day

1132

00:44:13,380 --> 00:44:17,220

the people who lose out are the general

1133

00:44:15,358 --> 00:44:19,380

public because we don't get to find out

1134

00:44:17,219 --> 00:44:22,318

the real truth because these libel suits

1135

00:44:19,380 --> 00:44:24,000

just stop good journalism so the

1136

00:44:22,318 --> 00:44:27,300

decision by the BCA to withdraw the

1137

00:44:24,000 --> 00:44:29,400

action despite being quote advised there

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00:44:27,300 --> 00:44:31,829

are strong grounds for appeal against

1139

00:44:29,400 --> 00:44:34,769

the Court of Appeal is a victory for

1140

00:44:31,829 --> 00:44:36,810

journalists and science writers Simon

1141
00:44:34,769 --> 00:44:38,818
Singh said he was hugely relieved but

1142
00:44:36,809 --> 00:44:40,920
expressed his annoyance that libel

1143
00:44:38,818 --> 00:44:42,869
actions continued to be used to block

1144
00:44:40,920 --> 00:44:46,470
what he viewed as legitimate scientific

1145
00:44:42,869 --> 00:44:48,660
inquiry and debate as of today the

1146
00:44:46,469 --> 00:44:51,389
Guardian has reposted Simon's original

1147
00:44:48,659 --> 00:44:53,279
article and comments are open so if

1148
00:44:51,389 --> 00:44:56,190
you'd like to read it and leave your

1149
00:44:53,280 --> 00:45:00,089
comments head to dub dub dub guardian co

1150
00:44:56,190 --> 00:45:05,130
uk forward slash comment is free forward

1151
00:45:00,088 --> 00:45:08,578
slash 2008 /a pralhad / 19 forward slash

1152
00:45:05,130 --> 00:45:10,950
controversies in science dash health you

1153
00:45:08,579 --> 00:45:14,818
can google it I had trouble finding it

1154
00:45:10,949 --> 00:45:17,039
sorry for the long URL now even though

1155
00:45:14,818 --> 00:45:18,989
Simon's case has now been dropped libel

1156
00:45:17,039 --> 00:45:21,539
reform is still desperately needed in

1157
00:45:18,989 --> 00:45:23,789
the UK so if you haven't yet signed the

1158
00:45:21,539 --> 00:45:25,110
petition please head to dub dub dub

1159
00:45:23,789 --> 00:45:28,199
libel reform

1160
00:45:25,110 --> 00:45:30,329
org forward slash sign and you don't

1161
00:45:28,199 --> 00:45:33,750
have to be a resident of the UK to sign

1162
00:45:30,329 --> 00:45:35,880
this petition and I also recommend for

1163
00:45:33,750 --> 00:45:37,949
up-to-date news and links to other media

1164
00:45:35,880 --> 00:45:40,590
coverage head over to sense about

1165
00:45:37,949 --> 00:45:43,049
science or if you're on twitter follow

1166
00:45:40,590 --> 00:45:46,050
at jack of kent who's been blogging this

1167
00:45:43,050 --> 00:45:47,940
case from day one so also as well

1168
00:45:46,050 --> 00:45:50,220
homeopathy awareness week draws to a

1169

00:45:47,940 --> 00:45:53,010
close I've written an article called

1170
00:45:50,219 --> 00:45:57,359
homeopathy there's nothing in it for the

1171
00:45:53,010 --> 00:45:59,280
blog called the punch Comte you it's my

1172
00:45:57,360 --> 00:46:01,380
first piece for them so please click on

1173
00:45:59,280 --> 00:46:03,750
over to increase my page views and leave

1174
00:46:01,380 --> 00:46:05,369
a comment if you feel like it if I get

1175
00:46:03,750 --> 00:46:08,909
lots of hint for lots of comments then

1176
00:46:05,369 --> 00:46:11,849
they might just ask me back and finally

1177
00:46:08,909 --> 00:46:14,219
for today on Thursday April the 22nd

1178
00:46:11,849 --> 00:46:17,190
we're calling on all skeptical bloggers

1179
00:46:14,219 --> 00:46:19,739
to post on you only like me because I'm

1180
00:46:17,190 --> 00:46:21,450
good in blog day on this day we're

1181
00:46:19,739 --> 00:46:24,449
asking bloggers to write about dealing

1182
00:46:21,449 --> 00:46:26,429
with blog post comments trolls how you

1183
00:46:24,449 --> 00:46:28,289

maintain your site and tips for those

1184

00:46:26,429 --> 00:46:31,559

who'd like to try starting to write a

1185

00:46:28,289 --> 00:46:34,139

skeptical blog and also our own Kylie

1186

00:46:31,559 --> 00:46:36,509

Sturgis on her token skeptic podcast

1187

00:46:34,139 --> 00:46:38,670

will feature audio from last year's

1188

00:46:36,510 --> 00:46:42,930

dragoncon blogging panel which also

1189

00:46:38,670 --> 00:46:45,740

features me so head to dub dub dub she

1190

00:46:42,929 --> 00:46:48,179

thought calm for more details and

1191

00:46:45,739 --> 00:46:50,039

actually coming up in this week's think

1192

00:46:48,179 --> 00:46:51,509

tank I talked a little bit about some of

1193

00:46:50,039 --> 00:46:54,840

the things that have been happening on

1194

00:46:51,510 --> 00:46:56,850

my blog skeptics book calm of late so to

1195

00:46:54,840 --> 00:46:59,070

all our listeners happy world homeopathy

1196

00:46:56,849 --> 00:47:01,349

awareness week and happy chiropractic

1197

00:46:59,070 --> 00:47:04,430

awareness week and until next time this

1198
00:47:01,349 --> 00:47:04,429
has been dr. a chief

1199
00:47:13,179 --> 00:47:26,329
join us now for drinking skeptically in

1200
00:47:16,550 --> 00:47:29,089
the think tank I did it again i made a

1201
00:47:26,329 --> 00:47:30,679
laugh I love it welcome to the think

1202
00:47:29,088 --> 00:47:32,809
tank and i'd like to welcome our

1203
00:47:30,679 --> 00:47:36,829
favorite laughing looming girl joe

1204
00:47:32,809 --> 00:47:41,929
veteran thank you Richard and I love it

1205
00:47:36,829 --> 00:47:43,848
laughing not dr. agent hello oh well fed

1206
00:47:41,929 --> 00:47:47,269
I reckon we could do a whole podcast of

1207
00:47:43,849 --> 00:47:49,280
me and dr. heb going and you're probably

1208
00:47:47,269 --> 00:47:50,838
could actually I think I think you're

1209
00:47:49,280 --> 00:47:54,740
probably could I think anyone is one of

1210
00:47:50,838 --> 00:47:56,750
here acting nice to be back here in our

1211
00:47:54,739 --> 00:47:59,899
favorite club down the street where Joe

1212
00:47:56,750 --> 00:48:02,570
you had a lovely meal I did I did I know

1213
00:47:59,900 --> 00:48:05,059
I numbed hastily you did actually rach

1214
00:48:02,570 --> 00:48:06,619
and I nommed earlier today's who yeah

1215
00:48:05,059 --> 00:48:09,529
I'm actually not hungry i don't know why

1216
00:48:06,619 --> 00:48:11,180
but after that lunch but i wasn't a huge

1217
00:48:09,530 --> 00:48:13,580
lunch i didn't have breakfast so it

1218
00:48:11,179 --> 00:48:15,858
should have anyway so anyway I think I

1219
00:48:13,579 --> 00:48:18,139
let's just want to know how I know me

1220
00:48:15,858 --> 00:48:20,598
for the three of us thank you in fact

1221
00:48:18,139 --> 00:48:22,039
we're probably not hungry because you

1222
00:48:20,599 --> 00:48:23,750
didn't eat very much therefore you're

1223
00:48:22,039 --> 00:48:26,690
not hungry which is sort of like the

1224
00:48:23,750 --> 00:48:29,150
philosophy of homeopathy isn't it the

1225
00:48:26,690 --> 00:48:30,889
less you eat the less hungry you are how

1226

00:48:29,150 --> 00:48:36,200
does that work well how does homeopathy

1227
00:48:30,889 --> 00:48:38,989
work I mention this because of world

1228
00:48:36,199 --> 00:48:41,509
homeopathy awareness week or homeopathy

1229
00:48:38,989 --> 00:48:43,969
world awareness week or whatever they're

1230
00:48:41,510 --> 00:48:46,040
calling it they're going at wha wow we

1231
00:48:43,969 --> 00:48:49,759
are trying to come up with our own akron

1232
00:48:46,039 --> 00:48:51,980
ism or acronym acronym not agonism yeah

1233
00:48:49,760 --> 00:48:52,339
we just the awareness week power to to

1234
00:48:51,980 --> 00:48:57,829
be

1235
00:48:52,338 --> 00:49:01,788
oh yes I wish it was a load of a barrel

1236
00:48:57,829 --> 00:49:04,400
of laughs it's interesting a five years

1237
00:49:01,789 --> 00:49:06,079
ago they had world this world homeopathy

1238
00:49:04,400 --> 00:49:10,190
Awareness Week and they had a little

1239
00:49:06,079 --> 00:49:11,989
stand down here a little tense or lots

1240
00:49:10,190 --> 00:49:13,639

of tents set up down at Circular key

1241

00:49:11,989 --> 00:49:16,639

here in sitting in the little park in

1242

00:49:13,639 --> 00:49:18,409

circular key so I trotted down on us

1243

00:49:16,639 --> 00:49:22,068

have a look look look around and I

1244

00:49:18,409 --> 00:49:24,259

noticed that they were advertising that

1245

00:49:22,068 --> 00:49:26,920

they would appear or the New South Wales

1246

00:49:24,259 --> 00:49:29,719

homeopathy Association would appear

1247

00:49:26,920 --> 00:49:33,139

shortly thereafter at the babies and

1248

00:49:29,719 --> 00:49:35,059

children's Expo which I subsequently

1249

00:49:33,139 --> 00:49:37,608

went to with our friend Peter ratbag

1250

00:49:35,059 --> 00:49:39,769

bowditch and we went to the stand of the

1251

00:49:37,608 --> 00:49:41,509

homeopathy people and they told us that

1252

00:49:39,768 --> 00:49:44,868

yes you can use homeopathy for

1253

00:49:41,509 --> 00:49:46,998

immunization and we created a big stink

1254

00:49:44,869 --> 00:49:49,210

about it at the time if people want to

1255
00:49:46,998 --> 00:49:53,209
read that report simply Google

1256
00:49:49,210 --> 00:49:55,249
homeopathy exposed again and Saunders

1257
00:49:53,210 --> 00:49:57,679
all that in google and you'll find my

1258
00:49:55,248 --> 00:49:59,478
report from five years ago and at the

1259
00:49:57,679 --> 00:50:01,899
time we thought wow we've really busted

1260
00:49:59,478 --> 00:50:04,998
them here we are homeopathy homeopathy

1261
00:50:01,900 --> 00:50:06,680
advocating hung up traffic vaccine we've

1262
00:50:04,998 --> 00:50:08,988
got him you know they've sent it in

1263
00:50:06,679 --> 00:50:10,998
public well five years later they're

1264
00:50:08,989 --> 00:50:13,249
hardly making a secret of a doctor aging

1265
00:50:10,998 --> 00:50:16,248
well remember months a month ago Joe you

1266
00:50:13,248 --> 00:50:19,639
brought a paper from the London journal

1267
00:50:16,248 --> 00:50:22,159
of medicine from 1851 by dr. David

1268
00:50:19,639 --> 00:50:24,139
McCormack overly where he'd said in

1269
00:50:22,159 --> 00:50:28,489
quite flowery language that it was

1270
00:50:24,139 --> 00:50:30,228
and then Peter Bowditch found a

1271
00:50:28,489 --> 00:50:34,400
paper from I think four or five years

1272
00:50:30,228 --> 00:50:37,278
before that saying it was nonsense so on

1273
00:50:34,400 --> 00:50:39,499
the tenth of April earlier this week was

1274
00:50:37,278 --> 00:50:42,679
the birthday of Samuel Hahnemann happy

1275
00:50:39,498 --> 00:50:47,288
birth hey who you with actually where is

1276
00:50:42,679 --> 00:50:51,429
Samuel Hahnemann he's sick today hahaha

1277
00:50:47,289 --> 00:50:51,430
but yeah in 200 years

1278
00:50:51,530 --> 00:50:55,940
I just know and the thing is you know

1279
00:50:54,079 --> 00:50:57,980
five years ago the land such at that big

1280
00:50:55,940 --> 00:51:00,110
study where they basically came out and

1281
00:50:57,980 --> 00:51:03,289
said that it's nonsense there's nothing

1282
00:51:00,110 --> 00:51:05,390
in it it's just um you know it's a

1283

00:51:03,289 --> 00:51:08,659
fraudulent in some aspects it's

1284
00:51:05,389 --> 00:51:11,569
dangerous it's yes because the thing is

1285
00:51:08,659 --> 00:51:15,799
that you know like like so much of the

1286
00:51:11,570 --> 00:51:19,150
alt med dialogue it's been turned into

1287
00:51:15,800 --> 00:51:21,680
almost a postmodernist debate where

1288
00:51:19,150 --> 00:51:27,349
everything is equal and everything is on

1289
00:51:21,679 --> 00:51:30,529
the same sort of level so all ideas are

1290
00:51:27,349 --> 00:51:32,269
valid exactly so it almost seems like it

1291
00:51:30,530 --> 00:51:35,600
doesn't matter what you put in front of

1292
00:51:32,269 --> 00:51:38,329
them it doesn't change what's being said

1293
00:51:35,599 --> 00:51:40,219
it doesn't change the outcome they're

1294
00:51:38,329 --> 00:51:43,670
still you know I mean that study from

1295
00:51:40,219 --> 00:51:45,769
the Lancer that they're still waving

1296
00:51:43,670 --> 00:51:47,269
that in the air and saying you know that

1297
00:51:45,769 --> 00:51:49,159

actually showed that there was a benefit

1298

00:51:47,269 --> 00:51:51,590

to homeopathy it didn't show that at all

1299

00:51:49,159 --> 00:51:53,599

but in terms of how they read the

1300

00:51:51,590 --> 00:51:54,470

language they'll wave it in the areas

1301

00:51:53,599 --> 00:51:57,230

you could actually had a positive

1302

00:51:54,469 --> 00:51:59,299

outcome for when it didn't okay but i

1303

00:51:57,230 --> 00:52:01,309

think that reason raises a really

1304

00:51:59,300 --> 00:52:05,420

interesting point Joe and this also

1305

00:52:01,309 --> 00:52:08,269

leads onto a debate that Meryl Dory

1306

00:52:05,420 --> 00:52:09,950

wanted to conduct with somebody who is

1307

00:52:08,269 --> 00:52:12,500

an immunologist in australia this week

1308

00:52:09,949 --> 00:52:14,629

and that also turned into an argument

1309

00:52:12,500 --> 00:52:16,340

about well both sides are equal so let's

1310

00:52:14,630 --> 00:52:17,690

have a big song and dance public debate

1311

00:52:16,340 --> 00:52:22,309

which we might talk about a little bit

1312
00:52:17,690 --> 00:52:24,380
later but why I don't you know it

1313
00:52:22,309 --> 00:52:25,699
puzzles me at late at night at three

1314
00:52:24,380 --> 00:52:28,369
o'clock in the morning when I'm not

1315
00:52:25,699 --> 00:52:31,189
sleeping because I'm stressed or annoyed

1316
00:52:28,369 --> 00:52:33,650
usually annoyed actually I wonder about

1317
00:52:31,190 --> 00:52:36,320
that you know I wonder is it that these

1318
00:52:33,650 --> 00:52:39,619
people have a compartmentalized part in

1319
00:52:36,320 --> 00:52:41,690
their brain or is it is it that is it be

1320
00:52:39,619 --> 00:52:44,569
because I've not had any scientific

1321
00:52:41,690 --> 00:52:45,530
training I suspect that's a large part

1322
00:52:44,570 --> 00:52:47,930
of it

1323
00:52:45,530 --> 00:52:49,550
but I think you're right I think that's

1324
00:52:47,929 --> 00:52:50,960
a very low that's not but they don't

1325
00:52:49,550 --> 00:52:52,730
always clearly because there are a lot

1326
00:52:50,960 --> 00:52:54,769
of people how they could have had a very

1327
00:52:52,730 --> 00:52:58,670
good scientific training and is still

1328
00:52:54,769 --> 00:53:01,429
believe okay I mean as you know I mean I

1329
00:52:58,670 --> 00:53:06,320
suppose that we know as skeptics that

1330
00:53:01,429 --> 00:53:09,349
even we aren't immune from having weird

1331
00:53:06,320 --> 00:53:12,380
ideas about things but these people take

1332
00:53:09,349 --> 00:53:15,889
it to an extreme where their ideas are

1333
00:53:12,380 --> 00:53:18,920
so weird and and they can hold those

1334
00:53:15,889 --> 00:53:22,369
ideas despite having a good scientific

1335
00:53:18,920 --> 00:53:26,000
training in some cases unlike Merle dory

1336
00:53:22,369 --> 00:53:27,469
who as she says her brain but then you

1337
00:53:26,000 --> 00:53:29,539
know you're so right because Karen

1338
00:53:27,469 --> 00:53:30,980
Phelps is one of those people and and

1339
00:53:29,539 --> 00:53:34,099
listens you don't know Karen Phelps

1340

00:53:30,980 --> 00:53:35,659
she's a very highly trained medical

1341
00:53:34,099 --> 00:53:38,449
doctor in Australia she was the head of

1342
00:53:35,659 --> 00:53:41,839
the Australian Medical Association she's

1343
00:53:38,449 --> 00:53:45,019
a professor an academic professor and

1344
00:53:41,840 --> 00:53:47,090
she became very highly regarded in the

1345
00:53:45,019 --> 00:53:49,759
public eye in Australia for her role in

1346
00:53:47,090 --> 00:53:53,269
the AMA and then she brought into this

1347
00:53:49,760 --> 00:53:55,250
place called the you clinic which is a

1348
00:53:53,269 --> 00:53:58,070
clinic for complementary medicine and

1349
00:53:55,250 --> 00:54:00,880
now she goes on to places like morning

1350
00:53:58,070 --> 00:54:04,039
shows and talks about how autism can be

1351
00:54:00,880 --> 00:54:05,420
modified or potentially cured by

1352
00:54:04,039 --> 00:54:07,429
changing your diet and taking

1353
00:54:05,420 --> 00:54:09,380
supplements and that's the most

1354
00:54:07,429 --> 00:54:12,500

dangerous thing isn't it because you've

1355

00:54:09,380 --> 00:54:17,150

got it you've got a face on of good

1356

00:54:12,500 --> 00:54:19,280

medicine presenting yeah that's

1357

00:54:17,150 --> 00:54:20,630

right yeah really yeah and and that's

1358

00:54:19,280 --> 00:54:22,140

actually I think one of the worst things

1359

00:54:20,630 --> 00:54:24,599

is that

1360

00:54:22,139 --> 00:54:27,449

you know when there used to be a time

1361

00:54:24,599 --> 00:54:31,170

when this stuff existed separately from

1362

00:54:27,449 --> 00:54:33,239

from medicine and now as we're seeing in

1363

00:54:31,170 --> 00:54:35,400

a lot of cancer centers which are taking

1364

00:54:33,239 --> 00:54:37,078

on conventional which is sorry which are

1365

00:54:35,400 --> 00:54:39,690

taking on this integrated medicine

1366

00:54:37,079 --> 00:54:43,170

approach it's me it's bringing it into

1367

00:54:39,690 --> 00:54:45,269

the mainstream and making it I mean to

1368

00:54:43,170 --> 00:54:49,588

the person out there who isn't familiar

1369
00:54:45,268 --> 00:54:51,479
with the alternative medicine they are

1370
00:54:49,588 --> 00:54:56,940
they're coming into this with the idea

1371
00:54:51,480 --> 00:54:59,818
that well if my doctors are sharing

1372
00:54:56,940 --> 00:55:02,068
rooms with the naturopath and an

1373
00:54:59,818 --> 00:55:04,980
acupuncturist well then surely it must

1374
00:55:02,068 --> 00:55:06,929
be valid it gives it complete validity

1375
00:55:04,980 --> 00:55:09,659
this reminds me absolutely of the

1376
00:55:06,929 --> 00:55:11,759
pharmacy situation whether the one big

1377
00:55:09,659 --> 00:55:13,588
room with a pharmacy with a pharmacist

1378
00:55:11,760 --> 00:55:15,470
down the back and the little platform

1379
00:55:13,588 --> 00:55:18,509
their way stand up on a little platform

1380
00:55:15,469 --> 00:55:21,598
dispensing their prescriptions sharing

1381
00:55:18,510 --> 00:55:24,119
the same premises as magic and

1382
00:55:21,599 --> 00:55:27,240
witchcraft and in fact I am I just

1383
00:55:24,119 --> 00:55:29,910
finished reading a really good book by

1384
00:55:27,239 --> 00:55:33,358
Rose Shapiro which I've mentioned to you

1385
00:55:29,909 --> 00:55:35,009
before Rachel hmm and if anyone out

1386
00:55:33,358 --> 00:55:37,338
there hasn't read this i recommend you

1387
00:55:35,009 --> 00:55:41,219
know it's another book to add to the the

1388
00:55:37,338 --> 00:55:44,759
skeptics bible so to speak skeptics

1389
00:55:41,219 --> 00:55:46,649
encyclopedia called suckas 'how

1390
00:55:44,759 --> 00:55:48,929
alternative medicine makes fools of us

1391
00:55:46,650 --> 00:55:50,278
all heard about that it's a it's a

1392
00:55:48,929 --> 00:55:53,278
really really good book in it and it's

1393
00:55:50,278 --> 00:55:56,579
um it's written she I think she is

1394
00:55:53,278 --> 00:55:58,349
journalist and you know as I said to

1395
00:55:56,579 --> 00:55:59,430
Rachel you know I get to the point so

1396
00:55:58,349 --> 00:56:01,289
much with a lot of the stuff where I

1397

00:55:59,429 --> 00:56:03,239
think wow I think I really sort of

1398
00:56:01,289 --> 00:56:04,920
learnt you know I don't think I'm gonna

1399
00:56:03,239 --> 00:56:05,788
learn anything new about homeopathy or I

1400
00:56:04,920 --> 00:56:08,130
don't think I'm going to learn anything

1401
00:56:05,789 --> 00:56:10,049
new about chiropractic and the stuff

1402
00:56:08,130 --> 00:56:12,180
they get up to and and and the way they

1403
00:56:10,048 --> 00:56:13,889
sort of manipulate evidence and so on

1404
00:56:12,179 --> 00:56:15,768
and and I found reading this book that i

1405
00:56:13,889 --> 00:56:18,328
actually did learn a lot of new things

1406
00:56:15,768 --> 00:56:19,858
but one of the things that she comments

1407
00:56:18,329 --> 00:56:23,278
on which i think is really important is

1408
00:56:19,858 --> 00:56:26,969
this notion that for example in a cancer

1409
00:56:23,278 --> 00:56:29,739
center that you can still provide an

1410
00:56:26,969 --> 00:56:32,889
environment of nurturing and of

1411
00:56:29,739 --> 00:56:35,169

and healing so to speak without it being

1412

00:56:32,889 --> 00:56:36,670
tainted by you can still

1413

00:56:35,170 --> 00:56:40,240
provide an environment for people with

1414

00:56:36,670 --> 00:56:43,420
cancer that is relaxing and that is warm

1415

00:56:40,239 --> 00:56:46,139
and welcoming and will you know promote

1416

00:56:43,420 --> 00:56:49,539
healing without it being based on

1417

00:56:46,139 --> 00:56:51,969
dishonored dishonest idea of what that

1418

00:56:49,539 --> 00:56:53,619
means yeah well speaking of books Joe I

1419

00:56:51,969 --> 00:56:58,029
received an email this week from a

1420

00:56:53,619 --> 00:57:00,250
listener her name's Marie Longo and she

1421

00:56:58,030 --> 00:57:02,800
wrote me quite a long email and I have

1422

00:57:00,250 --> 00:57:05,320
to apologize to Marie because it took me

1423

00:57:02,800 --> 00:57:07,390
a little bit longer than I should have

1424

00:57:05,320 --> 00:57:09,760
to get back to her and in fact think she

1425

00:57:07,389 --> 00:57:13,779
emailed you in the meantime Richard I'm

1426
00:57:09,760 --> 00:57:16,000
sorry Maria I'm very busy but anyway um

1427
00:57:13,780 --> 00:57:17,830
she did send a very interesting email

1428
00:57:16,000 --> 00:57:20,469
and this is also about a book Joe but

1429
00:57:17,829 --> 00:57:23,170
it's not about a debunking book the

1430
00:57:20,469 --> 00:57:27,579
author Jodi Picoult I think that's how

1431
00:57:23,170 --> 00:57:29,650
you pronounce it here p i cou LT she's a

1432
00:57:27,579 --> 00:57:32,139
best-selling international author and

1433
00:57:29,650 --> 00:57:36,130
she's written her new bestseller which

1434
00:57:32,139 --> 00:57:37,569
is called house rules now Murray wrote

1435
00:57:36,130 --> 00:57:40,420
to me because she was particularly

1436
00:57:37,570 --> 00:57:42,789
concerned about some sections of this

1437
00:57:40,420 --> 00:57:44,889
book and that was in fact she has been

1438
00:57:42,789 --> 00:57:47,559
very specific she's actually cited the

1439
00:57:44,889 --> 00:57:50,589
page numbers in the paper bag but

1440
00:57:47,559 --> 00:57:52,719
specifically it's because the story

1441
00:57:50,590 --> 00:57:55,510
apparently centers around an 18 year old

1442
00:57:52,719 --> 00:57:57,879
boy who has Asperger's syndrome and he's

1443
00:57:55,510 --> 00:57:59,460
accused of murder and towards the

1444
00:57:57,880 --> 00:58:01,809
beginning of the book the author

1445
00:57:59,460 --> 00:58:04,920
discusses the connection between his

1446
00:58:01,809 --> 00:58:07,869
Asperger's and his vaccinations yeah

1447
00:58:04,920 --> 00:58:10,690
yeah I mean this is a it's a novel so

1448
00:58:07,869 --> 00:58:12,340
it's fiction but Murray writes that

1449
00:58:10,690 --> 00:58:14,619
although both sides of the argument are

1450
00:58:12,340 --> 00:58:17,500
presented it isn't particularly balanced

1451
00:58:14,619 --> 00:58:19,090
and she said it left the reader with the

1452
00:58:17,500 --> 00:58:21,460
impression that there must be a link

1453
00:58:19,090 --> 00:58:27,250
between that and she I just want to

1454

00:58:21,460 --> 00:58:29,889
quote from a section on page 498 where

1455
00:58:27,250 --> 00:58:32,280
the character says he was perfectly

1456
00:58:29,889 --> 00:58:34,469
happy baby Emma says

1457
00:58:32,280 --> 00:58:36,450
for a moment she can't speak and she

1458
00:58:34,469 --> 00:58:38,279
shakes her head we gave him his shots

1459
00:58:36,449 --> 00:58:40,559
and within a week this very loving

1460
00:58:38,280 --> 00:58:43,050
interactive verbal boy stopped being the

1461
00:58:40,559 --> 00:58:45,269
child I knew suddenly he was lying on

1462
00:58:43,050 --> 00:58:46,950
his side spinning the wheels of his toy

1463
00:58:45,269 --> 00:58:49,440
trucks instead of zooming them around

1464
00:58:46,949 --> 00:58:50,460
the living room now that sounds like

1465
00:58:49,440 --> 00:58:52,050
something straight out of the

1466
00:58:50,460 --> 00:58:53,610
anti-vaxxers handbook that sounds like

1467
00:58:52,050 --> 00:58:57,390
something straight out of Jenny McCarthy

1468
00:58:53,610 --> 00:58:59,550

yeah so she said Murray says that the

1469

00:58:57,389 --> 00:59:02,129

book is not primarily about autism or

1470

00:58:59,550 --> 00:59:04,670

vaccines but she said that for someone

1471

00:59:02,130 --> 00:59:07,619

who is not educated and doesn't know

1472

00:59:04,670 --> 00:59:09,510

they would come away thinking that there

1473

00:59:07,619 --> 00:59:11,429

must be a connection and apparently this

1474

00:59:09,510 --> 00:59:13,170

author I've not read her stuff before

1475

00:59:11,429 --> 00:59:15,659

but apparently she's got a reputation

1476

00:59:13,170 --> 00:59:18,510

for doing very precise and thorough

1477

00:59:15,659 --> 00:59:21,239

research before she writes a novel mmm I

1478

00:59:18,510 --> 00:59:22,860

think she I think she wrote that I could

1479

00:59:21,239 --> 00:59:25,469

be completely wrong here but I think she

1480

00:59:22,860 --> 00:59:27,269

wrote that book my sister's keeper which

1481

00:59:25,469 --> 00:59:30,809

that movie was based on recently just a

1482

00:59:27,269 --> 00:59:33,480

young girl with cancer okay if it's what

1483
00:59:30,809 --> 00:59:34,829
I'm thinking of I don't know don't know

1484
00:59:33,480 --> 00:59:38,449
this is the first time I've heard of her

1485
00:59:34,829 --> 00:59:42,840
stuff but um the funny thing is that

1486
00:59:38,449 --> 00:59:45,239
Murray said that she kind of was ranting

1487
00:59:42,840 --> 00:59:47,579
about it and you know somebody said to

1488
00:59:45,239 --> 00:59:49,829
her but it's only a book and she said

1489
00:59:47,579 --> 00:59:51,750
yeah but the average person gets the

1490
00:59:49,829 --> 00:59:53,909
information and it's really a shame

1491
00:59:51,750 --> 00:59:56,610
because in this instance Jodi Picoult

1492
00:59:53,909 --> 00:59:58,559
who is has a huge audience and

1493
00:59:56,610 --> 01:00:02,610
apparently a lot of women are just

1494
00:59:58,559 --> 01:00:04,139
absolutely she's because she um she's

1495
01:00:02,610 --> 01:00:06,030
probably one of those people who I mean

1496
01:00:04,139 --> 01:00:08,489
I don't know she's ever been an Oprah

1497
01:00:06,030 --> 01:00:10,019
Winfrey book club type book but she's

1498
01:00:08,489 --> 01:00:12,569
the sort of author who you'd find on

1499
01:00:10,019 --> 01:00:14,489
that kind of list which would really be

1500
01:00:12,570 --> 01:00:18,059
very heavily read by women who yeah

1501
01:00:14,489 --> 01:00:20,189
would you know would perhaps have you

1502
01:00:18,059 --> 01:00:24,900
influenced by them yes how do you have

1503
01:00:20,190 --> 01:00:26,610
children Nancy that was then go man yeah

1504
01:00:24,900 --> 01:00:28,820
so in that in that sense and it's really

1505
01:00:26,610 --> 01:00:31,410
disappointing that she didn't bother to

1506
01:00:28,820 --> 01:00:33,240
take a responsible position

1507
01:00:31,409 --> 01:00:35,368
particularly with respect to something

1508
01:00:33,239 --> 01:00:36,750
that's important I mean is I don't know

1509
01:00:35,369 --> 01:00:38,369
what I would say with that you didn't

1510
01:00:36,750 --> 01:00:40,199
bother to take responsible position I

1511

01:00:38,369 --> 01:00:42,119
wonder whether she knew what the

1512
01:00:40,199 --> 01:00:44,578
responsible position was because I mean

1513
01:00:42,119 --> 01:00:46,200
we don't know what her position is on

1514
01:00:44,579 --> 01:00:49,349
the issue and we don't know where she

1515
01:00:46,199 --> 01:00:51,838
got her information on so you know she

1516
01:00:49,349 --> 01:00:53,309
aight look I would I would be reluctant

1517
01:00:51,838 --> 01:00:55,019
to think that anyone would think the

1518
01:00:53,309 --> 01:00:57,480
responsible position on pax hands would

1519
01:00:55,019 --> 01:01:00,449
be to be you know erring on the side of

1520
01:00:57,480 --> 01:01:02,510
the anti-vaxxers views but we don't know

1521
01:01:00,449 --> 01:01:05,159
what her thinking was when she wrote it

1522
01:01:02,510 --> 01:01:07,530
but nevertheless the consequences are

1523
01:01:05,159 --> 01:01:09,389
that her readers would well this is true

1524
01:01:07,530 --> 01:01:11,220
I mean a plan succeed and in fact there

1525
01:01:09,389 --> 01:01:13,949

was a couple of responses today which I

1526

01:01:11,219 --> 01:01:16,500

found through Twitter and they were blog

1527

01:01:13,949 --> 01:01:20,038

posts from adults who have suffered from

1528

01:01:16,500 --> 01:01:22,710

a SD and they expressed the fact that

1529

01:01:20,039 --> 01:01:24,210

they loved her work and Marie says the

1530

01:01:22,710 --> 01:01:26,548

same thing she says it's a great read

1531

01:01:24,210 --> 01:01:29,039

but they were very concerned about the

1532

01:01:26,548 --> 01:01:31,858

way that she had represented autism and

1533

01:01:29,039 --> 01:01:33,869

ASD in this book so i SPECT that she

1534

01:01:31,858 --> 01:01:38,009

might get a bit of a backlash this is

1535

01:01:33,869 --> 01:01:39,750

possibly so um you have anything to know

1536

01:01:38,010 --> 01:01:42,329

if interesting to know whether she has

1537

01:01:39,750 --> 01:01:44,130

actually been approached about it was

1538

01:01:42,329 --> 01:01:47,199

she's commented on a roll

1539

01:01:44,130 --> 01:01:50,108

yeah I don't know I mean I received this

1540
01:01:47,199 --> 01:01:52,929
email on good friday from Murray which

1541
01:01:50,108 --> 01:01:54,998
was April the fourth wasn't it so a

1542
01:01:52,929 --> 01:01:56,798
little while ago but it was only today

1543
01:01:54,998 --> 01:01:58,538
that it started to appear on Twitter so

1544
01:01:56,798 --> 01:02:02,708
maybe it's people are just starting to

1545
01:01:58,539 --> 01:02:07,059
get to Paige 498 we're very excited here

1546
01:02:02,708 --> 01:02:08,438
what well no she's given me the specific

1547
01:02:07,059 --> 01:02:11,109
sections of the book so if you have a

1548
01:02:08,438 --> 01:02:14,528
copy of the paper bag please go to page

1549
01:02:11,108 --> 01:02:16,778
46 247 I was named the book once more

1550
01:02:14,528 --> 01:02:20,528
it's called house rules I was ruled by

1551
01:02:16,778 --> 01:02:22,688
jodi picoult page 235 and Paige 498

1552
01:02:20,528 --> 01:02:25,989
there you I men tear them from your book

1553
01:02:22,688 --> 01:02:28,348
and eat them well you and I spotted that

1554
01:02:25,989 --> 01:02:31,478
book when we were having we went for an

1555
01:02:28,349 --> 01:02:34,028
exercise walk actually yes and we walked

1556
01:02:31,478 --> 01:02:40,478
to the airport yeah and what did we do

1557
01:02:34,028 --> 01:02:42,068
there no we not nominated now we walked

1558
01:02:40,478 --> 01:02:44,318
all the way to the airport which was a

1559
01:02:42,068 --> 01:02:46,599
long walk what do we do here oh let's go

1560
01:02:44,318 --> 01:02:48,909
neat well we went shopping we went to

1561
01:02:46,599 --> 01:02:50,528
the duty free shops and we found a copy

1562
01:02:48,909 --> 01:02:52,928
of house rules but I couldn't remember

1563
01:02:50,528 --> 01:02:55,719
what page number to look at and then we

1564
01:02:52,929 --> 01:02:58,389
ate sushi you ended up walking 17

1565
01:02:55,719 --> 01:03:00,309
kilometers and I walk 20 killing me yeah

1566
01:02:58,389 --> 01:03:02,288
yeah that was matters worth it to go to

1567
01:03:00,309 --> 01:03:04,119
the airport that's right and we both

1568

01:03:02,289 --> 01:03:08,019
thought here we are at the airport when

1569
01:03:04,119 --> 01:03:10,209
we're not getting on a plane it's fun

1570
01:03:08,018 --> 01:03:13,268
it's fun yeah it is fun no Rachel it's

1571
01:03:10,208 --> 01:03:14,828
um something that you were chatting to

1572
01:03:13,268 --> 01:03:16,149
me about actually on our long walk to

1573
01:03:14,829 --> 01:03:19,689
the airport which I found really

1574
01:03:16,150 --> 01:03:22,119
interesting you've got a very successful

1575
01:03:19,688 --> 01:03:24,759
blog of course the skeptics book of poo

1576
01:03:22,119 --> 01:03:27,789
poo which is read by thousands of people

1577
01:03:24,759 --> 01:03:29,739
that's I'm really pleased how popular

1578
01:03:27,789 --> 01:03:32,799
your blog is but you've had an

1579
01:03:29,739 --> 01:03:35,679
interesting series of posts on there

1580
01:03:32,798 --> 01:03:38,619
recently and I'd really love you to tell

1581
01:03:35,679 --> 01:03:41,309
our listeners about that yeah well as I

1582
01:03:38,619 --> 01:03:44,588

said last week in dr. Richie reports i

1583

01:03:41,309 --> 01:03:46,329

blogged about the australian vaccination

1584

01:03:44,588 --> 01:03:48,308

network getting knocked back from paid

1585

01:03:46,329 --> 01:03:50,318

advertising in a babies and mothers

1586

01:03:48,309 --> 01:03:51,939

publication Sydney's child melbourne

1587

01:03:50,318 --> 01:03:52,929

Sydney's child melbourne chopra's Bin's

1588

01:03:51,938 --> 01:03:55,929

child yeah it's cry

1589

01:03:52,929 --> 01:03:59,019

and merrill very kindly copied and

1590

01:03:55,929 --> 01:04:02,308

pasted my entire blog into her

1591

01:03:59,019 --> 01:04:06,489

enewsletter including my url so

1592

01:04:02,309 --> 01:04:09,160

Streisand effect everyone yeah so I had

1593

01:04:06,489 --> 01:04:11,949

a huge increase in heads to my blog and

1594

01:04:09,159 --> 01:04:13,868

of course some of them were people that

1595

01:04:11,949 --> 01:04:15,818

weren't very impressed with my blog no I

1596

01:04:13,869 --> 01:04:18,430

really not and most of them were drive

1597
01:04:15,818 --> 01:04:20,829
by people which means they came by they

1598
01:04:18,429 --> 01:04:23,649
said you're awful i'm just going is that

1599
01:04:20,829 --> 01:04:27,460
the term is it drives by air really yeah

1600
01:04:23,650 --> 01:04:31,150
try by posting come past you say this

1601
01:04:27,460 --> 01:04:32,619
blog is awful and then yeah performances

1602
01:04:31,150 --> 01:04:34,150
of people I've been just standing on a

1603
01:04:32,619 --> 01:04:36,220
street corner and you get some who knew

1604
01:04:34,150 --> 01:04:38,079
drives past yelled something at you and

1605
01:04:36,219 --> 01:04:39,730
I love the fact that when they do it's

1606
01:04:38,079 --> 01:04:46,000
always completely unintelligible because

1607
01:04:39,730 --> 01:04:57,039
you hear the dis guy like your body

1608
01:04:46,000 --> 01:04:59,079
though something is on TV you know yes

1609
01:04:57,039 --> 01:05:01,920
sir I had I had one of these people drop

1610
01:04:59,079 --> 01:05:06,160
by they should call them Doppler troll

1611
01:05:01,920 --> 01:05:08,048
and um she actually said this blog this

1612
01:05:06,159 --> 01:05:11,618
is the most horrible horrible sight I've

1613
01:05:08,048 --> 01:05:14,048
ever seen Wow a couple of other things

1614
01:05:11,619 --> 01:05:16,720
as well but in fact she came back oh I

1615
01:05:14,048 --> 01:05:20,739
say she but I don't know because it was

1616
01:05:16,719 --> 01:05:22,808
an anonymous poster and then a

1617
01:05:20,739 --> 01:05:25,269
discussion ensued where this person

1618
01:05:22,809 --> 01:05:27,220
eventually in fact she put can i'll just

1619
01:05:25,269 --> 01:05:30,369
say she for the sake of class no but

1620
01:05:27,219 --> 01:05:33,578
yeah okay she came in it or he and

1621
01:05:30,369 --> 01:05:35,349
really I'm just gonna she she dropped by

1622
01:05:33,579 --> 01:05:37,329
she said this is horrible sight she went

1623
01:05:35,349 --> 01:05:38,680
away a day later she came back and said

1624
01:05:37,329 --> 01:05:41,589
oh I'm really sorry I shouldn't have

1625

01:05:38,679 --> 01:05:44,318
said that that was really mean and then

1626
01:05:41,588 --> 01:05:46,389
just began to sort of engage in

1627
01:05:44,318 --> 01:05:49,808
discussion with a few people on the blog

1628
01:05:46,389 --> 01:05:51,789
about her concerns about vaccines and

1629
01:05:49,809 --> 01:05:53,530
sort of stuff and then dropped a few

1630
01:05:51,789 --> 01:05:54,929
sort of anti vector bombs here and there

1631
01:05:53,530 --> 01:05:58,349
that

1632
01:05:54,929 --> 01:06:00,509
you know things like things like I've

1633
01:05:58,349 --> 01:06:03,539
heard that vaccines are made with beef

1634
01:06:00,510 --> 01:06:06,030
embryos and monkeys livers and live

1635
01:06:03,539 --> 01:06:09,239
chicken blood what was the term you used

1636
01:06:06,030 --> 01:06:11,880
before concerned tall yes Oh Shawn the

1637
01:06:09,239 --> 01:06:13,199
blog and I suggested to me that we might

1638
01:06:11,880 --> 01:06:15,420
have on our hands what's known as a

1639
01:06:13,199 --> 01:06:17,608

concerned wrong do you know what that is

1640

01:06:15,420 --> 01:06:19,559

Jack I I know purely because i think

1641

01:06:17,608 --> 01:06:22,500

i've come across one who referred to me

1642

01:06:19,559 --> 01:06:24,450

on on it was on the skeptics and comment

1643

01:06:22,500 --> 01:06:26,940

section and on your blog as well as the

1644

01:06:24,449 --> 01:06:28,828

same person i see this would be a person

1645

01:06:26,940 --> 01:06:31,170

who comes in feigning great concern over

1646

01:06:28,829 --> 01:06:34,410

something so no you're absolutely right

1647

01:06:31,170 --> 01:06:36,180

Joe so concerned trolling is a form of

1648

01:06:34,409 --> 01:06:37,769

internet trolling in which someone

1649

01:06:36,179 --> 01:06:39,179

enters a discussion and they claim to be

1650

01:06:37,769 --> 01:06:42,210

concerned but then actually they're

1651

01:06:39,179 --> 01:06:44,940

really only there to sort of shift the

1652

01:06:42,210 --> 01:06:46,588

the focus of the discussion away from

1653

01:06:44,940 --> 01:06:48,420

the main problems and they're sort of to

1654
01:06:46,588 --> 01:06:52,139
derail it or to tie you up with

1655
01:06:48,420 --> 01:06:54,030
irrelevant season not so much that more

1656
01:06:52,139 --> 01:06:57,170
so to derail it but that can become it

1657
01:06:54,030 --> 01:06:59,460
to tie you up with the relevance ease

1658
01:06:57,170 --> 01:07:01,889
but the way that you spot a concern

1659
01:06:59,460 --> 01:07:04,230
troll is usually they'll be using a sock

1660
01:07:01,889 --> 01:07:06,719
puppet which means a false name and a

1661
01:07:04,230 --> 01:07:08,369
false account it's usually anonymous so

1662
01:07:06,719 --> 01:07:11,159
in this case we had an anonymous person

1663
01:07:08,369 --> 01:07:14,400
did that their name didn't link to

1664
01:07:11,159 --> 01:07:17,328
anywhere it was a gmail address so it

1665
01:07:14,400 --> 01:07:21,780
could be established five minutes ago

1666
01:07:17,329 --> 01:07:24,568
and usually they have been involved in

1667
01:07:21,780 --> 01:07:26,910
trying to sort of derail political

1668
01:07:24,568 --> 01:07:29,818
campaigns but they'll come on and say I

1669
01:07:26,909 --> 01:07:32,578
don't I whilst I agree with the core of

1670
01:07:29,818 --> 01:07:35,219
this political campaign is politician is

1671
01:07:32,579 --> 01:07:36,690
of concern because blah so when anyone

1672
01:07:35,219 --> 01:07:39,209
runs over there to the blood forgets

1673
01:07:36,690 --> 01:07:41,608
about interests the Ferguson yeah so

1674
01:07:39,210 --> 01:07:43,349
initially with this person some people

1675
01:07:41,608 --> 01:07:44,880
suggested it was Meryl Dory and they

1676
01:07:43,349 --> 01:07:49,410
asked them openly if they were Meryl

1677
01:07:44,880 --> 01:07:52,950
Dory and they said no but yes she the

1678
01:07:49,409 --> 01:07:54,509
sake of clarity she before she left she

1679
01:07:52,949 --> 01:07:57,210
was there for about three or four days

1680
01:07:54,510 --> 01:08:00,450
then yesterday she left in a stream of

1681
01:07:57,210 --> 01:08:04,769
abuse and that was including things that

1682

01:08:00,449 --> 01:08:07,359
I was a liar I was irresponsible for not

1683
01:08:04,769 --> 01:08:09,730
knowing what vaccines were about and

1684
01:08:07,360 --> 01:08:12,160
was because she said vaccines are made

1685
01:08:09,730 --> 01:08:15,369
with as i mentioned live chicken blood

1686
01:08:12,159 --> 01:08:16,869
monkey livers chicken eggs which they

1687
01:08:15,369 --> 01:08:18,609
are and i shall tell you how ladies a

1688
01:08:16,869 --> 01:08:21,430
clue as opposed to dead to you well

1689
01:08:18,609 --> 01:08:26,729
exactly but the funniest one was beef

1690
01:08:21,430 --> 01:08:29,800
embryos now at first i thought okay so

1691
01:08:26,729 --> 01:08:31,719
there's cows makes we beefin for milk

1692
01:08:29,800 --> 01:08:34,930
right so not the ones that have milk

1693
01:08:31,720 --> 01:08:36,699
that's not the kind of cow but then

1694
01:08:34,930 --> 01:08:39,310
someone suggested to me well no beef

1695
01:08:36,699 --> 01:08:41,829
really is like a steak right yeah so

1696
01:08:39,310 --> 01:08:43,240

something you cook on the ground so now

1697

01:08:41,829 --> 01:08:47,140
we're talking about steak sort of

1698

01:08:43,239 --> 01:08:50,500
breeding to make embryos so this was

1699

01:08:47,140 --> 01:08:52,420
just so illogical and I mean I I work

1700

01:08:50,500 --> 01:08:55,750
with I tried to explain to this person

1701

01:08:52,420 --> 01:08:58,140
that I think they said fetuses or

1702

01:08:55,750 --> 01:09:00,520
something human fetuses and I said well

1703

01:08:58,140 --> 01:09:02,800
sometimes cells are taken from human

1704

01:09:00,520 --> 01:09:04,930
fetuses and put into dishes and cultured

1705

01:09:02,800 --> 01:09:07,869
and for years and years immortalized

1706

01:09:04,930 --> 01:09:10,960
which means they never die and they used

1707

01:09:07,869 --> 01:09:13,090
in research now this is what's happened

1708

01:09:10,960 --> 01:09:15,069
with most cell lines in culture and I

1709

01:09:13,090 --> 01:09:18,699
work with one's commonly which are known

1710

01:09:15,069 --> 01:09:20,920
as mr c5's now these are originally

1711
01:09:18,699 --> 01:09:23,289
derived from human lung they're

1712
01:09:20,920 --> 01:09:26,260
fibroblasts that grow in your lungs so

1713
01:09:23,289 --> 01:09:28,239
by the logic of this concern troll that

1714
01:09:26,260 --> 01:09:32,470
means I use human lungs in my research

1715
01:09:28,239 --> 01:09:35,019
well no I don't and as the same as you

1716
01:09:32,470 --> 01:09:36,670
know Henrietta Lacks that the book has

1717
01:09:35,020 --> 01:09:37,960
just been published by Rebecca Skloot

1718
01:09:36,670 --> 01:09:40,989
called The Immortal Life of Henrietta

1719
01:09:37,960 --> 01:09:43,390
Lacks well lots of people use her cells

1720
01:09:40,989 --> 01:09:44,829
they're called heal ourselves it doesn't

1721
01:09:43,390 --> 01:09:46,450
mean we've got Henrietta Lacks as the

1722
01:09:44,829 --> 01:09:48,909
line it up in the lab we've got them in

1723
01:09:46,449 --> 01:09:52,300
a dish you know that's how illogical is

1724
01:09:48,909 --> 01:09:55,359
this one of your favorite little tricks

1725
01:09:52,300 --> 01:09:57,010
is to you know much like how we we love

1726
01:09:55,359 --> 01:09:59,949
to see how we can throw as many signs

1727
01:09:57,010 --> 01:10:01,900
see words in a in a box and string them

1728
01:09:59,949 --> 01:10:04,029
together to form some new route therapy

1729
01:10:01,899 --> 01:10:07,359
we love to throw as many scary sounding

1730
01:10:04,029 --> 01:10:08,769
chemicals and scary sounding words in a

1731
01:10:07,359 --> 01:10:10,479
box and pull them all out and tell

1732
01:10:08,770 --> 01:10:12,580
people that their ingredients in

1733
01:10:10,479 --> 01:10:16,209
in every vaccine and everything that's

1734
01:10:12,579 --> 01:10:17,890
being injected into them so you know

1735
01:10:16,210 --> 01:10:23,170
formaldehydes one of their favorite ones

1736
01:10:17,890 --> 01:10:24,520
but you know fetus fetus fetus you say

1737
01:10:23,170 --> 01:10:28,960
fetus enough time when everyone's going

1738
01:10:24,520 --> 01:10:30,670
to go the other one is it was percenter

1739

01:10:28,960 --> 01:10:33,220
but in the end what this person had done

1740
01:10:30,670 --> 01:10:36,489
was gone through the cdc publishes a

1741
01:10:33,220 --> 01:10:39,270
list of chemicals and components used in

1742
01:10:36,488 --> 01:10:41,979
the manufacture and in the culture of

1743
01:10:39,270 --> 01:10:44,440
vaccines and what they've done was pick

1744
01:10:41,979 --> 01:10:46,238
and choose scary sounding words which

1745
01:10:44,439 --> 01:10:50,529
actually when they presented them to me

1746
01:10:46,238 --> 01:10:57,549
was just laughable because it was bovine

1747
01:10:50,529 --> 01:10:59,679
serum albumin calf serum bovine protein

1748
01:10:57,550 --> 01:11:01,810
what I just said are the same things

1749
01:10:59,680 --> 01:11:05,260
that's three things are the same and

1750
01:11:01,810 --> 01:11:08,560
then here human serum now okay we've got

1751
01:11:05,260 --> 01:11:11,890
bovine which is calcium and then human

1752
01:11:08,560 --> 01:11:13,030
serum that's used in cell culture when

1753
01:11:11,890 --> 01:11:14,739

you make it when you're culturing the

1754

01:11:13,029 --> 01:11:16,599

cells to go then grow the vaccine and

1755

01:11:14,738 --> 01:11:18,129

then the vaccine is removed and purified

1756

01:11:16,600 --> 01:11:20,970

as i explained it's in words of one

1757

01:11:18,130 --> 01:11:23,289

syllable to this person and then

1758

01:11:20,970 --> 01:11:25,570

yesterday they came back and said you're

1759

01:11:23,289 --> 01:11:27,640

a liar you're a liar and we had a little

1760

01:11:25,569 --> 01:11:29,019

bit of a discussion amongst the three or

1761

01:11:27,640 --> 01:11:32,500

four of us that have been responding to

1762

01:11:29,020 --> 01:11:34,660

their posts and then lo and behold this

1763

01:11:32,500 --> 01:11:36,729

afternoon they came back and apologized

1764

01:11:34,659 --> 01:11:39,909

and retracted everything that they've

1765

01:11:36,729 --> 01:11:43,179

said and in particular apologized to me

1766

01:11:39,909 --> 01:11:47,199

specifically and said I accept all the

1767

01:11:43,180 --> 01:11:50,590

criticisms I was wrong i'm sorry what

1768
01:11:47,199 --> 01:11:54,309
and so we're now up to comment 142 on

1769
01:11:50,590 --> 01:11:56,380
this body so I'm not trying to figure

1770
01:11:54,310 --> 01:11:59,020
out if we have a concern troll or just a

1771
01:11:56,380 --> 01:12:01,300
troll or someone who genuinely was

1772
01:11:59,020 --> 01:12:04,480
misguided and thought they knew

1773
01:12:01,300 --> 01:12:06,489
everything but in fact well just I don't

1774
01:12:04,479 --> 01:12:08,409
know and on top of that she said this

1775
01:12:06,488 --> 01:12:10,029
afternoon I had a bad day when I got

1776
01:12:08,409 --> 01:12:12,519
home and I was really frustrated that

1777
01:12:10,029 --> 01:12:15,158
you guys didn't respond to my complaints

1778
01:12:12,520 --> 01:12:16,749
the way I wanted you to so I

1779
01:12:15,158 --> 01:12:19,328
sort of lashed out and I shouldn't have

1780
01:12:16,748 --> 01:12:21,908
and I apologized and blah blah blah well

1781
01:12:19,328 --> 01:12:24,569
there you go how unusual but I just

1782
01:12:21,908 --> 01:12:27,638
actually just on that note I wanted to

1783
01:12:24,569 --> 01:12:30,969
just bring up what's being proposed as

1784
01:12:27,639 --> 01:12:36,760
the bloggers code of conduct all this

1785
01:12:30,969 --> 01:12:38,979
was proposed by Tim O'Reilly now he was

1786
01:12:36,760 --> 01:12:43,329
refers reported on the BBC News some

1787
01:12:38,979 --> 01:12:45,880
years ago and he proposed seven ideas

1788
01:12:43,328 --> 01:12:48,279
for codes of conduct and that is that

1789
01:12:45,880 --> 01:12:50,109
you should take responsibility not just

1790
01:12:48,279 --> 01:12:53,948
for your own words but for the comments

1791
01:12:50,109 --> 01:12:57,598
you allow on your blog yeah yeah he says

1792
01:12:53,948 --> 01:13:00,188
consider eliminating anonymous comments

1793
01:12:57,599 --> 01:13:03,958
yeah it depends on the discussion I

1794
01:13:00,189 --> 01:13:06,550
suppose depends on the call me yeah yeah

1795
01:13:03,958 --> 01:13:10,899
label your tolerance level for abusive

1796

01:13:06,550 --> 01:13:12,038
comments so does that mean I suppose

1797
01:13:10,899 --> 01:13:14,768
maybe what he's saying is sort of

1798
01:13:12,038 --> 01:13:17,139
setting a setting a bar under which you

1799
01:13:14,769 --> 01:13:18,849
know for example you know calling

1800
01:13:17,139 --> 01:13:21,609
someone an idiot might be considered

1801
01:13:18,849 --> 01:13:24,150
acceptable but you know using expletives

1802
01:13:21,609 --> 01:13:28,438
and really tearing someone to shreds

1803
01:13:24,149 --> 01:13:28,438
personal personally might be

1804
01:13:28,738 --> 01:13:34,018
yeah yeah exactly well I mean I had

1805
01:13:32,099 --> 01:13:35,909
libel potentially committed against me

1806
01:13:34,019 --> 01:13:41,429
last night by them saying you are a liar

1807
01:13:35,908 --> 01:13:43,288
yeah so ignore the trolls if you know

1808
01:13:41,429 --> 01:13:46,078
someone who is behaving badly tell them

1809
01:13:43,288 --> 01:13:48,029
so and importantly and finally don't say

1810
01:13:46,078 --> 01:13:51,509

anything online that you wouldn't say in

1811

01:13:48,029 --> 01:13:53,729

person now I think that's really a nice

1812

01:13:51,510 --> 01:13:55,139

thing to say and there's a genuine

1813

01:13:53,729 --> 01:13:59,069

sentiment in that but that's just

1814

01:13:55,139 --> 01:14:02,368

nonsense the internet with it was just

1815

01:13:59,069 --> 01:14:03,719

disappeared no I have to say anything no

1816

01:14:02,368 --> 01:14:05,880

I mean that's the thing about the

1817

01:14:03,719 --> 01:14:08,519

internet isn't it that people feel that

1818

01:14:05,880 --> 01:14:09,809

they are anonymous in a way so they can

1819

01:14:08,519 --> 01:14:12,389

say whatever the hell they like and they

1820

01:14:09,809 --> 01:14:15,239

do yeah yeah well it's like when you're

1821

01:14:12,389 --> 01:14:18,630

in chat rooms I'm i certainly remember

1822

01:14:15,238 --> 01:14:22,018

when Stefan and I originally got on to

1823

01:14:18,630 --> 01:14:24,538

the Internet in 1995 I was working with

1824

01:14:22,019 --> 01:14:26,309

Stefan at the time and we joined

1825
01:14:24,538 --> 01:14:30,448
something which was amazing called an

1826
01:14:26,309 --> 01:14:32,699
IRC and we were just going what is it

1827
01:14:30,448 --> 01:14:34,589
yeah we are talking to somebody here and

1828
01:14:32,698 --> 01:14:36,658
we're talking to somebody that freaked

1829
01:14:34,590 --> 01:14:38,788
us out but it occurred to me at the time

1830
01:14:36,658 --> 01:14:43,799
the people were coming on calling

1831
01:14:38,788 --> 01:14:47,309
themselves Kimber or Joe 62 anybody any

1832
01:14:43,800 --> 01:14:50,510
age so it was all was all like that now

1833
01:14:47,309 --> 01:14:53,610
I'm Rachel you and I had a fun evening

1834
01:14:50,510 --> 01:14:58,349
yesterday we went to the ABC the

1835
01:14:53,609 --> 01:14:59,639
australian broadcasting corporation the

1836
01:14:58,349 --> 01:15:03,239
television and radio people

1837
01:14:59,639 --> 01:15:05,550
government-run here in sydney and we saw

1838
01:15:03,238 --> 01:15:09,658
our good friend dr. carl cruise on

1839
01:15:05,550 --> 01:15:12,869
whiskey yep and adam spencer recording a

1840
01:15:09,658 --> 01:15:15,448
new series of their show sleek geeks it

1841
01:15:12,868 --> 01:15:17,880
is we did and their topic was the end of

1842
01:15:15,448 --> 01:15:19,919
the world why me very jealous very

1843
01:15:17,880 --> 01:15:21,599
jealous really well actually it was

1844
01:15:19,920 --> 01:15:23,969
really good fun it was me it was really

1845
01:15:21,599 --> 01:15:25,559
fun but I have to tell you and I looked

1846
01:15:23,969 --> 01:15:28,260
at you were several times during the

1847
01:15:25,559 --> 01:15:31,860
filming I felt like I was watching a

1848
01:15:28,260 --> 01:15:33,690
film plate lecture I think why the last

1849
01:15:31,859 --> 01:15:35,488
part I think I even mentioned that to

1850
01:15:33,689 --> 01:15:37,228
you wednesday yeah whispered in your ear

1851
01:15:35,488 --> 01:15:38,739
this is it this is like cool someone's

1852
01:15:37,229 --> 01:15:40,780
been reading death from the sky

1853

01:15:38,739 --> 01:15:43,300
someone's been eating dirt on the skies

1854
01:15:40,779 --> 01:15:45,969
so they would eat asteroid impact and

1855
01:15:43,300 --> 01:15:48,100
super nova and all that sort of stuff

1856
01:15:45,970 --> 01:15:50,230
but it was a good show was good fun it

1857
01:15:48,100 --> 01:15:51,370
was it was really good I mean that

1858
01:15:50,229 --> 01:15:54,729
wasn't all of it they talked about

1859
01:15:51,369 --> 01:15:58,809
nuclear apocalypse yeah as a potential

1860
01:15:54,729 --> 01:16:01,509
plague plagues yep hello we won't give

1861
01:15:58,810 --> 01:16:03,820
too much of the show way but snot and

1862
01:16:01,510 --> 01:16:06,520
Carl told us that sleek geeks the new

1863
01:16:03,819 --> 01:16:07,899
series will be on air sometime in the

1864
01:16:06,520 --> 01:16:10,390
next few months they don't know when

1865
01:16:07,899 --> 01:16:11,739
exactly but if the show we went to see

1866
01:16:10,390 --> 01:16:13,690
is any indication I think would be a

1867
01:16:11,739 --> 01:16:15,969

good fun series no it was great and

1868

01:16:13,689 --> 01:16:19,750

anyone who's heard dr. Carl and those of

1869

01:16:15,970 --> 01:16:22,420

our listeners in the UK he also does BBC

1870

01:16:19,750 --> 01:16:24,699

radio and of course it will be a speaker

1871

01:16:22,420 --> 01:16:26,529

tam Australia well he will be yeah

1872

01:16:24,699 --> 01:16:28,359

absolutely keeping some really good

1873

01:16:26,529 --> 01:16:31,090

science to be on in the last few weeks

1874

01:16:28,359 --> 01:16:32,829

and I have to just mention it purely I

1875

01:16:31,090 --> 01:16:35,409

think I might be coming to an end now

1876

01:16:32,829 --> 01:16:39,340

but for those people who can tolerate

1877

01:16:35,409 --> 01:16:41,789

the gory on SBS and we're not talking

1878

01:16:39,340 --> 01:16:44,110

about embarrassing illnesses here dr. aj

1879

01:16:41,789 --> 01:16:47,019

that's your favorite sure it is my

1880

01:16:44,109 --> 01:16:50,589

favorite joke what you're talking but on

1881

01:16:47,020 --> 01:16:53,020

SBS well well I don't know if I really

1882
01:16:50,590 --> 01:16:54,550
want to know Richard SBS for the last

1883
01:16:53,020 --> 01:16:56,770
few weeks is a to really really

1884
01:16:54,550 --> 01:16:58,810
interesting shows one of which is about

1885
01:16:56,770 --> 01:17:00,820
the history of surgery and the other one

1886
01:16:58,810 --> 01:17:02,760
is actually a fantastic show from I

1887
01:17:00,819 --> 01:17:05,829
think it's from channel 4 in the UK

1888
01:17:02,760 --> 01:17:08,650
which is a live live surgery of surgery

1889
01:17:05,829 --> 01:17:11,979
and um it's it's absolutely fabulous

1890
01:17:08,649 --> 01:17:13,899
because they've done a hernia a hiatus

1891
01:17:11,979 --> 01:17:18,459
hernia repair they've done brain surgery

1892
01:17:13,899 --> 01:17:21,670
and they have the surgeons miked up and

1893
01:17:18,460 --> 01:17:23,739
they've got the BBC at the channel 4

1894
01:17:21,670 --> 01:17:26,289
reporter and a whole panel of doctors

1895
01:17:23,739 --> 01:17:27,880
and an audience or watching and people

1896
01:17:26,289 --> 01:17:29,260
can ask questions and I think this is

1897
01:17:27,880 --> 01:17:31,060
fabulous because i think it's the sort

1898
01:17:29,260 --> 01:17:32,890
of thing which really can demystify a

1899
01:17:31,060 --> 01:17:34,360
lot of what goes on in medicine to

1900
01:17:32,890 --> 01:17:36,610
people out there who really are clueless

1901
01:17:34,359 --> 01:17:38,679
about their bodies and about how things

1902
01:17:36,609 --> 01:17:40,239
work reminds me of an episode of the

1903
01:17:38,680 --> 01:17:43,000
goodies where they were doing life

1904
01:17:40,239 --> 01:17:44,579
surgery in a bullring so the surgeon is

1905
01:17:43,000 --> 01:17:46,350
standing there like that

1906
01:17:44,579 --> 01:17:48,559
the patient was willed across now

1907
01:17:46,350 --> 01:17:51,570
sticking in the needles and I stayed

1908
01:17:48,560 --> 01:17:55,320
because that's what it's really like

1909
01:17:51,569 --> 01:17:57,090
isn't it Joe yeah that's exactly i think

1910

01:17:55,319 --> 01:17:58,409
i would i'd like to participate in

1911
01:17:57,090 --> 01:18:01,409
surgery like that i would be fine you do

1912
01:17:58,409 --> 01:18:03,899
have your nurses running across that

1913
01:18:01,409 --> 01:18:06,029
reminds me too i I thoroughly enjoyed

1914
01:18:03,899 --> 01:18:07,589
the the last episode of Mythbusters

1915
01:18:06,029 --> 01:18:09,119
which was shown here in Australia I

1916
01:18:07,590 --> 01:18:10,890
don't know if you saw a joke I was this

1917
01:18:09,119 --> 01:18:13,380
the other night with the diving diving

1918
01:18:10,890 --> 01:18:15,660
oh that was brilliant telling Rachel

1919
01:18:13,380 --> 01:18:16,980
about it our listeners haven't seen it i

1920
01:18:15,659 --> 01:18:19,619
won't give too much way but there's a

1921
01:18:16,979 --> 01:18:21,509
myth that the old fashioned deep-sea

1922
01:18:19,619 --> 01:18:23,279
divers were there they're heavy metal

1923
01:18:21,510 --> 01:18:25,110
helmets and they're pressurized suit if

1924
01:18:23,279 --> 01:18:26,750

they lost pressure under the ocean what

1925

01:18:25,109 --> 01:18:29,069

would happen and it was just hilarious

1926

01:18:26,750 --> 01:18:30,569

well I think we can say what the myth is

1927

01:18:29,069 --> 01:18:32,630

about giving to it well the myth the

1928

01:18:30,569 --> 01:18:34,799

myth is that the body would be crushed

1929

01:18:32,630 --> 01:18:36,600

basically the whole body would be sucked

1930

01:18:34,800 --> 01:18:38,400

up into the stock up a little so they

1931

01:18:36,600 --> 01:18:40,170

devised some really fabulous ways to

1932

01:18:38,399 --> 01:18:43,069

test this out if your episode of to see

1933

01:18:40,170 --> 01:18:44,869

at a higher Jamie and Adam and the gang

1934

01:18:43,069 --> 01:18:48,779

congratulations on that episode was

1935

01:18:44,869 --> 01:18:50,609

bloody glad it was a great episode well

1936

01:18:48,779 --> 01:18:54,119

look let me also mention while we're

1937

01:18:50,609 --> 01:18:55,979

talking about TV you lucky lucky viewers

1938

01:18:54,119 --> 01:18:58,710

in Australia in the past week it's over

1939
01:18:55,979 --> 01:19:01,439
now of course a two o'clock arm every

1940
01:18:58,710 --> 01:19:04,619
day this week the channel seven have

1941
01:19:01,439 --> 01:19:07,289
been repeating the one starring yours

1942
01:19:04,619 --> 01:19:08,909
truly high-quality drama and I know

1943
01:19:07,289 --> 01:19:11,210
they've been repeating it because people

1944
01:19:08,909 --> 01:19:13,680
are stopping me in the street saying

1945
01:19:11,210 --> 01:19:17,159
you're that you're that you kill that

1946
01:19:13,680 --> 01:19:20,190
guy mr. skeptic tell me this mr.

1947
01:19:17,159 --> 01:19:22,800
skipping where are ya they haven't they

1948
01:19:20,189 --> 01:19:24,719
haven't done that but they probably been

1949
01:19:22,800 --> 01:19:26,430
mentioning it actually it's been peering

1950
01:19:24,720 --> 01:19:28,350
on some in fact so much so that I find

1951
01:19:26,430 --> 01:19:29,110
the one who all the skeptics are sitting

1952
01:19:28,350 --> 01:19:33,159
around at home

1953
01:19:29,109 --> 01:19:36,009
tching daytime TV I realized to shine a

1954
01:19:33,158 --> 01:19:39,339
skeptical to sit at home and Twitter about

1955
01:19:36,010 --> 01:19:43,150
watching TV not not mentioning names

1956
01:19:39,340 --> 01:19:45,730
dread pirate Mick no no actually I think

1957
01:19:43,149 --> 01:19:48,039
I'm also just as guilty actually my

1958
01:19:45,729 --> 01:19:49,809
we're recording this on a wednesday i

1959
01:19:48,039 --> 01:19:51,219
might watch the next two episodes to see

1960
01:19:49,810 --> 01:19:54,130
if they actually should get it right no

1961
01:19:51,219 --> 01:19:56,948
it's all right but don't put yourself

1962
01:19:54,130 --> 01:20:02,319
through it I've seen it before a new to

1963
01:19:56,948 --> 01:20:04,388
you were there oh yeah I looked it out I

1964
01:20:02,319 --> 01:20:07,210
know I mention it from time to time but

1965
01:20:04,389 --> 01:20:09,159
the team really love to hear and I know

1966
01:20:07,210 --> 01:20:10,989
Iran's been getting emails individually

1967

01:20:09,158 --> 01:20:14,710
about what people do either listening to

1968
01:20:10,988 --> 01:20:16,629
the grain of salt so keep those emails

1969
01:20:14,710 --> 01:20:19,149
coming in we get a real kick out of

1970
01:20:16,630 --> 01:20:22,779
knowing what you're doing while

1971
01:20:19,149 --> 01:20:24,879
listening to this skeptic zone oh well

1972
01:20:22,779 --> 01:20:26,889
listen what a what a fun time we've had

1973
01:20:24,880 --> 01:20:28,510
a while we'll be sitting here half the

1974
01:20:26,889 --> 01:20:30,100
restaurant is cleared out I must say

1975
01:20:28,510 --> 01:20:34,659
it's interesting I Australian children

1976
01:20:30,100 --> 01:20:37,420
know what he's running up but thanks Joe

1977
01:20:34,658 --> 01:20:41,138
very much for coming all the way across

1978
01:20:37,420 --> 01:20:44,230
China I know it's a a big effort it is a

1979
01:20:41,139 --> 01:20:46,690
track it is and thank you dr. Richie of

1980
01:20:44,229 --> 01:20:48,029
course wonderful to have you as ever

1981
01:20:46,689 --> 01:20:50,799

part of the think tank and

1982

01:20:48,029 --> 01:20:52,569

congratulations and sincerely on the

1983

01:20:50,800 --> 01:20:54,159

fantastic work you do especially with

1984

01:20:52,569 --> 01:20:56,500

the skeptics book of poo poo I wasn't

1985

01:20:54,158 --> 01:20:58,599

joking before it is read by thousands of

1986

01:20:56,500 --> 01:21:02,079

people and a lot of people take notice

1987

01:20:58,600 --> 01:21:04,840

of that and the comments are flowing in

1988

01:21:02,079 --> 01:21:06,670

so listen is if you haven't caught up

1989

01:21:04,840 --> 01:21:08,590

with dr. a cheese blog and if you like

1990

01:21:06,670 --> 01:21:10,690

listening to dr. hu you'll love her blog

1991

01:21:08,590 --> 01:21:12,279

the skeptics book of poo poo or if you

1992

01:21:10,689 --> 01:21:14,710

just google the skeptics book it should

1993

01:21:12,279 --> 01:21:17,050

I with skeptics book calm with a CEO

1994

01:21:14,710 --> 01:21:19,868

with a que but I've also got some big

1995

01:21:17,050 --> 01:21:21,219

projects at my slave at the moment that

1996
01:21:19,868 --> 01:21:24,368
I should be able to talk about soon

1997
01:21:21,219 --> 01:21:26,289
which have sort of come out of the blog

1998
01:21:24,368 --> 01:21:31,059
and also the shorty awards which I don't

1999
01:21:26,289 --> 01:21:32,260
have yet where's my show live I've seen

2000
01:21:31,060 --> 01:21:33,849
I've seen this

2001
01:21:32,260 --> 01:21:36,489
post your certificate saying that it's

2002
01:21:33,849 --> 01:21:39,069
on its way so yeah in the mail it's been

2003
01:21:36,488 --> 01:21:40,629
attract on UPS apparently but but you

2004
01:21:39,069 --> 01:21:43,328
know when you track something on UPS and

2005
01:21:40,630 --> 01:21:46,538
it goes overseas then there's no cds no

2006
01:21:43,328 --> 01:21:48,698
over the public or whatever i shouldn t

2007
01:21:46,538 --> 01:21:50,500
away well when when it arrives we'll

2008
01:21:48,698 --> 01:21:52,118
have to take the photograph of you

2009
01:21:50,500 --> 01:21:54,038
holding a short in what will certainly

2010
01:21:52,118 --> 01:21:57,460
bring it to the think tank will bring it

2011
01:21:54,038 --> 01:21:59,979
together but just before we go just

2012
01:21:57,460 --> 01:22:03,158
before we go because we have had so many

2013
01:21:59,979 --> 01:22:05,888
inquiries about it Joe could you just

2014
01:22:03,158 --> 01:22:08,469
fill us in briefly on the latest Tam

2015
01:22:05,889 --> 01:22:10,150
Australian news yes absolutely Richard

2016
01:22:08,469 --> 01:22:13,328
so we've been getting lots of inquiries

2017
01:22:10,149 --> 01:22:15,879
and what I can tell people at the moment

2018
01:22:13,328 --> 01:22:18,009
is that you can read more about what's

2019
01:22:15,880 --> 01:22:19,449
happening with Tam australia on the

2020
01:22:18,010 --> 01:22:22,989
australian skeptics website which is

2021
01:22:19,448 --> 01:22:24,460
skeptics calm day you and at the moment

2022
01:22:22,988 --> 01:22:27,368
it looks like tickets will be going on

2023
01:22:24,460 --> 01:22:30,730
sale around about june with more details

2024

01:22:27,368 --> 01:22:32,368
to come so keep posted and check the

2025
01:22:30,729 --> 01:22:36,038
website and we'll keep you up to date

2026
01:22:32,368 --> 01:22:38,018
and we are planning to launch its own

2027
01:22:36,038 --> 01:22:41,229
website yes a specifically dedicated

2028
01:22:38,019 --> 01:22:43,059
team website very soon so at the moment

2029
01:22:41,229 --> 01:22:45,009
head to skeptics calm today you but

2030
01:22:43,059 --> 01:22:46,960
we'll keep you updated on there when

2031
01:22:45,010 --> 01:22:48,789
anything changes excellent well we

2032
01:22:46,960 --> 01:22:51,519
certainly look forward to that thank you

2033
01:22:48,788 --> 01:22:53,229
again and thank you listeners for tuning

2034
01:22:51,519 --> 01:22:55,030
in or downloading or whatever you do on

2035
01:22:53,229 --> 01:22:57,368
the internet to the think tank and to

2036
01:22:55,029 --> 01:23:00,029
the show this week thank you ladies and

2037
01:22:57,368 --> 01:23:00,029
cheers

2038
01:23:06,800 --> 01:23:11,119

you know what I really enjoyed was

2039

01:23:08,850 --> 01:23:11,120
getting

2040

01:23:38,029 --> 01:23:43,679
well wasn't that a an interesting

2041

01:23:41,010 --> 01:23:46,409
episode of the skeptic zone thanks very

2042

01:23:43,680 --> 01:23:48,780
much for downloading and think at all

2043

01:23:46,409 --> 01:23:51,269
those people who continue to help us

2044

01:23:48,779 --> 01:23:55,039
produce the skeptic zone by donating or

2045

01:23:51,270 --> 01:23:57,480
even subscribing details at our website

2046

01:23:55,039 --> 01:24:03,390
until next week this is Richard Saunders

2047

01:23:57,479 --> 01:24:05,789
signing off from Sydney Australia you've

2048

01:24:03,390 --> 01:24:10,380
been listening to the skeptic zone visit

2049

01:24:05,789 --> 01:24:12,869
our website at [www.skeptics on TV](http://www.skepticsontv.com) for

2050

01:24:10,380 --> 01:24:15,029
comments contacts and extra video

2051

01:24:12,869 --> 01:24:18,769
reports

2052

01:24:15,029 --> 01:24:18,769
I skin

2053

01:24:33,859 --> 01:24:35,920

you