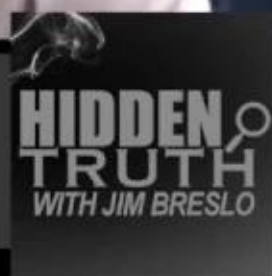


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**HIDDEN TRUTH SHOW WITH JIM BRESLO**  
**ONE ON ONE**

**AVAILABLE ON ALL PODCAST APPS**



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00:00:09,110 --> 00:00:04,720

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00:00:12,379 --> 00:00:09,120

Chicago is known as you know the I think

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00:00:15,799 --> 00:00:12,389

a few years back it was called the the

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00:00:18,680 --> 00:00:15,809

mass shooting capital of the United

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00:00:21,080 --> 00:00:18,690

States it had that's where it had 18

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00:00:23,420 --> 00:00:21,090

incidents I think in 2015 were more than

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00:00:25,730 --> 00:00:23,430

four people were shot four more people

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00:00:28,609 --> 00:00:25,740

so it has that reputation of being a

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00:00:31,550 --> 00:00:28,619

very violent place and it is not the

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00:00:35,810 --> 00:00:31,560

most violent city in the u.s. although

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00:00:37,280 --> 00:00:35,820

it is a high-profile city and attracts

12  
00:00:39,709 --> 00:00:37,290

headlines and especially when the

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00:00:42,110 --> 00:00:39,719

president starts talking about Chicago

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00:00:44,660 --> 00:00:42,120

and saying you know it's out of control

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00:00:45,260 --> 00:00:44,670

and some people think it is the latest

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00:00:47,750 --> 00:00:45,270

thing

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00:00:51,729 --> 00:00:47,760

now that we've had shootings on the

18

00:00:55,610 --> 00:00:51,739

subway and robberies the Charlie Beck

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00:00:59,959 --> 00:00:55,620

who is the current police superintendent

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00:01:04,729 --> 00:00:59,969

here the former LA chief has put SWAT

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00:01:07,250 --> 00:01:04,739

teams on the subway trains and they're

22

00:01:10,550 --> 00:01:07,260

not in full tactical gear but it's a

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00:01:13,660 --> 00:01:10,560

show of force and an indication of just

24

00:01:16,460 --> 00:01:13,670

how serious the violence has gotten

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00:01:19,490 --> 00:01:16,470

throughout the city I mean most of the

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00:01:22,340 --> 00:01:19,500

shootings and homicides take place on

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00:01:24,800 --> 00:01:22,350

the south side and the west side Austin

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00:01:26,660 --> 00:01:24,810

and Englewood districts but it's

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00:01:30,620 --> 00:01:26,670

starting to get into the Magnificent

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00:01:33,080 --> 00:01:30,630

Mile robberies and shootings there and

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00:01:35,679 --> 00:01:33,090

especially on the subway on the red line

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00:01:40,280 --> 00:01:35,689

subway which you probably remember from

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00:01:41,960 --> 00:01:40,290

your days in Chicago was is becoming a

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00:01:46,060 --> 00:01:41,970

dangerous place and people are kind of

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00:01:48,730 --> 00:01:46,070

fearful about that so I think that's an

36

00:01:53,120 --> 00:01:48,740

indication of what's going on in Chicago

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00:01:57,230 --> 00:01:53,130

so is it real though that Chicago has an

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00:02:01,789 --> 00:01:57,240

inordinate gun violence problem compared

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00:02:06,410 --> 00:02:01,799

to other cities I I think it does I

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00:02:09,710 --> 00:02:06,420

think the gun violence here is it's

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00:02:12,510 --> 00:02:09,720

happening all over and a lot of innocent

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00:02:15,900 --> 00:02:12,520

people and children are getting shot and

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00:02:20,550 --> 00:02:15,910

that's very shocking when when young

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00:02:21,990 --> 00:02:20,560

children are staying you know getting

45

00:02:24,390 --> 00:02:22,000

shot just because they happen to be in

46

00:02:26,070 --> 00:02:24,400

the wrong place at the wrong time so I

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00:02:28,220 --> 00:02:26,080

mean it starts to feel like you're in

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00:02:31,140 --> 00:02:28,230

the Wild West somewhere you know that

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00:02:35,640 --> 00:02:31,150

that gun violence can break out at

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00:02:38,370 --> 00:02:35,650

any time so I you know statistically the

51  
00:02:42,630 --> 00:02:38,380  
the gun violence is not as bad as it was

52  
00:02:45,870 --> 00:02:42,640  
back and say 90 to 93 I think and that

53  
00:02:49,110 --> 00:02:45,880  
you're la still had a really big problem

54  
00:02:53,190 --> 00:02:49,120  
- with thinking they had almost 1,100

55  
00:02:55,620 --> 00:02:53,200  
homicides in 92 so in your years of

56  
00:02:58,890 --> 00:02:55,630  
covering crime in Chicago are you seeing

57  
00:03:04,050 --> 00:02:58,900  
what policies seem to work and what

58  
00:03:07,620 --> 00:03:04,060  
policies do not work well the 2016 saw

59  
00:03:10,590 --> 00:03:07,630  
the big spike in in homicides prior to

60  
00:03:12,540 --> 00:03:10,600  
that you know Chicago had adopted some

61  
00:03:13,230 --> 00:03:12,550  
of the policies that New York and Los

62  
00:03:15,900 --> 00:03:13,240  
Angeles

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00:03:18,510 --> 00:03:15,910

used in their policing and that included

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00:03:20,670 --> 00:03:18,520

stop and frisk where officers would just

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00:03:22,320 --> 00:03:20,680

stop suspicious-looking people on the

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00:03:25,050 --> 00:03:22,330

street frisk them and they were

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00:03:27,960 --> 00:03:25,060

recovering thousands and thousands of

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00:03:31,620 --> 00:03:27,970

guns off the streets illegal firearms so

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00:03:33,600 --> 00:03:31,630

that stopped in 2016 after the ACLU

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00:03:37,800 --> 00:03:33,610

filed the lawsuit and there was a

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00:03:39,810 --> 00:03:37,810

consent that group decree that case so

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00:03:41,130 --> 00:03:39,820

that is because that's super

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00:03:43,050 --> 00:03:41,140

controversial as we'd look at the

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00:03:46,110 --> 00:03:43,060

presidential election obviously with

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00:03:48,690 --> 00:03:46,120

Bloomberg and New York etc so you're

76  
00:03:50,550 --> 00:03:48,700  
saying that in Chicago they were using

77  
00:03:52,740 --> 00:03:50,560  
stopping for us the same stop and first

78  
00:03:57,090 --> 00:03:52,750  
we hear about out of New York correct

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00:03:58,110 --> 00:03:57,100  
use Sue's alleging what that it was

80  
00:04:02,430 --> 00:03:58,120  
being applied in a discriminatory

81  
00:04:05,310 --> 00:04:02,440  
fashion correct because 70% of the

82  
00:04:11,699 --> 00:04:05,320  
people stopped were african-american hmm

83  
00:04:15,180 --> 00:04:11,709  
now Bloomberg 94% of violent crimes are

84  
00:04:18,960 --> 00:04:15,190  
taking place by minority males between

85  
00:04:21,420 --> 00:04:18,970  
the ages of 16 and 24 which that I don't

86  
00:04:23,760 --> 00:04:21,430  
know whether that statistic is precisely

87  
00:04:25,890 --> 00:04:23,770  
correct but it's probably generally

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00:04:29,040 --> 00:04:25,900

correct so

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00:04:30,960 --> 00:04:29,050

why is it a discriminatory policy if it

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00:04:32,640 --> 00:04:30,970

turns out that the stopping and frisking

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00:04:36,180 --> 00:04:32,650

is happening at about the same

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00:04:40,400 --> 00:04:36,190

percentage as the level of crime among

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00:04:44,400 --> 00:04:40,410

that community right oh not quite sure

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00:04:47,400 --> 00:04:44,410

why that I mean you would think the

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00:04:51,360 --> 00:04:47,410

issue would be the public safety right

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00:04:55,430 --> 00:04:51,370

and the ACLU and I'm not saying it's

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00:04:57,900 --> 00:04:55,440

wrong but I think the ACLU has taken a

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00:05:00,689 --> 00:04:57,910

policy a weapon away from the police

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00:05:03,300 --> 00:05:00,699

department that allowed them to stop

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00:05:06,360 --> 00:05:03,310

people and recover guns I mean isn't

101

00:05:09,570 --> 00:05:06,370

that the the the purpose of the police

102

00:05:11,310 --> 00:05:09,580

department is to prevent crime so now

103

00:05:12,810 --> 00:05:11,320

there's a very dangerous trend going on

104

00:05:14,850 --> 00:05:12,820

right now that I see in this whole

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00:05:18,719 --> 00:05:14,860

criminal justice reform which there are

106

00:05:20,879 --> 00:05:18,729

elements of it that I support but the

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00:05:23,670 --> 00:05:20,889

idea that a law is inherently

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00:05:26,879 --> 00:05:23,680

discriminatory because a particular race

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00:05:29,490 --> 00:05:26,889

is arrested of it more so you have to

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00:05:33,270 --> 00:05:29,500

compare ok what percentage is committing

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00:05:36,089 --> 00:05:33,280

the crimes and the truth is as it is

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00:05:38,790 --> 00:05:36,099

true everywhere in the world most crime

113

00:05:41,520 --> 00:05:38,800

is centered in poorer inner-city

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00:05:45,270 --> 00:05:41,530  
communities and those inner-city

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00:05:47,850 --> 00:05:45,280  
communities at least in America are more

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00:05:52,469 --> 00:05:47,860  
heavily minority so you can't just

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00:05:54,629 --> 00:05:52,479  
simply say that oh because this law is

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00:05:55,649 --> 00:05:54,639  
adversely affecting this group that

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00:05:57,689 --> 00:05:55,659  
there's something inherently racist

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00:05:58,589 --> 00:05:57,699  
about that law and same thing with stop

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00:06:00,300 --> 00:05:58,599  
and frisk oh there's something

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00:06:02,219 --> 00:06:00,310  
inherently racist about stop and frisk

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00:06:05,129 --> 00:06:02,229  
because it's happening more in a

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00:06:09,240 --> 00:06:05,139  
minority community right well I think

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00:06:11,189 --> 00:06:09,250  
that you have a african-american

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00:06:15,180 --> 00:06:11,199

community that is sensitive to those

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00:06:17,610 --> 00:06:15,190

issues and and it's like driving while

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00:06:20,610 --> 00:06:17,620

black right right that was a huge thing

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00:06:22,110 --> 00:06:20,620

now it's walking like black ok so if

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00:06:24,330 --> 00:06:22,120

you're walking down the street and the

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00:06:27,890 --> 00:06:24,340

police officer especially a white police

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00:06:30,659 --> 00:06:27,900

officer thinks you look suspicious then

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00:06:32,640 --> 00:06:30,669

and they can stop and frisk you for

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00:06:35,070 --> 00:06:32,650

without any valid reason other than

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00:06:37,680 --> 00:06:35,080

you're in the high crime neighborhood I

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00:06:39,279 --> 00:06:37,690

think there's some issue be clear though

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00:06:42,159 --> 00:06:39,289

it's my understanding

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00:06:44,709 --> 00:06:42,169

it wasn't truly stop-and-frisk that

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00:06:46,629 --> 00:06:44,719

there had to be probable cause before

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00:06:49,119 --> 00:06:46,639

they did the frisking so they weren't

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00:06:52,570 --> 00:06:49,129

just saying walking while black lets

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00:06:54,579 --> 00:06:52,580

frisk the guy right there had to be some

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00:06:56,200 --> 00:06:54,589

probable cause to believe that this

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00:06:58,869 --> 00:06:56,210

person is engaging in some type some

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00:07:01,450 --> 00:06:58,879

type of suspicious behavior we are

146

00:07:03,369 --> 00:07:01,460

looking for Scottie by this profile

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00:07:06,639 --> 00:07:03,379

who's been you know there's been a crime

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00:07:10,839 --> 00:07:06,649

committed in the area etc right there

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00:07:14,260 --> 00:07:10,849

there was some reason to be to be

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00:07:16,269 --> 00:07:14,270

looking at the subject walking on the

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00:07:20,499 --> 00:07:16,279

street where they're located in their

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00:07:23,769 --> 00:07:20,509

race yeah well I think let me let me

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00:07:26,769 --> 00:07:23,779

read you a statistic here from this is a

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00:07:29,170 --> 00:07:26,779

kind of a telling statistic from a study

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00:07:34,209 --> 00:07:29,180

done months by some mom University of

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00:07:38,649 --> 00:07:34,219

Utah professors between 2006 and 2012

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00:07:41,230 --> 00:07:38,659

and the non-fatal gunshot victims not

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00:07:44,649 --> 00:07:41,240

fit not homicides but won't people who

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00:07:49,570 --> 00:07:44,659

were wounded there was forty six point

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00:07:52,029 --> 00:07:49,580

five victims per 100,000 persons that's

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00:07:54,610 --> 00:07:52,039

the per capita rate forty six point five

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00:07:57,519 --> 00:07:54,620

of those White's accounted for one point

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00:08:00,100 --> 00:07:57,529

six two for a hundred thousand Hispanics

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00:08:02,199 --> 00:08:00,110

twenty eight point seventy two four

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00:08:06,189 --> 00:08:02,209

hundred thousand and african-americans

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00:08:09,699 --> 00:08:06,199

were 112 point eight three four hundred

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00:08:11,439 --> 00:08:09,709

thousand that's an astonishing figure so

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00:08:13,899 --> 00:08:11,449

just just to make sure I understood

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00:08:16,329 --> 00:08:13,909

edith said comparing let's just keep it

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00:08:21,429 --> 00:08:16,339

simple blacks to whites over a hundred

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00:08:22,529 --> 00:08:21,439

times more gun violence against blacks

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00:08:26,949 --> 00:08:22,539

than whites

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00:08:28,619 --> 00:08:26,959

correct correct and in ninety some odd

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00:08:33,879 --> 00:08:28,629

percent of that is black on black

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00:08:35,649 --> 00:08:33,889

correct it is black on black and part of

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00:08:37,659 --> 00:08:35,659

the problem in Chicago and I think this

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00:08:41,860 --> 00:08:37,669

has been recognized by the new mayor and

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00:08:45,280 --> 00:08:41,870

and Charlie Beck is the culture of

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00:08:47,379 --> 00:08:45,290

gang violence that has really started to

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00:08:50,620 --> 00:08:47,389

rule some of these areas and they

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00:08:52,660 --> 00:08:50,630

they're they're it's almost impossible

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00:08:54,100 --> 00:08:52,670

to break apparently

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00:08:56,080 --> 00:08:54,110

and I'm talking I was talking to a

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00:08:58,180 --> 00:08:56,090

retired homicide detective the other day

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00:09:00,430 --> 00:08:58,190

and he said you know I would never pull

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00:09:02,200 --> 00:09:00,440

up my car in front of a black person's

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00:09:04,540 --> 00:09:02,210

house that I wanted to talk to for

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00:09:06,940 --> 00:09:04,550

information because they were terrified

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00:09:10,540 --> 00:09:06,950

that they would be targeted by the gangs

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00:09:13,900 --> 00:09:10,550

in and in retaliation would take place

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00:09:16,240 --> 00:09:13,910

so there is a real wall of silence there

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00:09:18,490 --> 00:09:16,250

in the block you're saying police we're

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00:09:20,530 --> 00:09:18,500

concerned about that the police are

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00:09:23,050 --> 00:09:20,540

concerned about it I mean I viewed

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00:09:27,930 --> 00:09:23,060

police officer is afraid to pull his car

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00:09:31,060 --> 00:09:27,940

up in front of a potential suspects home

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00:09:34,330 --> 00:09:31,070

for fear that they'll be retaliation by

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00:09:37,240 --> 00:09:34,340

gangs against that police officer no I'm

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00:09:39,190 --> 00:09:37,250

saying that the police would not this

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00:09:40,990 --> 00:09:39,200

officer and I think was a general

201  
00:09:44,140 --> 00:09:41,000  
practice they would not pull up in front

202  
00:09:46,480 --> 00:09:44,150  
of a potential witnesses house in the

203  
00:09:49,210 --> 00:09:46,490  
inner city for fear that those people

204  
00:09:53,010 --> 00:09:49,220  
would be retaliated against all right so

205  
00:09:56,380 --> 00:09:53,020  
there there's no there is very little

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00:09:59,470 --> 00:09:56,390  
information witness information that

207  
00:10:01,120 --> 00:09:59,480  
police can get in many cases so the

208  
00:10:03,550 --> 00:10:01,130  
clearance rate in homicides in Chicago

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00:10:05,340 --> 00:10:03,560  
is only 20% that's pretty low and in the

210  
00:10:08,550 --> 00:10:05,350  
meantime you have all the law-abiding

211  
00:10:13,120 --> 00:10:08,560  
citizens in these communities that

212  
00:10:16,500 --> 00:10:13,130  
appreciate having the police there and

213  
00:10:20,200 --> 00:10:16,510

and but you've got all these movements

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00:10:22,030 --> 00:10:20,210

suggesting that oh police having heavy

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00:10:24,610 --> 00:10:22,040

presence in a black neighborhood that's

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00:10:26,500 --> 00:10:24,620

inherently racist they're out looking to

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00:10:29,020 --> 00:10:26,510

arrest black people just because of

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00:10:30,310 --> 00:10:29,030

their race and in fact know they're

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00:10:34,660 --> 00:10:30,320

trying to protect these communities that

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00:10:37,240 --> 00:10:34,670

are at-risk communities yes they are and

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00:10:39,910 --> 00:10:37,250

I think it's I mean it's a difficult

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00:10:41,620 --> 00:10:39,920

task for the police department is just

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00:10:44,710 --> 00:10:41,630

so frustrating but yeah I mean this

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00:10:48,910 --> 00:10:44,720

liberal narrative you know to blame

225

00:10:53,200 --> 00:10:48,920

everything on racism is hurting their

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00:10:57,250 --> 00:10:53,210

own communities yeah I do agree with you

227

00:10:58,720 --> 00:10:57,260

I think that until the communities

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00:11:01,660 --> 00:10:58,730

themselves and there has been some

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00:11:04,900 --> 00:11:01,670

movement towards it take responsibility

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00:11:06,220 --> 00:11:04,910

for some of this and try to try to

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00:11:09,130 --> 00:11:06,230

prevent

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00:11:11,710 --> 00:11:09,140

or at least help the police department

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00:11:14,350 --> 00:11:11,720

solve crimes it's going to be an ongoing

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00:11:16,450 --> 00:11:14,360

problem for a long time yeah and and and

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00:11:18,960 --> 00:11:16,460

we had a recent interview on this

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00:11:21,510 --> 00:11:18,970

subject where we talked about the talk

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00:11:24,370 --> 00:11:21,520

that parents have with their children

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00:11:27,000 --> 00:11:24,380

want to you know the talk being that hey

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00:11:32,460 --> 00:11:27,010

if you have an interaction with police

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00:11:36,130 --> 00:11:32,470

be be you know do whatever they say

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00:11:38,320 --> 00:11:36,140

don't run from police stop and talk to

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00:11:40,960 --> 00:11:38,330

police and be respectful of police and

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00:11:44,610 --> 00:11:40,970

so on that's a talk that every parent

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00:11:47,740 --> 00:11:44,620

should have with every child is that way

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00:11:49,990 --> 00:11:47,750

I've never had any adverse reaction with

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00:11:51,670 --> 00:11:50,000

police because I do whatever the heck

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00:11:55,780 --> 00:11:51,680

they tell me to do and I recognize that

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00:11:58,120 --> 00:11:55,790

they're they're trying to protect us but

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if you raise your children to not trust

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00:12:02,910 --> 00:12:01,550

the police and the talk is hey you got

251  
00:12:06,520 --> 00:12:02,920  
to look out for these police because

252  
00:12:09,670 --> 00:12:06,530  
they're looking at you and you have it

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00:12:13,480 --> 00:12:09,680  
and you build this inherent distrust in

254  
00:12:16,840 --> 00:12:13,490  
a child when they see police that isn't

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00:12:19,120 --> 00:12:16,850  
conducive to having an environment in

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00:12:20,440 --> 00:12:19,130  
those communities where people are

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00:12:22,630 --> 00:12:20,450  
cooperating with the police and helping

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00:12:26,650 --> 00:12:22,640  
them right well I think there's some

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00:12:30,300 --> 00:12:26,660  
social problems that have led to this I

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00:12:33,400 --> 00:12:30,310  
mean we there's a big problem with

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00:12:35,740 --> 00:12:33,410  
fathers who are not present in their

262  
00:12:38,680 --> 00:12:35,750  
families and there's no for a lot of

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00:12:42,130 --> 00:12:38,690

kids there's no guidance I'm not saying

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that that's the case in all families in

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the inner city but there is a lot of

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00:12:49,680 --> 00:12:46,880

problem with absentee father's and

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00:12:54,310 --> 00:12:49,690

there's no supervision for the the male

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00:12:56,260 --> 00:12:54,320

children and then they are adopted by

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00:12:58,630 --> 00:12:56,270

the gangs and they're brought up by the

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00:13:01,300 --> 00:12:58,640

gangs and that that's a culture that is

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00:13:03,130 --> 00:13:01,310

very difficult now la with through gang

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00:13:06,400 --> 00:13:03,140

intervention and community outreach

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00:13:08,590 --> 00:13:06,410

really helped lower the homicide rate in

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00:13:10,960 --> 00:13:08,600

that city and I think that's what

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00:13:14,500 --> 00:13:10,970

Charlie Beck might bring here more

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00:13:18,960 --> 00:13:14,510

community outreach and more gang

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00:13:21,240 --> 00:13:18,970

intervention attempts seems like

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00:13:25,199 --> 00:13:21,250

you've had a lot of success in both New

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00:13:27,059 --> 00:13:25,209

York and Los Angeles I just say that you

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00:13:30,509 --> 00:13:27,069

know during the time of the riots in the

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00:13:33,920 --> 00:13:30,519

early 90s was probably the height of our

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00:13:37,800 --> 00:13:33,930

problems at least in my lifetime and

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00:13:41,189 --> 00:13:37,810

carjackings etc and right now LA

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00:13:44,189 --> 00:13:41,199

generally speaking feels like a pretty

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00:13:46,110 --> 00:13:44,199

safe city New York certainly up until

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00:13:47,670 --> 00:13:46,120

recently I think has felt like a very

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00:13:49,499 --> 00:13:47,680

safe city you've had a very couple very

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00:13:53,009 --> 00:13:49,509

tough mayors and Giuliani and Bloomberg

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00:13:55,819 --> 00:13:53,019

and how they've addressed policing and I

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00:13:57,809 --> 00:13:55,829

mean New York has had an spectacular

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00:14:00,809 --> 00:13:57,819

turnaround you know for people familiar

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00:14:04,710 --> 00:14:00,819

I've started going to New York in the

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00:14:07,429 --> 00:14:04,720

80s and I kept my wallet in my front

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00:14:11,400 --> 00:14:07,439

pocket and was constantly concerned

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00:14:12,869 --> 00:14:11,410

about being mugged and I don't have that

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00:14:14,670 --> 00:14:12,879

feeling at all in New York anymore do

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00:14:15,240 --> 00:14:14,680

you remember the subways in New York in

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00:14:18,030 --> 00:14:15,250

the mid-80s

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00:14:20,670 --> 00:14:18,040

yeah it was astonishing to see the

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00:14:23,280 --> 00:14:20,680

subway pull up at the platform covered

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00:14:25,049 --> 00:14:23,290

with graffiti it was it was shocking it

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00:14:28,139 --> 00:14:25,059

was like when I was there was like wow

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00:14:31,230 --> 00:14:28,149

this looks like an alien world arriving

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00:14:33,809 --> 00:14:31,240

here so it has done a remarkable

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00:14:35,610 --> 00:14:33,819

turnaround and you know the Bloomberg's

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00:14:39,389 --> 00:14:35,620

being his feet are being held to the

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00:14:42,689 --> 00:14:39,399

fire for the stop-and-frisk policies and

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00:14:44,069 --> 00:14:42,699

I'm I'm not sure that the stop and frisk

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00:14:46,710 --> 00:14:44,079

is such a bad thing

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00:14:49,139 --> 00:14:46,720

I mean I I agree that there are some

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00:14:52,410 --> 00:14:49,149

issues there that and police have to be

312

00:14:53,490 --> 00:14:52,420

careful but I just think how else are

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00:14:55,889 --> 00:14:53,500

you going to get the guns off the

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00:14:59,910 --> 00:14:55,899

streets I mean last year Chicago police

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00:15:02,369 --> 00:14:59,920

confiscated 10,000 guns well it's a

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00:15:04,319 --> 00:15:02,379

responsibility society that we have so

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00:15:06,449 --> 00:15:04,329

you know we don't want to suggest that

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00:15:09,269 --> 00:15:06,459

the black community is itself is

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00:15:11,220 --> 00:15:09,279

responsible for its own problems the

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00:15:13,730 --> 00:15:11,230

message would rather be that no the only

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00:15:17,780 --> 00:15:13,740

reason you have these problems is this

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00:15:22,949 --> 00:15:17,790

rampant system systemic racism in

323

00:15:25,319 --> 00:15:22,959

America when thinking people know that

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00:15:27,840 --> 00:15:25,329

the level of racism in America today is

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00:15:32,820 --> 00:15:27,850

at its lowest point that it's ever been

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00:15:35,310 --> 00:15:32,830

and that in my view it's at a level

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00:15:37,950 --> 00:15:35,320

that is similar to the amount of

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00:15:40,200 --> 00:15:37,960

discriminatory thoughts and actions

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00:15:48,870 --> 00:15:40,210

there are regarding a whole host of

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00:15:54,690 --> 00:15:48,880

communities gay overweight unattractive

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00:15:56,310 --> 00:15:54,700

people right every there's

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00:15:58,290 --> 00:15:56,320

discrimination out there against all

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00:16:02,190 --> 00:15:58,300

types and all kinds for all kinds of

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00:16:06,840 --> 00:16:02,200

reasons yes right I agree highlight race

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00:16:10,560 --> 00:16:06,850

as the big problem when it comes to

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00:16:13,470 --> 00:16:10,570

discrimination is just dead wrong and in

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00:16:18,570 --> 00:16:13,480

and I really disagree with raising your

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00:16:20,340 --> 00:16:18,580

children to believe that hey it's gonna

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00:16:22,290 --> 00:16:20,350

be tough out there for you you know

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00:16:23,940 --> 00:16:22,300

you're gonna have to really have to

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00:16:25,620 --> 00:16:23,950

overachieve because there's all these

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00:16:27,900 --> 00:16:25,630

obstacles for you and people are gonna

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00:16:29,310 --> 00:16:27,910

be looking at your race and looking at

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00:16:32,100 --> 00:16:29,320

you differently and so on I mean is that

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00:16:33,360 --> 00:16:32,110

a healthy way to raise a child or should

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00:16:35,040 --> 00:16:33,370

you raise a child to believe that you

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00:16:38,220 --> 00:16:35,050

know what you can go out and be anything

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00:16:40,020 --> 00:16:38,230

you want to be which has been proven

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00:16:44,010 --> 00:16:40,030

again and again and again and again and

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00:16:47,130 --> 00:16:44,020

again for everybody regardless of race

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00:16:49,800 --> 00:16:47,140

sex and religion Hillary Clinton was the

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00:16:54,560 --> 00:16:49,810

Democratic nominee for president she's a

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00:16:59,100 --> 00:16:54,570

woman we've got now Budaj gay man

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00:17:01,950 --> 00:16:59,110

winning in Iowa right we have Obama

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00:17:04,560 --> 00:17:01,960

black man president of the United States

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00:17:06,600 --> 00:17:04,570

if these things don't prove that anybody

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00:17:07,890 --> 00:17:06,610

can achieve anything you want America as

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00:17:09,120 --> 00:17:07,900

long as you put your nose to the

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00:17:11,189 --> 00:17:09,130

grindstone and work hard

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00:17:12,390 --> 00:17:11,199

that's the message to be telling

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00:17:14,329 --> 00:17:12,400

everybody that's the message to be

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00:17:17,939 --> 00:17:14,339

telling our children that is America

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00:17:22,740 --> 00:17:17,949

yeah I agree I mean I I think it's still

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00:17:24,360 --> 00:17:22,750

difficult for for black people more than

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00:17:27,360 --> 00:17:24,370

it is for white people I mean I feel

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00:17:29,760 --> 00:17:27,370

that if I was a black guy I would

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00:17:32,850 --> 00:17:29,770

probably have to work harder than I did

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00:17:35,310 --> 00:17:32,860

or strive harder than I did but I had I

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00:17:38,040 --> 00:17:35,320

had great parents and a good family

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00:17:41,670 --> 00:17:38,050

upbringing my parents were not racist

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00:17:45,210 --> 00:17:41,680

whatsoever so you know I I just think

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00:17:46,720 --> 00:17:45,220

that that's all I agree with you but but

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00:17:48,700 --> 00:17:46,730

but my point is there's challenge

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00:17:51,490 --> 00:17:48,710

for everyone there's economic challenges

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00:17:53,169 --> 00:17:51,500

I mean do you think the Cosby kids have

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00:17:54,970 --> 00:17:53,179

had it tougher he's a bad example now

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00:17:57,070 --> 00:17:54,980

because of what's happened to him but

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00:18:00,130 --> 00:17:57,080

this is an example that I've always used

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00:18:02,860 --> 00:18:00,140

when I talk about these things but you

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00:18:08,260 --> 00:18:02,870

know as say Michael Jordan's kids where

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00:18:10,240 --> 00:18:08,270

I have a tougher I mean no no but I was

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00:18:12,039 --> 00:18:10,250

gonna mention Cosby earlier it's funny

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00:18:14,680 --> 00:18:12,049

you brought up his name because you know

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00:18:16,720 --> 00:18:14,690

when he when he gave that talk you know

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00:18:19,360 --> 00:18:16,730

like to a black audience you have to

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00:18:22,960 --> 00:18:19,370

take responsibility right you have to

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00:18:25,770 --> 00:18:22,970

and he was roundly criticized I thought

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00:18:28,480 --> 00:18:25,780

why would you criticize somebody for

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00:18:30,669 --> 00:18:28,490

telling you you know you have to take

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00:18:33,340 --> 00:18:30,679

responsibility for your life right and

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00:18:35,919 --> 00:18:33,350

if you have to work harder then you have

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00:18:37,600 --> 00:18:35,929

to work harder if you are in short

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00:18:39,310 --> 00:18:37,610

supply unfortunately in the black

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00:18:42,610 --> 00:18:39,320

community because it's a lot easier to

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00:18:45,549 --> 00:18:42,620

preach victimhood and discrimination

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00:18:47,710 --> 00:18:45,559

what I often point out that Barack Obama

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00:18:49,810 --> 00:18:47,720

when he first became a candidate for

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00:18:53,260 --> 00:18:49,820

president he was saying those tough

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00:18:55,180 --> 00:18:53,270

things about the black and the

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00:18:58,830 --> 00:18:55,190

importance of fathers taking

401  
00:19:01,510 --> 00:18:58,840  
responsibility and so on but once he got

402  
00:19:03,130 --> 00:19:01,520  
ingratiated into the Democratic Party

403  
00:19:05,440 --> 00:19:03,140  
and ultimately came president he in my

404  
00:19:07,600 --> 00:19:05,450  
opinion sold out on that issue I thought

405  
00:19:09,549 --> 00:19:07,610  
that he could have done so much more in

406  
00:19:11,830 --> 00:19:09,559  
going into the black communities but you

407  
00:19:13,360 --> 00:19:11,840  
know when you've got the jesse jackson's

408  
00:19:16,330 --> 00:19:13,370  
of the world coming to visit him in the

409  
00:19:18,669 --> 00:19:16,340  
white house and you know it's like okay

410  
00:19:20,200 --> 00:19:18,679  
do i really want to take on a fight with

411  
00:19:21,340 --> 00:19:20,210  
the leaders of the black community when

412  
00:19:23,230 --> 00:19:21,350  
i got all these other things to deal

413  
00:19:27,180 --> 00:19:23,240

with that screw it I'll let them keep

414

00:19:31,780 --> 00:19:27,190

that issue yeah I think you know the

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00:19:35,440 --> 00:19:31,790

Jesse Jackson still has a big following

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00:19:37,900 --> 00:19:35,450

in the black community but I know I had

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00:19:39,850 --> 00:19:37,910

a great african-american friend he was a

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00:19:42,659 --> 00:19:39,860

newspaper reporter Walter Morrison and

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00:19:47,799 --> 00:19:42,669

he thought Jesse Jackson was kind of a

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00:19:53,680 --> 00:19:47,809

oh just a publicity hound and you know

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00:19:58,110 --> 00:19:53,690

and not very effective really so you

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00:19:59,960 --> 00:19:58,120

know I I I agree with you that that

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00:20:03,380 --> 00:19:59,970

there is an L

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00:20:06,800 --> 00:20:03,390

of you know we have to be the black

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00:20:08,990 --> 00:20:06,810

community is falling back on and not in

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00:20:11,090 --> 00:20:09,000

all cases I mean it's changing the black

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00:20:14,240 --> 00:20:11,100

community is changing too but they do

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00:20:16,610 --> 00:20:14,250

say they fall back on the racism issue

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00:20:20,480 --> 00:20:16,620

right and that's why because we brought

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00:20:22,880 --> 00:20:20,490

up bad or you know we didn't have any

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00:20:27,940 --> 00:20:22,890

family and I a lot of cases in court

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00:20:30,590 --> 00:20:27,950

where you know somebody's charged with

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00:20:33,320 --> 00:20:30,600

an african-american guy is charged with

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00:20:36,170 --> 00:20:33,330

some crime and you know the defense

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00:20:38,030 --> 00:20:36,180

attorney will say well he you know these

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00:20:40,760 --> 00:20:38,040

issues when he was a child who was

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00:20:42,710 --> 00:20:40,770

abused and it was this and I always

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00:20:46,100 --> 00:20:42,720

think well you know a lot of people were

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00:20:50,120 --> 00:20:46,110

abused when their children in some form

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00:20:51,800 --> 00:20:50,130

or another or or somehow you know under

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00:20:54,320 --> 00:20:51,810

privileged and they don't go out and

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00:20:58,090 --> 00:20:54,330

kill or try to rob people so I you know

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00:21:00,230 --> 00:20:58,100

I'm kind of don't give that much

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00:21:02,360 --> 00:21:00,240

sympathy you know a lot of people are

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00:21:04,010 --> 00:21:02,370

are hurt when they're growing up you

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00:21:05,600 --> 00:21:04,020

know well I didn't intend this

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00:21:07,580 --> 00:21:05,610

conversation get this political but as

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00:21:11,240 --> 00:21:07,590

long as they're before we move on to a

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00:21:13,970 --> 00:21:11,250

couple of things we wanted to cover what

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00:21:17,630 --> 00:21:13,980

do you get any read there as far as

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00:21:19,130 --> 00:21:17,640

where the black community are when it

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00:21:22,670 --> 00:21:19,140

comes to politics right now him since

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00:21:25,550 --> 00:21:22,680

that is the hot-button issue and the

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00:21:28,340 --> 00:21:25,560

question about for instance you know how

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00:21:30,950 --> 00:21:28,350

is Trump gonna do in that community he

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00:21:33,580 --> 00:21:30,960

continues to tout that you've got the

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00:21:37,940 --> 00:21:33,590

lowest unemployment rates in history etc

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00:21:41,810 --> 00:21:37,950

and is is is he really in a position to

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00:21:44,840 --> 00:21:41,820

lure more of that vote than he then

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00:21:47,180 --> 00:21:44,850

Republicans ever have before yeah I

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00:21:50,450 --> 00:21:47,190

don't see that happening

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00:21:52,130 --> 00:21:50,460

and I don't think he has any sort of

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00:21:56,360 --> 00:21:52,140

historic connection to the black

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00:22:00,590 --> 00:21:56,370

community working or donating funds or

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00:22:04,360 --> 00:22:00,600

any sort of higher profile publicity

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00:22:08,290 --> 00:22:04,370

with the black leaders and I don't think

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00:22:13,080 --> 00:22:08,300

you know Chicago has Lori Lightfoot now

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00:22:15,510 --> 00:22:13,090

gay a gay mayor and a former federal

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00:22:18,540 --> 00:22:15,520

prosecutor so she's tough and I don't

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00:22:21,840 --> 00:22:18,550

think she's gonna lend any support to

471

00:22:24,030 --> 00:22:21,850

Trump and I think the black community

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00:22:28,410 --> 00:22:24,040

looks not only in Chicago but in other

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00:22:31,590 --> 00:22:28,420

cities looks to Lori Lightfoot as this

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00:22:33,890 --> 00:22:31,600

sort of new ray of hope for the black

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00:22:37,500 --> 00:22:33,900

community that feels it's an

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00:22:38,430 --> 00:22:37,510

underprivileged and you know just

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00:22:41,130 --> 00:22:38,440

suppressed

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00:22:45,660 --> 00:22:41,140

you know the black African Americans are

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00:22:48,270 --> 00:22:45,670

about 13% of the US population and they

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00:22:50,660 --> 00:22:48,280

they really command a great deal of

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00:22:53,880 --> 00:22:50,670

publicity and press which they should

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00:22:57,690 --> 00:22:53,890

because it's historically they have been

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00:23:00,900 --> 00:22:57,700

really suppressed and I remember when

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00:23:03,480 --> 00:23:00,910

Dennis Hastert was Speaker of the House

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00:23:05,660 --> 00:23:03,490

I had a chance to ask him I asked him I

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00:23:08,580 --> 00:23:05,670

said and it was a topic on Capitol Hill

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00:23:10,650 --> 00:23:08,590

reparations for slavery and I said what

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00:23:12,510 --> 00:23:10,660

do you think about reparations it's

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00:23:15,780 --> 00:23:12,520

being talked about and you would have

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00:23:17,340 --> 00:23:15,790

thought I slapped him in the face it was

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00:23:19,320 --> 00:23:17,350

something he did not even want to

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00:23:21,180 --> 00:23:19,330

discuss and I thought wow your speaker

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00:23:24,270 --> 00:23:21,190

of the house you should at least have a

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00:23:26,160 --> 00:23:24,280

diplomatic response to that like I don't

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00:23:27,570 --> 00:23:26,170

how would we do it who would Howard

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00:23:29,340 --> 00:23:27,580

where would we get the money

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00:23:31,680 --> 00:23:29,350

how would you divide up the money in but

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00:23:33,480 --> 00:23:31,690

I think it's a it's a fair question at

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00:23:36,150 --> 00:23:33,490

least discuss and have a rational

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00:23:38,370 --> 00:23:36,160

discussion about don't you think well

501  
00:23:40,680 --> 00:23:38,380  
yeah I think it's Tom Styer is the one

502  
00:23:44,130 --> 00:23:40,690  
who's throwing out the reparations right

503  
00:23:47,910 --> 00:23:44,140  
but I saw him interviewed recently where

504  
00:23:51,000 --> 00:23:47,920  
he didn't necessarily equate reparations

505  
00:23:55,410 --> 00:23:51,010  
with cash payments he's suggesting that

506  
00:23:59,550 --> 00:23:55,420  
a panel be set up to analyze the effects

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00:24:03,350 --> 00:23:59,560  
of long-term systemic racism with that

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00:24:07,470 --> 00:24:03,360  
community and then to seek to repair it

509  
00:24:10,140 --> 00:24:07,480  
through whatever means right right you

510  
00:24:12,480 --> 00:24:10,150  
know look I'm not opposed to that kind

511  
00:24:17,370 --> 00:24:12,490  
of a study to figure out you know why is

512  
00:24:21,090 --> 00:24:17,380  
this community behind as long as it is a

513  
00:24:23,520 --> 00:24:21,100

fair and open-minded analysis of it that

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00:24:24,030 --> 00:24:23,530

is not politically biased but good luck

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00:24:25,940 --> 00:24:24,040

with that

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00:24:29,760 --> 00:24:25,950

right

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00:24:32,220 --> 00:24:29,770

because you know I think there's a

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00:24:34,850 --> 00:24:32,230

decent argument that the problems that

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00:24:38,070 --> 00:24:34,860

exist in that community today are not

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00:24:39,090 --> 00:24:38,080

necessarily a result of history of

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00:24:42,990 --> 00:24:39,100

slavery or

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00:24:46,320 --> 00:24:43,000

racism but issues in this community with

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00:24:50,730 --> 00:24:46,330

again as you said you know lack of black

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00:24:53,400 --> 00:24:50,740

fathers is very significant being raised

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00:24:56,370 --> 00:24:53,410

you know got a lot of broken homes I

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00:24:57,840 --> 00:24:56,380

mean the percentages of children in the

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00:25:00,330 --> 00:24:57,850

inner city you've raised in broken homes

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00:25:03,630 --> 00:25:00,340

is significantly higher than out in the

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00:25:05,610 --> 00:25:03,640

suburbs and for me and this is something

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00:25:06,960 --> 00:25:05,620

I address on my show again again so it's

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00:25:10,340 --> 00:25:06,970

nothing new for my listeners to hear me

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00:25:13,050 --> 00:25:10,350

say this but I think broken homes is

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00:25:15,210 --> 00:25:13,060

America's biggest problem I think when

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00:25:17,760 --> 00:25:15,220

you see the mental health issues the

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00:25:23,580 --> 00:25:17,770

drug addiction issues and so on children

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00:25:26,730 --> 00:25:23,590

raised in in an unstable home the

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00:25:31,290 --> 00:25:26,740

child's brain is developing from a very

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00:25:33,900 --> 00:25:31,300

young age and when you have not a stable

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00:25:37,830 --> 00:25:33,910

home life and a lot of anxiety at home

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00:25:40,050 --> 00:25:37,840

that brain does not develop properly and

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00:25:42,660 --> 00:25:40,060

ultimately results in a lot of mental

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00:25:44,930 --> 00:25:42,670

illness and self-medicating and drug

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00:25:48,150 --> 00:25:44,940

addiction and this that and the other so

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00:25:51,510 --> 00:25:48,160

that's what I think the major issue is

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00:25:54,630 --> 00:25:51,520

in the inner cities yeah I I agree

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00:25:59,160 --> 00:25:54,640

there's a lot of social problems there

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00:26:03,630 --> 00:25:59,170

and and absentee father's are a huge

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00:26:09,050 --> 00:26:03,640

problem but and look I look at the

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00:26:12,090 --> 00:26:09,060

current crisis and health crisis with

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00:26:15,450 --> 00:26:12,100

drugs pharmaceuticals that white

551  
00:26:21,360 --> 00:26:15,460  
communities are facing now and overdose

552  
00:26:24,150 --> 00:26:21,370  
problems and I it's really become it's

553  
00:26:25,950 --> 00:26:24,160  
really become a national thing and when

554  
00:26:29,010 --> 00:26:25,960  
it was happening in the black community

555  
00:26:30,510 --> 00:26:29,020  
it was all those black people just you

556  
00:26:33,960 --> 00:26:30,520  
know they just want to take drugs and

557  
00:26:35,220 --> 00:26:33,970  
deal drugs and and now I would even with

558  
00:26:36,720 --> 00:26:35,230  
the problems in the white community it's

559  
00:26:39,000 --> 00:26:36,730  
a much different thing focus well

560  
00:26:39,539 --> 00:26:39,010  
exactly and that actually further makes

561  
00:26:41,100 --> 00:26:39,549  
my point

562  
00:26:44,369 --> 00:26:41,110  
because if you look at the statistics

563  
00:26:46,799 --> 00:26:44,379

the percentage of all communities

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00:26:51,389 --> 00:26:46,809

including white being raised in broken

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00:26:54,119 --> 00:26:51,399

homes has gone up significantly so right

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00:26:55,950 --> 00:26:54,129

this opioid crisis you see in the white

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00:26:59,669 --> 00:26:55,960

community also I mean and then look at

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00:27:02,039 --> 00:26:59,679

you know mass shootings we wonder why do

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00:27:05,190 --> 00:27:02,049

we have so many mass shootings today

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00:27:07,649 --> 00:27:05,200

yeah you've always had the guns we

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00:27:09,509 --> 00:27:07,659

haven't had the mass shootings all right

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00:27:12,389 --> 00:27:09,519

these mass shootings and when you look

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00:27:15,690 --> 00:27:12,399

at them again and again typically

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00:27:19,109 --> 00:27:15,700

they're it's a young white male with

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00:27:20,639 --> 00:27:19,119

with serious mental issues I mean show

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00:27:22,789 --> 00:27:20,649

me a mass shooter that had a lovely

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00:27:25,889 --> 00:27:22,799

childhood it doesn't exist

578

00:27:28,919 --> 00:27:25,899

right well I don't know I I listened to

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00:27:32,220 --> 00:27:28,929

your podcast on Steve panic the Las

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00:27:35,879 --> 00:27:32,230

Vegas shooter right and I don't know

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00:27:39,029 --> 00:27:35,889

that he had a bad childhood or well he

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00:27:41,129 --> 00:27:39,039

did his father you know was on the FBI's

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00:27:45,239 --> 00:27:41,139

most wanted list so he's bright that's

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00:27:46,769 --> 00:27:45,249

true yes known Psychopaths and and on

585

00:27:49,799 --> 00:27:46,779

the FBI's most wanted list he was not

586

00:27:52,379 --> 00:27:49,809

there for them as a child so they were

587

00:27:54,090 --> 00:27:52,389

basically raised without him in fact

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00:27:57,389 --> 00:27:54,100

they were they were told by their mother

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00:27:59,279 --> 00:27:57,399

that that their father wasn't alive and

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00:28:02,129 --> 00:27:59,289

it wasn't until they were in their late

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00:28:03,930 --> 00:28:02,139

teens that she came clean and actually

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00:28:07,649 --> 00:28:03,940

told them that know your father is alive

593

00:28:11,129 --> 00:28:07,659

and Steven all of them are very upset

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00:28:12,119 --> 00:28:11,139

with the mother for not for lying about

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00:28:15,539 --> 00:28:12,129

this for so many years

596

00:28:18,060 --> 00:28:15,549

two of us decided to go meet with him

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00:28:20,519 --> 00:28:18,070

didn't go very well as you could imagine

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00:28:22,109 --> 00:28:20,529

Steven was so bitter that he is I'm not

599

00:28:26,210 --> 00:28:22,119

even gonna bother to go meet with him

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00:28:29,489 --> 00:28:26,220

but so he had perhaps some genetic

601  
00:28:32,930 --> 00:28:29,499  
issues from the father but also yes he

602  
00:28:36,960 --> 00:28:32,940  
was raised without his biological father

603  
00:28:40,259 --> 00:28:36,970  
yes well a lot of people are don't

604  
00:28:43,619 --> 00:28:40,269  
commit mass murders like that but so I

605  
00:28:48,060 --> 00:28:43,629  
know it's a more likely condition for it

606  
00:28:50,070 --> 00:28:48,070  
is mine yeah inexplicable stuff well

607  
00:28:54,119 --> 00:28:50,080  
let's turn to your city's sexiest case

608  
00:28:57,039 --> 00:28:54,129  
right now which is Jesse Smollett

609  
00:28:59,619 --> 00:28:57,049  
yesterday was in court pleading not

610  
00:29:01,349 --> 00:28:59,629  
guilty to new charges I guess there's

611  
00:29:03,999 --> 00:29:01,359  
six charges this time essentially

612  
00:29:07,599 --> 00:29:04,009  
involving you know faking the scandal

613  
00:29:10,899 --> 00:29:07,609

and in lying to police about it the the

614

00:29:14,199 --> 00:29:10,909

I mean I I don't know anybody at this

615

00:29:17,199 --> 00:29:14,209

point who doesn't believe that he in

616

00:29:19,149 --> 00:29:17,209

fact you know manipulated and

617

00:29:20,889 --> 00:29:19,159

manufactured this event I mean

618

00:29:23,589 --> 00:29:20,899

ultimately that that's going to be what

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00:29:25,479 --> 00:29:23,599

the trial is about but people's it seems

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00:29:28,839 --> 00:29:25,489

pretty obvious including to your former

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00:29:30,969 --> 00:29:28,849

mayor Emanuel who certainly in Prior

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00:29:33,999 --> 00:29:30,979

plea you thought the evidence was

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00:29:37,739 --> 00:29:34,009

abundantly clear that he had faked this

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00:29:42,749 --> 00:29:37,749

own attack and trying to stage it as a

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00:29:46,810 --> 00:29:42,759

racially motivated and or homophobic

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00:29:50,349 --> 00:29:46,820

motivated attack but the the big

627

00:29:54,609 --> 00:29:50,359

question for me is and the scandal here

628

00:29:59,079 --> 00:29:54,619

is how did he get off on this so easily

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00:30:01,779 --> 00:29:59,089

and what's going to happen now after

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00:30:05,889 --> 00:30:01,789

this special prosecutor came out

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00:30:09,699 --> 00:30:05,899

investigated this they've reprov great

632

00:30:12,279 --> 00:30:09,709

but I want to know what are they finding

633

00:30:16,329 --> 00:30:12,289

out about what happened behind the

634

00:30:18,909 --> 00:30:16,339

scenes to allow this guy to skate when

635

00:30:21,369 --> 00:30:18,919

the police chief himself was saying that

636

00:30:23,799 --> 00:30:21,379

this was manufactured and this guy ought

637

00:30:25,419 --> 00:30:23,809

to be prosecuted for this the mayor

638

00:30:29,949 --> 00:30:25,429

thought that and everybody in America

639

00:30:33,310 --> 00:30:29,959

thought that well that's a it's a great

640

00:30:37,109 --> 00:30:33,320

point even I thought when it first

641

00:30:40,119 --> 00:30:37,119

happened I think was February last year

642

00:30:43,180 --> 00:30:40,129

when it first happened I thought you

643

00:30:45,129 --> 00:30:43,190

know that just sounds really I don't

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00:30:47,259 --> 00:30:45,139

think that's you get two guys walking

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00:30:48,819 --> 00:30:47,269

around at 1:00 a.m. with megawhatts on

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00:30:50,560 --> 00:30:48,829

with a noose if they're just waiting for

647

00:30:52,119 --> 00:30:50,570

some guy to come out some

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00:30:53,349 --> 00:30:52,129

african-american guy to come on and

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00:30:56,109 --> 00:30:53,359

abused him I thought that sounds

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00:30:58,269 --> 00:30:56,119

ridiculous and happened to recognize him

651  
00:31:03,430 --> 00:30:58,279  
as a star on this show when in fact the

652  
00:31:07,210 --> 00:31:03,440  
guy wasn't a very big star but but not

653  
00:31:09,580 --> 00:31:07,220  
only were they looking for somebody

654  
00:31:12,640 --> 00:31:09,590  
beat up apparently they happened to

655  
00:31:14,130 --> 00:31:12,650  
recognize this guy is oh there's at 1:00

656  
00:31:20,529 --> 00:31:14,140  
in the morning there's Jesse Smollett

657  
00:31:25,149 --> 00:31:20,539  
star actor of Empire let's get him right

658  
00:31:28,390 --> 00:31:25,159  
I know it seemed ludicrous to me but as

659  
00:31:32,010 --> 00:31:28,400  
to the other point about how these

660  
00:31:36,909 --> 00:31:34,600  
that's a that's a great question I don't

661  
00:31:39,370 --> 00:31:36,919  
know if we'll ever find out it would be

662  
00:31:43,990 --> 00:31:39,380  
creative Dan Webb who issued a new

663  
00:31:45,700 --> 00:31:44,000

charges right he's the former US

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00:31:48,690 --> 00:31:45,710

Attorney for the Northern District of

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00:31:53,590 --> 00:31:48,700

Illinois and prosecuted a lot of

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00:31:57,460 --> 00:31:53,600

corruption cases back in the in the 90s

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00:31:59,890 --> 00:31:57,470

heat up prosecutor he has been appointed

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00:32:01,899 --> 00:31:59,900

special prosecutor in this case and he

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00:32:03,610 --> 00:32:01,909

got the institute errs as we've learned

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00:32:06,460 --> 00:32:03,620

through all the Trump special

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00:32:10,029 --> 00:32:06,470

prosecutors and you know looking at the

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00:32:13,450 --> 00:32:10,039

FBI etc is to try to understand what was

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00:32:16,390 --> 00:32:13,460

going on internally that caused this to

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00:32:18,850 --> 00:32:16,400

happen so again great that it resulted

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00:32:21,070 --> 00:32:18,860

in the new charges but my thought would

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00:32:23,230 --> 00:32:21,080

be a special prosecutor's primary job is

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00:32:25,659 --> 00:32:23,240

to dig in and find out was there

678

00:32:27,730 --> 00:32:25,669

something scandalous going on and we

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00:32:30,880 --> 00:32:27,740

already know some slightly scandalous

680

00:32:34,600 --> 00:32:30,890

things right that that go ahead we know

681

00:32:37,659 --> 00:32:34,610

that Kim Fox who was the the Cook County

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00:32:41,350 --> 00:32:37,669

State's Attorney the project the top

683

00:32:44,560 --> 00:32:41,360

prosecutor in Cook County received the

684

00:32:48,159 --> 00:32:44,570

call from Tina Chen who was Michelle

685

00:32:52,140 --> 00:32:48,169

Obama's chief of staff at one point what

686

00:32:55,960 --> 00:32:52,150

that conversation was about is unclear

687

00:32:58,330 --> 00:32:55,970

but it followed the charges the

688

00:33:00,520 --> 00:32:58,340

indictments against justice Smollett

689

00:33:03,820 --> 00:33:00,530

tell me what we know about chin other

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00:33:10,299 --> 00:33:03,830

than being chief of staff for Michelle

691

00:33:13,870 --> 00:33:10,309

Obama well she still is a influential

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00:33:17,080 --> 00:33:13,880

person I'm not sure what she's doing

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00:33:21,010 --> 00:33:17,090

right now but she obviously has some

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00:33:23,800 --> 00:33:21,020

connections in - and those can fire

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00:33:24,850 --> 00:33:23,810

is she a lawyer uh you know I'm not sure

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00:33:28,060 --> 00:33:24,860

she's a lawyer

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00:33:29,800 --> 00:33:28,070

I don't think so she may be so it

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00:33:33,430 --> 00:33:29,810

appears that somehow Smollett or his

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00:33:36,670 --> 00:33:33,440

people had a connection to Tina Chen who

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00:33:39,490 --> 00:33:36,680

has some clout in Chicago being Michelle

701  
00:33:41,920 --> 00:33:39,500  
Obama's chief of staff formerly yes and

702  
00:33:44,290 --> 00:33:41,930  
they employ her in some way too please

703  
00:33:47,260 --> 00:33:44,300  
weigh in on behalf of our client see

704  
00:33:50,320 --> 00:33:47,270  
what you can do which by the way is very

705  
00:33:53,320 --> 00:33:50,330  
common that's why any of us would do

706  
00:33:55,420 --> 00:33:53,330  
because bottom line there are ways to

707  
00:33:57,580 --> 00:33:55,430  
work back channels when it comes to

708  
00:33:59,680 --> 00:33:57,590  
people looking into you for a crime and

709  
00:34:01,330 --> 00:33:59,690  
try to negotiate something so you're

710  
00:34:03,460 --> 00:34:01,340  
gonna look for every possible contact

711  
00:34:04,740 --> 00:34:03,470  
that you have through a back channel to

712  
00:34:07,630 --> 00:34:04,750  
see what you could do to possibly

713  
00:34:09,250 --> 00:34:07,640

resolve this so that's nothing unusual

714

00:34:11,530 --> 00:34:09,260

there that's what they do

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00:34:14,409 --> 00:34:11,540

Tina Chen says oh yeah I think I can

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00:34:17,020 --> 00:34:14,419

help because I know Kim Fox I see her

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00:34:19,450 --> 00:34:17,030

lots of campaign events etc etc right

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00:34:22,780 --> 00:34:19,460

and so she talks to Kim Fox we don't

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00:34:24,940 --> 00:34:22,790

know what that conversation is correct

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00:34:27,280 --> 00:34:24,950

but later as a result of that

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00:34:30,760 --> 00:34:27,290

conversation Kim Fox decides she has to

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00:34:34,960 --> 00:34:30,770

recuse herself correct she refused

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00:34:37,600 --> 00:34:34,970

herself still it's not like she left the

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00:34:40,750 --> 00:34:37,610

office for a month right she's in the

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00:34:44,919 --> 00:34:40,760

office and she's the boss so the upshot

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00:34:48,460 --> 00:34:44,929

of it was they the state motioned up the

727

00:34:51,100 --> 00:34:48,470

case right and then just without

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00:34:53,710 --> 00:34:51,110

notifying the police department which

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00:34:56,260 --> 00:34:53,720

had spent you know thousands of

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00:35:00,480 --> 00:34:56,270

man-hours trying to find these two guys

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00:35:02,740 --> 00:35:00,490

and you know investigating this and

732

00:35:05,580 --> 00:35:02,750

motion the case up and just dropped it

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00:35:08,650 --> 00:35:05,590

without notifying any of the other

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00:35:10,630 --> 00:35:08,660

principals in the case it was totally

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00:35:13,300 --> 00:35:10,640

mishandled I thought if they were to

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00:35:15,040 --> 00:35:13,310

come forward and said and had like you

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00:35:16,990 --> 00:35:15,050

know a 402 conference or something

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00:35:19,390 --> 00:35:17,000

here's what we'll do if you plead guilty

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00:35:22,300 --> 00:35:19,400

to like disorderly conduct or something

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00:35:25,450 --> 00:35:22,310

like that but no they just dropped the

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00:35:27,820 --> 00:35:25,460

case which was a total everybody thought

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00:35:29,290 --> 00:35:27,830

what this guy made this stuff up because

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00:35:32,170 --> 00:35:29,300

the police departments coming forward

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00:35:34,040 --> 00:35:32,180

like we found these two brothers he paid

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00:35:38,180 --> 00:35:34,050

the Chiang we had the checks

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00:35:40,340 --> 00:35:38,190

we witnesses saying this is what

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00:35:43,970 --> 00:35:40,350

happened the stage and we were paid to

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00:35:45,530 --> 00:35:43,980

stage it yeah and you know the case the

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00:35:49,070 --> 00:35:45,540

preponderance of the evidence was

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00:35:50,510 --> 00:35:49,080

clearly against Smollett and he was he

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00:35:53,330 --> 00:35:50,520

had been charged with filing felony

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00:35:55,370 --> 00:35:53,340

filing a false police report now he's

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00:35:58,970 --> 00:35:55,380

charged with felony disorderly conduct

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00:36:00,710 --> 00:35:58,980

which you can see is eventually if he's

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00:36:03,200 --> 00:36:00,720

if you plead guilty to misdemeanor

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00:36:05,450 --> 00:36:03,210

disorderly conduct you'll get probation

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00:36:07,820 --> 00:36:05,460

or something or or not even probation

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00:36:10,810 --> 00:36:07,830

it's would be a misdemeanor would be you

759

00:36:12,470 --> 00:36:10,820

know dismissed after a year of

760

00:36:14,960 --> 00:36:12,480

supervision or something like that

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00:36:16,880 --> 00:36:14,970

what's really significant though is that

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00:36:19,700 --> 00:36:16,890

they were simply dropped

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00:36:22,370 --> 00:36:19,710

had it been a plea deal and he had pled

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00:36:24,530 --> 00:36:22,380

guilty to say a misdemeanor in exchange

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00:36:26,780 --> 00:36:24,540

for punishment then they couldn't have

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00:36:29,630 --> 00:36:26,790

gone back after him but it's right

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00:36:33,560 --> 00:36:29,640

standing of double jeopardy rules that

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00:36:35,450 --> 00:36:33,570

even though he had a deal before they're

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00:36:37,490 --> 00:36:35,460

allowed to prosecute him again because

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00:36:41,000 --> 00:36:37,500

that was not a plea deal that was simply

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00:36:42,980 --> 00:36:41,010

the city saying where we've decided

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00:36:46,010 --> 00:36:42,990

we're not gonna charge you the county

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00:36:47,900 --> 00:36:46,020

right the county prosecutor it's so that

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00:36:50,060 --> 00:36:47,910

it's not a city prosecutor it's a county

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00:36:52,820 --> 00:36:50,070

prosecutor and it was a city police

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00:36:55,640 --> 00:36:52,830

department so obviously there's a little

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00:36:57,230 --> 00:36:55,650

rift there between the PD and the

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00:37:00,950 --> 00:36:57,240

state's attorney's office I don't know

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00:37:04,280 --> 00:37:00,960

if it's little or how big it is but Kim

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00:37:06,500 --> 00:37:04,290

Fox came in and they've reviewed the

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00:37:08,590 --> 00:37:06,510

bond procedures now people are saying

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00:37:12,230 --> 00:37:08,600

that and she's the first

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00:37:16,700 --> 00:37:12,240

african-american state's attorney in

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00:37:18,740 --> 00:37:16,710

Cook County previously believed it is

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00:37:22,130 --> 00:37:18,750

there are people saying that even though

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00:37:24,950 --> 00:37:22,140

she recused herself that she nonetheless

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00:37:29,090 --> 00:37:24,960

stayed involved and she tipped the

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00:37:31,160 --> 00:37:29,100

scales I would yes people believe that

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00:37:36,790 --> 00:37:31,170

people are saying you know it's Kim

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00:37:39,890 --> 00:37:36,800

Fox's office and she's really kind of

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00:37:42,700 --> 00:37:39,900

waited this you know it basically it was

792

00:37:46,100 --> 00:37:42,710

a decision against a police department

793

00:37:47,540 --> 00:37:46,110

and I think that really created the the

794

00:37:49,670 --> 00:37:47,550

rift there

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00:37:51,170 --> 00:37:49,680

Eddie Johnson was the soup previous

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00:37:55,010 --> 00:37:51,180

superintendent he is an african-american

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00:37:57,799 --> 00:37:55,020

guy now fire but I that's I found

798

00:38:01,010 --> 00:37:57,809

interesting is that you've got the mayor

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00:38:05,720 --> 00:38:01,020

a Democrat you've got the the Chief of

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00:38:08,420 --> 00:38:05,730

Police Johnson a Democrat I assume yeah

801  
00:38:11,500 --> 00:38:08,430  
I would assume but and you've got kim

802  
00:38:13,940 --> 00:38:11,510  
fox a democrat so these are people that

803  
00:38:15,650 --> 00:38:13,950  
presumably travel in the same circles

804  
00:38:18,190 --> 00:38:15,660  
presumably you've been to campaign

805  
00:38:20,089 --> 00:38:18,200  
events together presumably somewhat

806  
00:38:24,079 --> 00:38:20,099  
support each other but you can tell me

807  
00:38:27,559 --> 00:38:24,089  
if that's if that's wrong and yet she

808  
00:38:33,319 --> 00:38:27,569  
goes against the clear desire of the

809  
00:38:37,190 --> 00:38:33,329  
mayor and the chief of police to ensure

810  
00:38:39,680 --> 00:38:37,200  
that this guy walks free and the chief

811  
00:38:42,730 --> 00:38:39,690  
of police and the mayor were seriously

812  
00:38:45,260 --> 00:38:42,740  
pissed off about that correct what is

813  
00:38:49,339 --> 00:38:45,270

going on behind the scenes

814

00:38:50,809 --> 00:38:49,349

I mean as I said this is the scandal and

815

00:38:54,039 --> 00:38:50,819

this is what we need to get to the

816

00:38:57,200 --> 00:38:54,049

bottom of because there's some odd

817

00:38:59,450 --> 00:38:57,210

explanation for why they would have done

818

00:39:01,970 --> 00:38:59,460

this for him I mean I was frankly

819

00:39:04,130 --> 00:39:01,980

surprised that Emanuel did come out so

820

00:39:06,500 --> 00:39:04,140

strongly against her because I thought

821

00:39:09,620 --> 00:39:06,510

okay here we go this is you know

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00:39:13,670 --> 00:39:09,630

politicians protecting a liberal

823

00:39:15,859 --> 00:39:13,680

Hollywood actor and you know the thing

824

00:39:19,309 --> 00:39:15,869

got very political because of the maggot

825

00:39:21,200 --> 00:39:19,319

thing and the Trump thing right and you

826

00:39:22,940 --> 00:39:21,210

know it frankly it you know you had a

827

00:39:24,890 --> 00:39:22,950

lot of liberals jump on boards they see

828

00:39:26,660 --> 00:39:24,900

this is the discrimination and the

829

00:39:28,579 --> 00:39:26,670

racism we've been talking about these

830

00:39:30,980 --> 00:39:28,589

are these maggie's they're out to beat

831

00:39:34,539 --> 00:39:30,990

up black guys so it was a highly charged

832

00:39:37,819 --> 00:39:34,549

political thing so that that's why I was

833

00:39:41,270 --> 00:39:37,829

happy to see that rahm emanuel came out

834

00:39:44,270 --> 00:39:41,280

and was super critical ya know i think

835

00:39:46,280 --> 00:39:44,280

that the you know well there's only one

836

00:39:48,410 --> 00:39:46,290

party in Cook County in this democratic

837

00:39:50,210 --> 00:39:48,420

party but there's a lot of divisions

838

00:39:52,670 --> 00:39:50,220

within that so

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00:39:55,220 --> 00:39:52,680

but I thought Emanuel was really

840

00:39:58,400 --> 00:39:55,230

straightforward on that and didn't pull

841

00:40:01,250 --> 00:39:58,410

any punches and you know and as eddie

842

00:40:03,290 --> 00:40:01,260

johnson to highly critical

843

00:40:06,430 --> 00:40:03,300

and I think you know with with Lightfoot

844

00:40:09,020 --> 00:40:06,440

in as the new mayor she is gonna be

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00:40:10,640 --> 00:40:09,030

certainly what she wants in and she has

846

00:40:15,560 --> 00:40:10,650

stated publicly she wants mullet

847

00:40:19,580 --> 00:40:15,570

prosecuted and and held responsible for

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00:40:23,110 --> 00:40:19,590

being I don't know just dumb like guess

849

00:40:25,640 --> 00:40:23,120

was that was that even a campaign issue

850

00:40:30,350 --> 00:40:25,650

which he ran no that wasn't really a

851

00:40:32,960 --> 00:40:30,360

campaign issue with her Ill don't think

852

00:40:34,910 --> 00:40:32,970

it really there was any great discussion

853

00:40:40,180 --> 00:40:34,920

a lot of people didn't think she would

854

00:40:43,010 --> 00:40:40,190

win she beat Tony prek Winkle who is the

855

00:40:46,160 --> 00:40:43,020

chairwoman of the Cook County Board and

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00:40:51,350 --> 00:40:46,170

also a chair of the Cook County

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00:40:54,110 --> 00:40:51,360

Democratic Party so practical problem

858

00:40:56,780 --> 00:40:54,120

probably would have backed Kym Fox and

859

00:40:58,340 --> 00:40:56,790

but that never came up really as a big

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00:41:01,010 --> 00:40:58,350

issue in the campaign

861

00:41:03,440 --> 00:41:01,020

I think it's was more an issue for the

862

00:41:08,570 --> 00:41:03,450

police department certainly then so who

863

00:41:11,420 --> 00:41:08,580

is the prosecutor who cut the deal that

864

00:41:12,470 --> 00:41:11,430

would have been in the first time when

865

00:41:16,040 --> 00:41:12,480

the charges were dropped

866

00:41:19,880 --> 00:41:16,050

right well I well I would say you know

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00:41:22,640 --> 00:41:19,890

Kym Fox had had a lot to do with it but

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00:41:24,590 --> 00:41:22,650

but she's denying that so who's the

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00:41:26,660 --> 00:41:24,600

person which here accuses herself and

870

00:41:31,810 --> 00:41:26,670

therefore who took over there would have

871

00:41:35,480 --> 00:41:31,820

been her first assistant name escapes me

872

00:41:37,160 --> 00:41:35,490

but he would have been the one calling

873

00:41:40,220 --> 00:41:37,170

the shots okay and what are people

874

00:41:44,090 --> 00:41:40,230

saying about him uh not too much at this

875

00:41:48,200 --> 00:41:44,100

point he's kind of had a low profile

876

00:41:49,970 --> 00:41:48,210

because all of the the boss has the

877

00:41:51,590 --> 00:41:49,980

final say I mean she is the one

878

00:41:55,310 --> 00:41:51,600

responsible for the office and whatever

879

00:41:58,430 --> 00:41:55,320

happens well but but sorry but if she

880

00:42:00,260 --> 00:41:58,440

recused herself then she's not supposed

881

00:42:02,120 --> 00:42:00,270

to have the final say so this guy was

882

00:42:05,750 --> 00:42:02,130

supposed to have the final say correct

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00:42:09,230 --> 00:42:05,760

wait yeah he says it was he says it was

884

00:42:14,210 --> 00:42:09,240

a he's defended the decision to do that

885

00:42:15,079 --> 00:42:14,220

uh but and I think it could it would if

886

00:42:19,339 --> 00:42:15,089

it would have been

887

00:42:22,459 --> 00:42:19,349

handled better the the there wouldn't

888

00:42:26,509 --> 00:42:22,469

have been this big public outcry but I

889

00:42:29,150 --> 00:42:26,519

mean he cut that deal was he saying that

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00:42:32,569 --> 00:42:29,160

oh you know we're cutting this deal

891

00:42:36,380 --> 00:42:32,579

because we don't think that this that

892

00:42:38,269 --> 00:42:36,390

that small that was guilty or that we

893

00:42:40,009 --> 00:42:38,279

don't think that we can prove that he

894

00:42:44,059 --> 00:42:40,019

was guilty

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00:42:46,940 --> 00:42:44,069

I that was never explained I certainly

896

00:42:48,789 --> 00:42:46,950

they could prove that I I think the

897

00:42:52,430 --> 00:42:48,799

preponderance of the evidence was that

898

00:42:54,859 --> 00:42:52,440

Smollett did rig this this sort of

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00:42:56,839 --> 00:42:54,869

confrontation and false story to gain

900

00:42:59,690 --> 00:42:56,849

sympathy so he could get a pay increase

901  
00:43:02,390 --> 00:42:59,700  
on Empire so the argument would have

902  
00:43:04,309 --> 00:43:02,400  
been but at the end of the day this is a

903  
00:43:05,930 --> 00:43:04,319  
relatively petty crime he's gonna

904  
00:43:07,849 --> 00:43:05,940  
forfeit his ten thousand dollar bail

905  
00:43:09,620 --> 00:43:07,859  
right

906  
00:43:11,180 --> 00:43:09,630  
I forget was there anything else he was

907  
00:43:13,339 --> 00:43:11,190  
supposed to do some community service or

908  
00:43:17,749 --> 00:43:13,349  
something yes some minor community

909  
00:43:20,599 --> 00:43:17,759  
service work you know but bill Conway

910  
00:43:25,489 --> 00:43:20,609  
who is currently running against Kim Fox

911  
00:43:28,130 --> 00:43:25,499  
for state's attorney seized on a case a

912  
00:43:32,539 --> 00:43:28,140  
Cook County case in which a young black

913  
00:43:35,269 --> 00:43:32,549

woman was charged with felony filing a

914

00:43:38,859 --> 00:43:35,279

false police report over a financial

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00:43:41,749 --> 00:43:38,869

some sort of financial transaction phony

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00:43:46,160 --> 00:43:41,759

where they she got two thousand three

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00:43:50,349 --> 00:43:46,170

thousand dollars and she was charged

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00:43:53,870 --> 00:43:50,359

with a felony and a Cook County judge

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00:43:56,599 --> 00:43:53,880

said made a big issue out of it Mark

920

00:44:00,410 --> 00:43:56,609

Martin and he said you know how come

921

00:44:02,690 --> 00:44:00,420

you're not getting off like some other

922

00:44:04,999 --> 00:44:02,700

people doing Cook County when they file

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00:44:09,039 --> 00:44:05,009

false police return so it's become a

924

00:44:13,940 --> 00:44:09,049

campaign issue now for Conway and and

925

00:44:18,890 --> 00:44:13,950

Kim Fox and it has really become more

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00:44:20,690 --> 00:44:18,900

than just a just a disorderly conduct

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00:44:23,680 --> 00:44:20,700

case against smollett filing a false

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00:44:26,390 --> 00:44:23,690

police report which is a fairly minor a

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00:44:28,549 --> 00:44:26,400

fairly minor but it can be a felony

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00:44:32,410 --> 00:44:28,559

right it can be a felony

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00:44:36,589 --> 00:44:32,420

yes and and if there was ever a major

932

00:44:38,689 --> 00:44:36,599

example of a false police report in my

933

00:44:42,469 --> 00:44:38,699

opinion this would be it this isn't

934

00:44:43,999 --> 00:44:42,479

saying that your girlfriend hits you to

935

00:44:46,549 --> 00:44:44,009

get back at your girlfriend and it

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00:44:49,519 --> 00:44:46,559

really didn't happen I mean this guy

937

00:44:54,799 --> 00:44:49,529

there's nothing more disgusting than

938

00:44:58,819 --> 00:44:54,809

what this guy set up to foment races

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00:45:03,370 --> 00:44:58,829

racial feelings homophobic feelings you

940

00:45:06,589 --> 00:45:03,380

know to try to trade on true victims of

941

00:45:10,009 --> 00:45:06,599

discrimination and homophobia true

942

00:45:11,959 --> 00:45:10,019

victims and and pretend like he's been a

943

00:45:15,049 --> 00:45:11,969

victim of it for his own personal

944

00:45:17,239 --> 00:45:15,059

benefit is just disgusting and and

945

00:45:19,069 --> 00:45:17,249

that's the attitude that everybody has

946

00:45:19,400 --> 00:45:19,079

about this they're absolutely disgusted

947

00:45:22,779 --> 00:45:19,410

by it

948

00:45:25,910 --> 00:45:22,789

he's a dist easy he's a disgusting

949

00:45:30,589 --> 00:45:25,920

disgusting human being assuming this is

950

00:45:33,169 --> 00:45:30,599

true well certainly a disgraceful action

951  
00:45:36,289 --> 00:45:33,179  
you know and you're right I mean he's

952  
00:45:39,589 --> 00:45:36,299  
trying to use all of the the sympathy

953  
00:45:41,329 --> 00:45:39,599  
and empathy for people who are

954  
00:45:44,660 --> 00:45:41,339  
discriminated against for whatever

955  
00:45:47,989 --> 00:45:44,670  
reason for his own personal gain to make

956  
00:45:49,640 --> 00:45:47,999  
people feel sorry for him or so he can

957  
00:45:51,679 --> 00:45:49,650  
get some publicity well he's got a lot

958  
00:45:54,529 --> 00:45:51,689  
of publicity and I don't think I think

959  
00:45:56,719 --> 00:45:54,539  
most of it's not the kind he wants so I

960  
00:45:59,449 --> 00:45:56,729  
think there's gonna be some scandal

961  
00:46:02,870 --> 00:45:59,459  
that's going to be unveiled here whether

962  
00:46:06,469 --> 00:46:02,880  
it was political or there was money

963  
00:46:10,009 --> 00:46:06,479

under the table or undue influence and

964

00:46:13,279 --> 00:46:10,019

now there's some semi conspiracy

965

00:46:14,900 --> 00:46:13,289

theories that are being floated so let

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00:46:17,569 --> 00:46:14,910

me just run one of them by you I don't

967

00:46:21,140 --> 00:46:17,579

know if you've you've heard this one but

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00:46:23,120 --> 00:46:21,150

there's reports that an FBI agent

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00:46:25,400 --> 00:46:23,130

because you know there's been federal

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00:46:28,719 --> 00:46:25,410

investigations of this also anytime

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00:46:31,969 --> 00:46:28,729

you've got hate crimes it's it's federal

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00:46:34,099 --> 00:46:31,979

that an FBI agent that has was brought

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00:46:41,269 --> 00:46:34,109

in to investigate this named Gregory

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00:46:42,200 --> 00:46:41,279

wing he specializes in sex trafficking

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00:46:48,200 --> 00:46:42,210

and

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00:46:51,710 --> 00:46:48,210

people are wondering why was this

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00:46:56,089 --> 00:46:51,720

particular FBI agent brought in to this

978

00:46:57,740 --> 00:46:56,099

case well you know I maybe he didn't

979

00:47:02,000 --> 00:46:57,750

have anything going on but Illi don't

980

00:47:04,760 --> 00:47:02,010

know why somebody involved investigating

981

00:47:07,190 --> 00:47:04,770

sex trafficking a would would come in

982

00:47:11,089 --> 00:47:07,200

but ever you know the agents and police

983

00:47:13,670 --> 00:47:11,099

officers are you know they are trying to

984

00:47:16,130 --> 00:47:13,680

investigate all kinds of crimes so he

985

00:47:18,680 --> 00:47:16,140

may specialize in child sex trafficking

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00:47:21,140 --> 00:47:18,690

but this maybe is something that his

987

00:47:23,390 --> 00:47:21,150

supervisor said well you got time to do

988

00:47:25,190 --> 00:47:23,400

this who I'm not sure I mean I'm not

989

00:47:27,589 --> 00:47:25,200

privity to that kind of information the

990

00:47:30,380 --> 00:47:27,599

FBI is pretty secretive about that stuff

991

00:47:34,780 --> 00:47:30,390

usually this particular guy is quoted as

992

00:47:38,660 --> 00:47:34,790

saying that Chicago is ground zero for

993

00:47:41,089 --> 00:47:38,670

what he described as celebrity sex

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00:47:42,740 --> 00:47:41,099

trafficking which I'm not sure exactly

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00:47:49,730 --> 00:47:42,750

what he means by that but presumably

996

00:47:52,550 --> 00:47:49,740

it's providing you know sex for

997

00:47:57,920 --> 00:47:52,560

celebrities in Chicago including

998

00:47:59,630 --> 00:47:57,930

potentially with minors well I don't

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00:48:01,220 --> 00:47:59,640

know if it's ground zero but certainly

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00:48:03,530 --> 00:48:01,230

there was a you described it as ground

1001  
00:48:05,780 --> 00:48:03,540  
zero I've never heard this before in my

1002  
00:48:08,930 --> 00:48:05,790  
life my pretty are Curtis handed it to

1003  
00:48:11,839 --> 00:48:08,940  
me and how her ago and and it is it is

1004  
00:48:13,640 --> 00:48:11,849  
true that he is actually that quote is

1005  
00:48:15,770 --> 00:48:13,650  
about ten years old I think when he was

1006  
00:48:18,500 --> 00:48:15,780  
talking about this but this guy has

1007  
00:48:21,620 --> 00:48:18,510  
experience investigating sex trafficking

1008  
00:48:23,690 --> 00:48:21,630  
in Chicago and I don't know maybe he was

1009  
00:48:26,079 --> 00:48:23,700  
overstating things a bit because he was

1010  
00:48:28,970 --> 00:48:26,089  
wrapped up in some cases at the time but

1011  
00:48:31,190 --> 00:48:28,980  
for some reason he used that term that

1012  
00:48:35,300 --> 00:48:31,200  
Chicago is ground zero for say child sex

1013  
00:48:38,900 --> 00:48:35,310

trafficking and and celebrity caught him

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00:48:43,220 --> 00:48:38,910

a celebrity pin celebrity pimps whatever

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00:48:46,099 --> 00:48:43,230

that means i mister as mr. crime in

1016

00:48:48,530 --> 00:48:46,109

Chicago is this something that you've

1017

00:48:50,150 --> 00:48:48,540

run across well sex trafficking yes

1018

00:48:52,460 --> 00:48:50,160

there's a lot of sex trafficking in

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00:48:55,820 --> 00:48:52,470

Chicago and the Chicago area and the

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00:48:59,740 --> 00:48:55,830

Chicago suburbs too and you

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00:49:03,520 --> 00:48:59,750

you and human trafficking as well

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00:49:06,560 --> 00:49:03,530

celebrity sex trafficking you know I

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00:49:12,410 --> 00:49:06,570

haven't seen many celebrities convicted

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00:49:15,800 --> 00:49:12,420

of that so I see crazy if you want to

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00:49:17,500 --> 00:49:15,810

just you know take it to where this

1026  
00:49:20,210 --> 00:49:17,510  
potentially would lead but we're really

1027  
00:49:22,760 --> 00:49:20,220  
speculating now so I'll just have this

1028  
00:49:25,400 --> 00:49:22,770  
on that but that you know is it possible

1029  
00:49:29,510 --> 00:49:25,410  
that Smollett was involved in something

1030  
00:49:32,030 --> 00:49:29,520  
at a higher level and they didn't want

1031  
00:49:34,250 --> 00:49:32,040  
him to talk about that or try to plea

1032  
00:49:36,650 --> 00:49:34,260  
bargain out based on information that he

1033  
00:49:39,530 --> 00:49:36,660  
knows and so some back channels were

1034  
00:49:44,930 --> 00:49:39,540  
used to to get him off so that something

1035  
00:49:48,920 --> 00:49:44,940  
larger was not exposed I don't I don't

1036  
00:49:52,400 --> 00:49:48,930  
think so I mean you know there was so

1037  
00:49:53,810 --> 00:49:52,410  
much time invested in this case on the

1038  
00:49:58,210 --> 00:49:53,820

part of the Chicago Police Department

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00:50:00,950 --> 00:49:58,220

with detectives and I they would have

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00:50:03,230 --> 00:50:00,960

uncovered anything like that Ill don't

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00:50:07,790 --> 00:50:03,240

they talked to hundreds of witnesses and

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00:50:11,180 --> 00:50:07,800

hundreds of people I just don't buy that

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00:50:13,190 --> 00:50:11,190

whole thing that he was small that was

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00:50:15,950 --> 00:50:13,200

involved in some sort of sex trafficking

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00:50:17,750 --> 00:50:15,960

ring for celebrities and that they're

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00:50:20,660 --> 00:50:17,760

trying to cover it up now they found out

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00:50:23,690 --> 00:50:20,670

you know it's it's a stretch but but I

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00:50:27,590 --> 00:50:23,700

think we both agree that influence was

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00:50:30,710 --> 00:50:27,600

exerted and pretty strong influence to

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00:50:33,050 --> 00:50:30,720

get somebody off of something that the

1051  
00:50:34,730 --> 00:50:33,060  
nation was shocked by the mayor was

1052  
00:50:39,890 --> 00:50:34,740  
shocked by the police chief was shocked

1053  
00:50:42,050 --> 00:50:39,900  
by so he had something that was able to

1054  
00:50:44,840 --> 00:50:42,060  
get him off of something that nobody

1055  
00:50:47,810 --> 00:50:44,850  
else could have gotten off on and what

1056  
00:50:51,170 --> 00:50:47,820  
maybe it was just a phone call maybe it

1057  
00:50:54,080 --> 00:50:51,180  
was an under-the-table payment maybe he

1058  
00:50:57,110 --> 00:50:54,090  
has information that he threatened to

1059  
00:50:59,810 --> 00:50:57,120  
release that would have been you know

1060  
00:51:04,520 --> 00:50:59,820  
damaging incriminating embarrassing to

1061  
00:51:06,290 --> 00:51:04,530  
certain people we don't know I I would

1062  
00:51:09,559 --> 00:51:06,300  
think that would have come out already

1063  
00:51:14,689 --> 00:51:09,569

but I do think that

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00:51:17,539 --> 00:51:14,699

Kym Fox really had no idea and and her

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00:51:20,659 --> 00:51:17,549

her first assistant baguettes that's the

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00:51:23,089 --> 00:51:20,669

guys name is McGann's really didn't have

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00:51:26,120 --> 00:51:23,099

any idea the Fuhrer this would cause I

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00:51:29,059 --> 00:51:26,130

think they were just naive about the

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00:51:31,669 --> 00:51:29,069

potential publicity backlash and the

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00:51:33,889 --> 00:51:31,679

potential backlash from other people in

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00:51:36,529 --> 00:51:33,899

in the city government and the county

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00:51:39,709 --> 00:51:36,539

government as well so I I just think

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00:51:41,479 --> 00:51:39,719

they had no idea I just think they

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00:51:44,149 --> 00:51:41,489

thought oh we can do this and we'll drop

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00:51:48,859 --> 00:51:44,159

it and it'll be okay and it'll go away

1076  
00:51:50,929 --> 00:51:48,869  
well because Kim Fox was not a greatly

1077  
00:51:55,069 --> 00:51:50,939  
experienced prosecutor in the first

1078  
00:51:57,949 --> 00:51:55,079  
place so she had done mostly juvenile

1079  
00:52:00,739 --> 00:51:57,959  
work so Ill just don't think she had any

1080  
00:52:03,589 --> 00:52:00,749  
any clue and I'm surprised that

1081  
00:52:06,679 --> 00:52:03,599  
maquettes had no clue either so let's

1082  
00:52:09,699 --> 00:52:06,689  
let's talk about blog Oh before we let

1083  
00:52:12,859 --> 00:52:09,709  
you go blah-blah-blah-blah go

1084  
00:52:16,309 --> 00:52:12,869  
Blagojevich the Illinois governor who

1085  
00:52:17,539 --> 00:52:16,319  
was sentenced to 14 years primarily I

1086  
00:52:18,919 --> 00:52:17,549  
know there was a number of things that

1087  
00:52:22,129 --> 00:52:18,929  
he was accused of but I think it was

1088  
00:52:25,370 --> 00:52:22,139

primarily as a result of him trying to

1089

00:52:27,620 --> 00:52:25,380

sell Barack Obama's Senate seat when Moe

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00:52:29,089 --> 00:52:27,630

Bhama became president he vacated a

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00:52:33,639 --> 00:52:29,099

Senate seat and it's up to the state

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00:52:35,809 --> 00:52:33,649

governor to appoint his replacement so

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00:52:39,379 --> 00:52:35,819

you know it's not easy to become a

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00:52:41,209 --> 00:52:39,389

senator it costs a lot of money to

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00:52:42,919 --> 00:52:41,219

become a senator and a lot of work and

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00:52:44,389 --> 00:52:42,929

so on and here's something he's just

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00:52:49,639 --> 00:52:44,399

gonna be handed the position and

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00:52:51,829 --> 00:52:49,649

Blagojevich recognizes that oh I'm gonna

1099

00:52:55,389 --> 00:52:51,839

give this to somebody who is gonna give

1100

00:52:58,309 --> 00:52:55,399

something to me and just remind us all

1101  
00:53:00,799 --> 00:52:58,319  
what was it in particular that he was

1102  
00:53:02,629 --> 00:53:00,809  
demanding that somebody give to him in

1103  
00:53:08,509 --> 00:53:02,639  
exchange for him giving them that Senate

1104  
00:53:11,629 --> 00:53:08,519  
seat well this case that case he was you

1105  
00:53:15,589 --> 00:53:11,639  
know he had that Senate seat to appoint

1106  
00:53:18,169 --> 00:53:15,599  
somebody to but he also lets us a US

1107  
00:53:20,769 --> 00:53:18,179  
Senate seat he also was trying to shake

1108  
00:53:22,599 --> 00:53:20,779  
down the CEO of Children's Hospital

1109  
00:53:24,940 --> 00:53:22,609  
Children's Memorial

1110  
00:53:30,099 --> 00:53:24,950  
Chicago for campaign contributions in

1111  
00:53:33,489 --> 00:53:30,109  
return for favorable favorable state

1112  
00:53:36,910 --> 00:53:33,499  
funds to the Children's Hospital so he

1113  
00:53:38,739 --> 00:53:36,920

was trying to basically extort money

1114

00:53:41,519 --> 00:53:38,749

from people and I'm sure when he said oh

1115

00:53:44,259 --> 00:53:41,529

this is golden about the US Senate seat

1116

00:53:45,370 --> 00:53:44,269

famous quote from him I'm sure that's

1117

00:53:47,140 --> 00:53:45,380

what he was thinking

1118

00:53:49,390 --> 00:53:47,150

this is golden I'm gonna get a big

1119

00:53:51,039 --> 00:53:49,400

campaign contribution and I have to say

1120

00:53:53,650 --> 00:53:51,049

this that there was conversations

1121

00:53:56,739 --> 00:53:53,660

between him and the current governor JB

1122

00:54:00,279 --> 00:53:56,749

Pritzker at that time because they were

1123

00:54:03,400 --> 00:54:00,289

looking for somebody who would fill the

1124

00:54:06,460 --> 00:54:03,410

seat right so there was there was some

1125

00:54:07,960 --> 00:54:06,470

search for a candidate okay let me stop

1126  
00:54:10,440 --> 00:54:07,970  
you there and ask a couple questions so

1127  
00:54:13,359 --> 00:54:10,450  
first of all the JB Pritzker

1128  
00:54:16,690 --> 00:54:13,369  
conversation he's the current governor

1129  
00:54:19,589 --> 00:54:16,700  
now what was the conversation about at

1130  
00:54:24,460 --> 00:54:19,599  
the time the Senate seat was available

1131  
00:54:26,829 --> 00:54:24,470  
well I the the conversation I think

1132  
00:54:28,870 --> 00:54:26,839  
frisk was throwing his hat in the ring I

1133  
00:54:31,239 --> 00:54:28,880  
don't think there was any discussion

1134  
00:54:36,069 --> 00:54:31,249  
about money or campaign contributions

1135  
00:54:38,950 --> 00:54:36,079  
but people speculate that there may have

1136  
00:54:42,180 --> 00:54:38,960  
been discussions between your current

1137  
00:54:46,239 --> 00:54:42,190  
governor in Blagojevich about okay

1138  
00:54:49,960 --> 00:54:46,249

governor Blagojevich what do I need to

1139

00:54:51,999 --> 00:54:49,970

do for you to get the seat yes there is

1140

00:54:53,769 --> 00:54:52,009

speculation about that that there there

1141

00:54:56,890 --> 00:54:53,779

there may have been discussions about

1142

00:54:59,229 --> 00:54:56,900

how you know I'm interested in the seat

1143

00:55:01,210 --> 00:54:59,239

in the US Senate seat and you know would

1144

00:55:03,549 --> 00:55:01,220

be that's not an out of the ordinary

1145

00:55:05,829 --> 00:55:03,559

people would be calling or calling the

1146

00:55:08,349 --> 00:55:05,839

governor's chief of staff saying hey I'm

1147

00:55:11,019 --> 00:55:08,359

interested in the seat can I put my

1148

00:55:13,710 --> 00:55:11,029

application in but you know for

1149

00:55:17,079 --> 00:55:13,720

Blagojevich the application had to be

1150

00:55:19,660 --> 00:55:17,089

accompanied by some some cash so that

1151

00:55:22,989 --> 00:55:19,670

was what really the FBI was looking at

1152

00:55:24,789 --> 00:55:22,999

yes and and specifically we've all heard

1153

00:55:26,349 --> 00:55:24,799

that quote a lot of people forgotten

1154

00:55:28,420 --> 00:55:26,359

because it's been some time but he was

1155

00:55:30,339 --> 00:55:28,430

wiretapped at the time where he was

1156

00:55:31,809 --> 00:55:30,349

talking about hey essentially I'm not

1157

00:55:33,309 --> 00:55:31,819

just given the seat out to anybody this

1158

00:55:36,890 --> 00:55:33,319

is a golden opportunity for me to

1159

00:55:39,290 --> 00:55:36,900

capitalize on this do they also have

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00:55:43,850 --> 00:55:39,300

that he specifically demanded X amount

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00:55:46,850 --> 00:55:43,860

of money from someone know there was you

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00:55:50,840 --> 00:55:46,860

know there was no demand for any

1163

00:55:52,400 --> 00:55:50,850

specific amount of money I comment that

1164

00:55:54,170 --> 00:55:52,410

this is a golden opportunity for me what

1165

00:55:57,070 --> 00:55:54,180

else did they have on him

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00:56:00,080 --> 00:55:57,080

they had his attempt to get cash

1167

00:56:00,890 --> 00:56:00,090

contributions from the CEO of Children's

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00:56:02,780 --> 00:56:00,900

Hospital

1169

00:56:04,790 --> 00:56:02,790

okay what about regarding in the US

1170

00:56:06,800 --> 00:56:04,800

Senate seat pardon

1171

00:56:11,560 --> 00:56:06,810

what about specifically regarding the US

1172

00:56:17,200 --> 00:56:11,570

Senate seat nothing specific about

1173

00:56:21,260 --> 00:56:17,210

getting getting anything any specific

1174

00:56:24,110 --> 00:56:21,270

amounts of contributions from from any

1175

00:56:27,080 --> 00:56:24,120

specific party I think the FBI when they

1176

00:56:29,660 --> 00:56:27,090

heard him say this is effing golden as

1177

00:56:32,840 --> 00:56:29,670

basically his quote they thought they

1178

00:56:38,720 --> 00:56:32,850

had a case and that they proceeded then

1179

00:56:42,410 --> 00:56:38,730

with you know and indicted him on well

1180

00:56:44,600 --> 00:56:42,420

attempt its attempted extortion I well

1181

00:56:47,240 --> 00:56:44,610

it was any in fact convicted of that he

1182

00:56:48,560 --> 00:56:47,250

wasn't convicted so it just I I guess

1183

00:56:50,720 --> 00:56:48,570

I'm just a little surprised it doesn't

1184

00:56:52,490 --> 00:56:50,730

seem like that's enough to convict

1185

00:56:55,460 --> 00:56:52,500

somebody to simply make the comment that

1186

00:56:58,070 --> 00:56:55,470

this is [h\_\_\h] golden without damn him

1187

00:57:00,800 --> 00:56:58,080

actually then implementing the plan I

1188

00:57:02,750 --> 00:57:00,810

think you know I I kind of agree with

1189

00:57:05,600 --> 00:57:02,760

that I thought well no money really

1190

00:57:08,450 --> 00:57:05,610

exchanged hands nobody came in with a

1191

00:57:11,150 --> 00:57:08,460

with a bagful or a shoebox full of money

1192

00:57:17,000 --> 00:57:11,160

like the old Secretary of State had

1193

00:57:19,420 --> 00:57:17,010

power but he the feds obviously thought

1194

00:57:23,300 --> 00:57:19,430

they did in the government the judge

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00:57:25,910 --> 00:57:23,310

thought he did so um and the grand jury

1196

00:57:28,340 --> 00:57:25,920

thought he's done enough for an

1197

00:57:30,680 --> 00:57:28,350

indictment on these charges but I have

1198

00:57:33,320 --> 00:57:30,690

to say that I thought really that's just

1199

00:57:36,050 --> 00:57:33,330

kind of like slushy politics but it's is

1200

00:57:38,780 --> 00:57:36,060

it illegal politics right I mean when

1201  
00:57:40,730 --> 00:57:38,790  
also of the question is was he looking

1202  
00:57:42,650 --> 00:57:40,740  
for campaign contributions or was he

1203  
00:57:45,470 --> 00:57:42,660  
looking for cash in his pocket well

1204  
00:57:49,580 --> 00:57:45,480  
campaign contributions because you want

1205  
00:57:50,270 --> 00:57:49,590  
he had he had further aspirations I

1206  
00:57:51,980 --> 00:57:50,280  
think

1207  
00:57:53,630 --> 00:57:51,990  
young governor of Illinois which is

1208  
00:57:55,340 --> 00:57:53,640  
summer I like to point out a lot when we

1209  
00:57:57,560 --> 00:57:55,350  
talk about corruption in America which

1210  
00:57:59,810 --> 00:57:57,570  
is a major problem but fortunately I

1211  
00:58:02,480 --> 00:57:59,820  
think that we're generally speaking one

1212  
00:58:04,610 --> 00:58:02,490  
of the least corrupt countries in the

1213  
00:58:07,460 --> 00:58:04,620

world in hence the reason why we're so

1214

00:58:10,580 --> 00:58:07,470

successful because corruption in America

1215

00:58:11,930 --> 00:58:10,590

typically is campaign contributions in

1216

00:58:14,240 --> 00:58:11,940

exchange for favors

1217

00:58:17,450 --> 00:58:14,250

in other words of the world its cash in

1218

00:58:20,540 --> 00:58:17,460

your pocket Friday versus right right

1219

00:58:25,580 --> 00:58:20,550

yeah a friend of mine had a dance studio

1220

00:58:28,280 --> 00:58:25,590

downtown they wanted to put in a loading

1221

00:58:31,580 --> 00:58:28,290

zone right a loading zone in front of

1222

00:58:32,960 --> 00:58:31,590

the in front of the building so that

1223

00:58:34,940 --> 00:58:32,970

parents could come and pick up their

1224

00:58:36,890 --> 00:58:34,950

little kids without double parking and

1225

00:58:39,830 --> 00:58:36,900

stuff like that so they called the

1226

00:58:42,650 --> 00:58:39,840

aldermen and the response was yeah yeah

1227

00:58:44,630 --> 00:58:42,660

the alderman is having a fundraiser and

1228

00:58:46,420 --> 00:58:44,640

why don't you come to that and you can

1229

00:58:50,840 --> 00:58:46,430

talk to the aldermen about getting here

1230

00:58:53,260 --> 00:58:50,850

loading zone signs put up in front of

1231

00:58:55,550 --> 00:58:53,270

your business so that's how it works and

1232

00:58:57,770 --> 00:58:55,560

yeah I don't think anybody feels

1233

00:58:59,510 --> 00:58:57,780

terribly bad about the idea that if you

1234

00:59:02,450 --> 00:58:59,520

make a campaign contribution the guy is

1235

00:59:04,670 --> 00:59:02,460

more likely to to speak to you I mean

1236

00:59:06,440 --> 00:59:04,680

that's well I have to say when he was

1237

00:59:08,980 --> 00:59:06,450

sentenced to 14 years I thought that was

1238

00:59:12,290 --> 00:59:08,990

very over-the-top you know I thought I

1239

00:59:15,260 --> 00:59:12,300

you know I just thought six years would

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00:59:17,000 --> 00:59:15,270

have been fine like 14 I thought it was

1241

00:59:18,620 --> 00:59:17,010

too much well it turns out one of the

1242

00:59:21,530 --> 00:59:18,630

smartest things that he did was

1243

00:59:23,960 --> 00:59:21,540

appearing on Celebrity Apprentice yeah

1244

00:59:25,160 --> 00:59:23,970

because but for that appearance he

1245

00:59:28,100 --> 00:59:25,170

probably wouldn't have gotten this

1246

00:59:31,580 --> 00:59:28,110

commuted why Trump yes

1247

00:59:36,200 --> 00:59:31,590

I I would say is truly very very easy to

1248

00:59:39,500 --> 00:59:36,210

play Trump if you like him he likes you

1249

00:59:41,030 --> 00:59:39,510

yeah you don't like him he does not like

1250

00:59:44,690 --> 00:59:41,040

you it's that simple

1251  
00:59:46,970 --> 00:59:44,700  
and Ed in Blagojevich I'm sure developed

1252  
00:59:51,140 --> 00:59:46,980  
a relationship with Trump through being

1253  
00:59:52,730 --> 00:59:51,150  
on the apprentice and Trump never forgot

1254  
00:59:54,980 --> 00:59:52,740  
that that's not to say there wasn't I'm

1255  
00:59:56,420 --> 00:59:54,990  
sure lots of back channels - yeah

1256  
00:59:58,430 --> 00:59:56,430  
ultimately gets this part in because

1257  
01:00:00,410 --> 00:59:58,440  
pardons aren't easy to get but there's

1258  
01:00:02,180 --> 01:00:00,420  
no doubt that it all emanated from his

1259  
01:00:04,100 --> 01:00:02,190  
appearance on The Apprentice yeah I

1260  
01:00:06,290 --> 01:00:04,110  
agree with that he

1261  
01:00:08,060 --> 01:00:06,300  
made that contact and you know the thing

1262  
01:00:11,060 --> 01:00:08,070  
about boot boy a [h\_\_h] was he's not a

1263  
01:00:14,450 --> 01:00:11,070

like an evil guy or anything I mean when

1264

01:00:16,460 --> 01:00:14,460

he was a congressman he helped because

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01:00:18,590 --> 01:00:16,470

he speaks Serbian his parents were

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01:00:21,440 --> 01:00:18,600

Serbian he went over and helped

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01:00:24,380 --> 01:00:21,450

negotiate with Jesse Jackson the release

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01:00:26,630 --> 01:00:24,390

of some US military people held by

1269

01:00:29,630 --> 01:00:26,640

slobodan milosevic beckoned

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01:00:35,600 --> 01:00:29,640

I think 99 things like that so it's not

1271

01:00:38,630 --> 01:00:35,610

like he's a total evil you know criminal

1272

01:00:40,940 --> 01:00:38,640

mind kind of guy he's just brought up in

1273

01:00:43,880 --> 01:00:40,950

the Chicago way and thinks that's how

1274

01:00:47,090 --> 01:00:43,890

politics is run so I did feel bad for

1275

01:00:49,610 --> 01:00:47,100

him when he when he got 14 years but now

1276

01:00:52,400 --> 01:00:49,620

that he's out and he can't stop talking

1277

01:00:55,040 --> 01:00:52,410

about how he's a political prisoner I'm

1278

01:00:56,630 --> 01:00:55,050

thinking I stopped feeling sorry for him

1279

01:00:59,420 --> 01:00:56,640

right there I don't there's a lot of

1280

01:01:03,110 --> 01:00:59,430

support in in you know his name he's a

1281

01:01:05,870 --> 01:01:03,120

regular guy very affable talk your ear

1282

01:01:08,510 --> 01:01:05,880

off that sort of thing so but and am i

1283

01:01:11,750 --> 01:01:08,520

right that the Republicans in your

1284

01:01:13,250 --> 01:01:11,760

legislature were not happy about this no

1285

01:01:16,160 --> 01:01:13,260

not happy at all

1286

01:01:18,170 --> 01:01:16,170

and I think across the board a lot of

1287

01:01:20,990 --> 01:01:18,180

Republicans were not happy about it and

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01:01:23,780 --> 01:01:21,000

why is that since it's your view that

1289

01:01:27,920 --> 01:01:23,790

the sentence was overly harsh well I

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01:01:30,740 --> 01:01:27,930

think especially in Illinois which is

1291

01:01:33,740 --> 01:01:30,750

you know the house is run by Manakin

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01:01:36,590 --> 01:01:33,750

Democratic controlled State Legislature

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01:01:38,600 --> 01:01:36,600

and the Democrats are the enemies in rod

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01:01:41,360 --> 01:01:38,610

Blagojevich has been a Democrat all his

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01:01:44,600 --> 01:01:41,370

political life right and but now he's a

1296

01:01:47,630 --> 01:01:44,610

trumpet crap so so I think they just

1297

01:01:51,920 --> 01:01:47,640

viewed it as a party-line thing rather

1298

01:01:54,380 --> 01:01:51,930

than and did want would like to see the

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01:01:57,830 --> 01:01:54,390

Democratic power brokers in the state

1300

01:02:00,230 --> 01:01:57,840

broken so that you know the Republicans

1301

01:02:02,960 --> 01:02:00,240

have an equal say in what's going on

1302

01:02:04,940 --> 01:02:02,970

that makes sense a I had forgotten for a

1303

01:02:07,850 --> 01:02:04,950

second that he's a Democrat so obviously

1304

01:02:09,500 --> 01:02:07,860

the Republicans were gonna do what

1305

01:02:11,450 --> 01:02:09,510

they're gonna do yeah and he wouldn't

1306

01:02:15,530 --> 01:02:11,460

have been anywhere if he hadn't married

1307

01:02:17,870 --> 01:02:15,540

the daughter of dick Mel a really clout

1308

01:02:20,150 --> 01:02:17,880

heavy Chicago aldermen