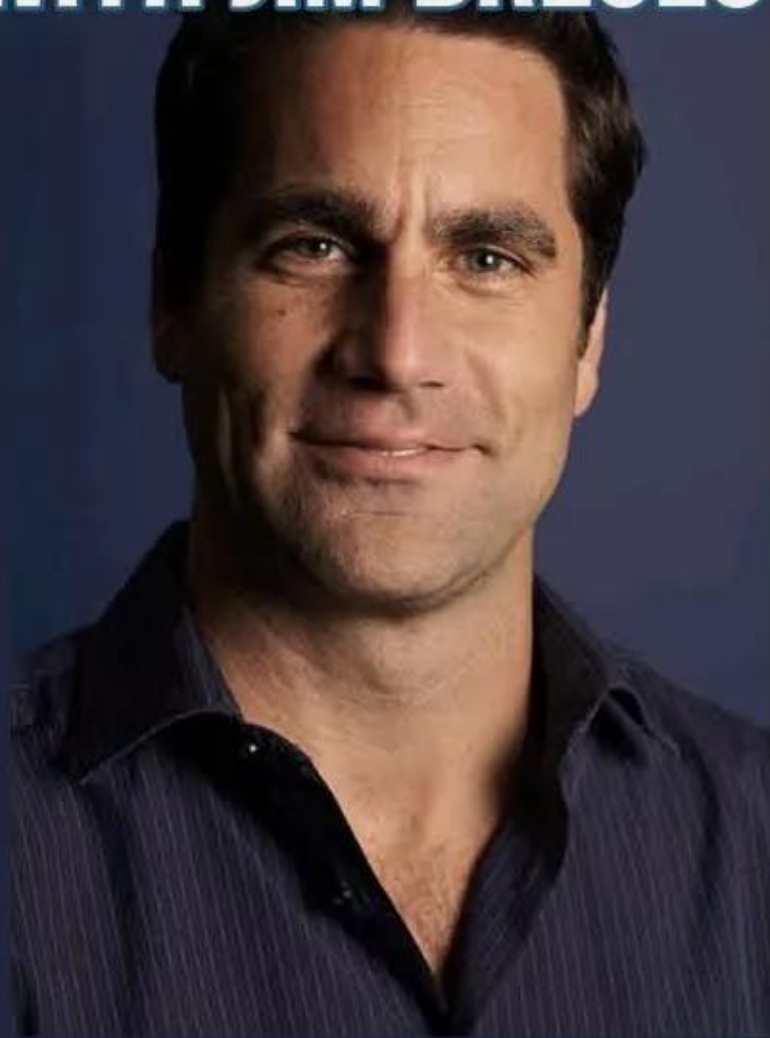


**HIDDEN TRUTH SHOW
WITH JIM BRESLO**



COOPERATION



COERCION



HOW BUSYBODIES BECAME BUSYBULLIES
AND WHAT THAT MEANS FOR
ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

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okay here's our interview with Anthony

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Davies

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I thought I'd like to cover a little bit

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of covid because I think that that

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really plays into a lot of what you're

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talking about when we talk about

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cooperation and coercion and it's a real

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struggle right now that governments

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around the world are dealing with which

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is whether to use cooperation or

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coercion to fight the coronavirus that I

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didn't think I'd still be talking about

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it right now but now with the stupid

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Delta variant and so on I guess we got

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to still talk about this

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coronavirus uh so

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um but maybe we'll start with you giving

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just a kind of a brief explanation of

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the thesis of your book and the concepts

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of cooperation and coercion and then

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let's start talking about it in

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principle with with coven

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sure so we sat down to write cooperation

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coercion and in what was the motivation

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for this was realizing that every time

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humans come together to do anything and

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is when there's more than one of us we

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organize either according to principles

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of cooperation or principles of coercion

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um principles of cooperation simply are

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we come together voluntarily and if

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00:01:15,890 --> 00:01:14,100
things work out that's great and if they

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don't you're free to walk away and do

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something else principles of a coercion

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however involve somebody or somebody's

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telling us what we're going to do and by

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you know threat of force you have to do

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what these people say and typically we

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think of government as the coercive body

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and markets as the Cooperative body but

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you know there could be other things you

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know typically government is the

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accepted course of body

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um on the Cooperative side you can have

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things of course markets but also other

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things like um your your church

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Community is a Cooperative Venture Civic

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organizations or cooperative Ventures

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your Friday night poker game is a

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Cooperative Venture so any any situation

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00:02:04,010 --> 00:02:00,719
which you're free to walk away is a

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Cooperative Venture now we started out

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00:02:08,029 --> 00:02:06,420
with the intent of showing cooperations

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good course is bad

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and as we got to the end of the book it

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wasn't working and we realized it wasn't

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working because that's the wrong Story

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the right story is these are two tools

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that we use to address problems some

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problems are better suited to

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cooperation other problems are better

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suited to coercion and the the trick to

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forming a healthy and vibrant Society is

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using the right tool for the right

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um okay why don't you just hit for us

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briefly what What's um what calls for

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coercion versus cooperation yeah and

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there's a there are all sorts of

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examples around the edges that we can

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argue about but generally speaking the

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the problems that involve uh that are to

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which coercion is best suited are

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problems that involve somebody imposing

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harm on someone else and the harm can be

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physical it could be

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um a company defrauding customers it

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could be somebody polluting the

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environment these are all instances of

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one person imposing harm on another and

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when you have a situation like that

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coercion is generally the correct tool

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um and you know all of this ultimately I

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think then tells you what's the proper

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role of government that's the end of

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what you're trying to figure out right

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right is is what things are proper for

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the government to take on and what's

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proper to leave to the private sector

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um what about something that kind of

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seems in the middle and it like roads

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and bridges type of thing how do you

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yeah yeah and that's that that's an

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interesting thing because roads

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represent this weird kind of a thing

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where there's some question if you left

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it to the private sector of whether the

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things would get built at all and the

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problem there is once a road is built

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anybody can use it and if anybody can

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use it why should I pay for it and you

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have this problem right it's called a

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00:04:05,630 --> 00:04:03,060
public good problem and typically

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government is is better at addressing

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problems like that than markets however

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as technology changes it becomes more

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possible for markets to address problems

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like that so you have things like GPS

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trackers today which we did not have in

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the past and with GPS trackers you can

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track where a car is moving and if the

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road is private you can send the person

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a bill for it and so as technology

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progresses the number of goods that are

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probably over here in this category of

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best best to use coercion to produce

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these things that the number of goods

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actually starts to decline and you get

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more and more Goods over here on this

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side that for which cooperation is the

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better tool

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and in general cooperation is well I

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guess this is the theory you went in

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with that cooperation is necessarily

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better than coercion

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um I mean

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that's true for most things I guess what

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you're saying it's true for most things

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and again the Line in the Sand tends to

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be this thing of preventing people from

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harming each other generally speaking

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people don't harm each other I yes some

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people do but they tend to be the

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exception and so generally speaking

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cooperation tends to be the rule more

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often than not and and we use it so

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often we don't even think about it I

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mean our conversation right here is an

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example of a Cooperative Venture and

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we've freely came together and we're

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doing this thing and and so we tend to

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notice the coercive things because

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they're so rare

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and so what are some of the things that

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government is coercing that you believe

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would be better left to cooperating

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yeah there are a couple of big things um

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Social Security is one of them so the

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government comes in and says okay by

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force we're going to take a portion of

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your paycheck and we're going to use it

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00:05:58,070 --> 00:05:55,440
to support people who are who are

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00:06:00,350 --> 00:05:58,080
retired and and we can have a

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00:06:02,870 --> 00:06:00,360
conversation about

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um a social safety net for people who

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really do need something but that number

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of people tend to be very small compared

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to the size of what Social Security

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covers this is a this is a coercive

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Venture and one of the problems is that

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with coercive Ventures you don't get the

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profit loss feedback that makes

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00:06:25,490 --> 00:06:23,520
cooperation so vibrant and so we have

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00:06:28,730 --> 00:06:25,500

this situation now where Social Security

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itself says that in about 15 years it's

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going to be insolvent

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um it's it's as compared to it's

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voluntary brother the 401K plan the IRA

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Social Security is is not a um it's not

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a vibrant it's not a healthy program

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like these other private Cooperative

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programs are okay and

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what's the other one the other big one

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well another good example is the minimum

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wage and we we talk about the minimum

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wage as if this was an argument a

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conflict between the employer and the

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employee and the government's going to

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step in it's going to use this coercive

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force and tell the employer you must pay

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00:07:15,650 --> 00:07:12,960
your workers 15 an hour

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and it turns out that the the conflict

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there is really not employer versus

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employee it's higher skilled employee

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versus lower skilled employee and so

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when we use this coercive Force the

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government saying all right you've got

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to pay your workers 15 an hour

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what employers do is they look around

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and they say okay who here's worth

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fifteen dollars an hour

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those people keep their jobs the other

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ones don't and what's the problem of

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course is it's the people who lose their

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jobs the lower skilled the less educated

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the less experienced workers those are

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the ones who need our help the most

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and they're actually getting the fuzzy

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end of the sucker in this whole deal and

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the reason for that is because we have

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used this coercive tool it's very

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powerful but it's a very blunt object

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and you're more often than not likely to

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be hurting the very people you're

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looking to help and so that's what

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happens tends tends to happen with

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Social Security

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yeah or a minimum wage there are minimum

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excuse me minimum wage yes yeah I I mean

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I was thinking about minimum wages we

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were preparing for this because I know

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you've written about that and just

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thinking that the ability

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it's a significant infringement on

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individual rights I mean the ability to

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put a price on your own labor I mean

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what what what what could be more

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personal than that to say this is what

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I'm going to charge you to do something

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for you and the government's saying no

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you can't do that you can't work for

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free

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voluntarily you can't work for one

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dollar you can't work for ten dollars

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00:08:51,470 --> 00:08:49,019

you can't work for 14 if you're going to

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00:08:54,889 --> 00:08:51,480

sell your labor you must sell it at no

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00:08:56,870 --> 00:08:54,899

less than 15 an hour yes yes and that's

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you you're using the exact right words

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because the way the politicians phrase

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it is they say we're going if we're

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going to force the employers to pay 15

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really what the minimum wage does is it

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says to the worker if you can't find

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someone willing to pay you 15 you may

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not work right

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and and that's an example again where

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it seems like coercion should only be

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used in the absence of any other

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because I mean in general you don't want

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to tell people what to do you want to

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have maximum Freedom ideally so a

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government should only come in and use

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coercion we're absolutely necessary yeah

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and that's that's probably a good

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practical rule of thumb is when you see

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a problem use cooperation first Only

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Resort to coercion when the cooperation

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fails and we tend to do it the other way

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around we see a problem and so many of

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us immediately run to Washington and we

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say we need a law to fix this problem I

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know you used to live in Philadelphia

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Philadelphia is a beautiful example of

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this they had a problem with you know

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kids are drinking sugary drinks and you

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know becoming fat because of it and the

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city council said all right we're going

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to stop these um teenagers from drinking

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sugary drinks we're going to use

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coercion to do it and we'll impose this

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large tax on sugary drinks and what

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happened well what happened is that

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people went on Philadelphia one on

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consuming just as much sugary drinks

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after the taxes before what did they do

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they drove outside the city limits and

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bought their sugary drinks there where

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the tax didn't apply oh and while they

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were there they bought their other

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groceries as well and so the effect of

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00:10:42,050 --> 00:10:40,440

the tax was not to cause teenagers to

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00:10:44,569 --> 00:10:42,060

become more healthy the effect of the

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00:10:45,310 --> 00:10:44,579

tax was to shut down grocery stores in

273

00:10:47,630 --> 00:10:45,320

Philadelphia

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00:10:50,030 --> 00:10:47,640

well they should have just banned the

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00:10:53,389 --> 00:10:50,040

sugary drinks like Bloomberg wanted to

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00:10:55,389 --> 00:10:53,399

do in New York of course I remember his

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00:10:58,009 --> 00:10:55,399

rule it was nothing more than 16 ounces

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00:11:01,850 --> 00:10:58,019

but you were permitted to buy more than

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00:11:04,490 --> 00:11:01,860

one it's like uh I think I see a hole in

280

00:11:07,910 --> 00:11:04,500

this policy right this law which I think

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00:11:10,009 --> 00:11:07,920

never came into effect to begin with but

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00:11:11,449 --> 00:11:10,019

um and and one one of the problems you

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00:11:13,430 --> 00:11:11,459

have with that and they had this in New

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00:11:15,410 --> 00:11:13,440

York City is any time the government

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00:11:18,949 --> 00:11:15,420

steps in with its coercive Force like

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00:11:21,769 --> 00:11:18,959

that it's a siren Call to to businesses

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00:11:24,290 --> 00:11:21,779

to Lobby government for exception

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00:11:26,750 --> 00:11:24,300

and Starbucks did this and they got an

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00:11:29,810 --> 00:11:26,760

exception for their frappuccino that had

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00:11:31,970 --> 00:11:29,820

more sugar in it than the sodas did and

291

00:11:33,650 --> 00:11:31,980

yet the soldiers were were on this

292

00:11:36,410 --> 00:11:33,660

banned list and the Frappuccino wasn't

293

00:11:37,430 --> 00:11:36,420

because why Starbucks had some in with

294

00:11:39,650 --> 00:11:37,440

the mayor

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00:11:41,569 --> 00:11:39,660

yeah I've always said The more rules and

296

00:11:43,850 --> 00:11:41,579

regulations you have the more reason

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00:11:45,829 --> 00:11:43,860

there is for private Enterprise to try

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00:11:48,290 --> 00:11:45,839

to uh

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00:11:50,389 --> 00:11:48,300

um you know hire lobbyists and so on and

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00:11:51,710 --> 00:11:50,399

convince government to create special

301
00:11:54,290 --> 00:11:51,720
rules for them

302
00:11:55,490 --> 00:11:54,300
yeah yeah you're absolutely right and I

303
00:11:58,370 --> 00:11:55,500
think that's important to keep in mind

304
00:12:01,490 --> 00:11:58,380
that entrepreneurs what they do is they

305
00:12:02,930 --> 00:12:01,500
look to make profit and normally how

306
00:12:05,930 --> 00:12:02,940
does an entrepreneur entrepreneur make

307
00:12:07,670 --> 00:12:05,940
profit by delivering to customers things

308
00:12:10,069 --> 00:12:07,680
customers want

309
00:12:11,930 --> 00:12:10,079
now when the government imposes itself

310
00:12:14,449 --> 00:12:11,940
all of a sudden it becomes a new

311
00:12:15,889 --> 00:12:14,459
entrepreneurial Target the entrepreneur

312
00:12:18,110 --> 00:12:15,899
realizes wait a minute there's another

313
00:12:20,690 --> 00:12:18,120

way to make money now it's by delivering

314

00:12:21,949 --> 00:12:20,700

to politicians what politicians want and

315

00:12:23,750 --> 00:12:21,959

what happens is that entrepreneur's

316

00:12:25,850 --> 00:12:23,760

attention turns away from the consumers

317

00:12:28,850 --> 00:12:25,860

from satisfying consumers towards

318

00:12:31,190 --> 00:12:28,860

satisfying politicians and bureaucrats

319

00:12:33,530 --> 00:12:31,200

so I would think covet is the perfect

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00:12:35,750 --> 00:12:33,540

kind of test case for this theory of

321

00:12:37,730 --> 00:12:35,760

cooperation or coercion because we've

322

00:12:40,430 --> 00:12:37,740

got 50 different states kind of handling

323

00:12:42,170 --> 00:12:40,440

things slightly differently all deciding

324

00:12:45,350 --> 00:12:42,180

whether there's going to be a mask

325

00:12:47,150 --> 00:12:45,360

mandate versus voluntary is there going

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00:12:48,470 --> 00:12:47,160

to be a vaccination mandate versus

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00:12:50,269 --> 00:12:48,480

voluntary I know here in California

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00:12:52,190 --> 00:12:50,279

University of California has just

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00:12:55,250 --> 00:12:52,200

announced that if you want to go to

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00:12:59,150 --> 00:12:55,260

school in the fall you must be

331

00:13:01,850 --> 00:12:59,160

vaccinated so how do you analyze covid

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00:13:04,310 --> 00:13:01,860

on the cooperation and coercion scale

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00:13:08,269 --> 00:13:04,320

yeah that's covert is a really hard one

334

00:13:10,370 --> 00:13:08,279

because it contains elements of both one

335

00:13:13,790 --> 00:13:10,380

of the problems that we had with with

336

00:13:17,990 --> 00:13:13,800

how we address covid is that there there

337

00:13:20,449 --> 00:13:18,000

was this asymmetry that if on the one

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00:13:23,629 --> 00:13:20,459

hand politicians didn't do something

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00:13:25,129 --> 00:13:23,639

drastic and people died everyone would

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00:13:27,290 --> 00:13:25,139

everyone would be able to point to that

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00:13:28,930 --> 00:13:27,300

and say look these people died because

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00:13:31,790 --> 00:13:28,940

you politicians you didn't do anything

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00:13:33,350 --> 00:13:31,800

on the other hand if the politicians did

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00:13:35,750 --> 00:13:33,360

too much and businesses started to go

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00:13:37,550 --> 00:13:35,760

out of business yet people will see that

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00:13:39,710 --> 00:13:37,560

but it's a little bit harder to connect

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00:13:41,329 --> 00:13:39,720

that to the politician you can always

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00:13:43,730 --> 00:13:41,339

say well yeah but this business was

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00:13:45,710 --> 00:13:43,740

going to go out of business anyway and

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00:13:49,250 --> 00:13:45,720

and so the politicians had an incentive

351
00:13:51,470 --> 00:13:49,260
to err on the side of doing too much and

352
00:13:53,090 --> 00:13:51,480
so they didn't you know New York City is

353
00:13:54,710 --> 00:13:53,100
a beautiful example of this well

354
00:13:56,990 --> 00:13:54,720
beautiful if you want to use that word

355
00:13:59,569 --> 00:13:57,000
it is an example of the government going

356
00:14:01,490 --> 00:13:59,579
way too far of shutting down things and

357
00:14:03,530 --> 00:14:01,500
making the restrictions so onerous that

358
00:14:05,689 --> 00:14:03,540
in your City they lost something on the

359
00:14:08,090 --> 00:14:05,699
order of one-third of small businesses

360
00:14:09,590 --> 00:14:08,100
due to these uh to the coveted shutdown

361
00:14:12,829 --> 00:14:09,600
the Congressional budget office

362
00:14:14,449 --> 00:14:12,839
estimates that covet shutdown cost us

363
00:14:16,550 --> 00:14:14,459

somewhere in the neighborhood of 10

364

00:14:19,910 --> 00:14:16,560

trillion dollars over the course of the

365

00:14:22,370 --> 00:14:19,920

next decade and we didn't spend enough

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00:14:23,930 --> 00:14:22,380

time I say we the government the

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00:14:27,470 --> 00:14:23,940

government didn't spend enough time

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00:14:29,990 --> 00:14:27,480

thinking through carefully the the cost

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00:14:31,850 --> 00:14:30,000

on the dollar side of covid all they did

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00:14:34,069 --> 00:14:31,860

was they look at they looked at lives

371

00:14:36,650 --> 00:14:34,079

lost and what did they do they used

372

00:14:39,769 --> 00:14:36,660

their coercive Force they said okay our

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00:14:42,530 --> 00:14:39,779

goal is to save lives it doesn't matter

374

00:14:45,470 --> 00:14:42,540

how much it costs well if you had left

375

00:14:47,629 --> 00:14:45,480

things to The Cooperative side of our

376

00:14:50,569 --> 00:14:47,639

society you probably would have gotten a

377

00:14:53,090 --> 00:14:50,579

different answer because every day each

378

00:14:55,189 --> 00:14:53,100

one of us plays a trade-off between

379

00:14:57,230 --> 00:14:55,199

safety and some benefit that we're

380

00:15:00,170 --> 00:14:57,240

looking to obtain we're used to doing

381

00:15:02,689 --> 00:15:00,180

that politicians not so much

382

00:15:04,430 --> 00:15:02,699

yeah the I the thing I was liking to do

383

00:15:08,329 --> 00:15:04,440

and I think others have also is the

384

00:15:12,829 --> 00:15:08,339

speed limit on the roads and you know it

385

00:15:14,810 --> 00:15:12,839

set at 55 65 70 and clearly people die

386

00:15:17,269 --> 00:15:14,820

because of speed but the government

387

00:15:19,189 --> 00:15:17,279

decided that the utility of having that

388

00:15:21,490 --> 00:15:19,199

speed as far as people moving about

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00:15:25,310 --> 00:15:21,500

Goods moving about Etc

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00:15:27,230 --> 00:15:25,320

outweigh the the health risks of it

391

00:15:29,810 --> 00:15:27,240

including right yes so there's some type

392

00:15:32,210 --> 00:15:29,820

of measurement was done there to set the

393

00:15:34,009 --> 00:15:32,220

speed limit where it's set if all your

394

00:15:35,509 --> 00:15:34,019

focus was was saving lives the speed

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00:15:38,269 --> 00:15:35,519

limit would probably be around 25 miles

396

00:15:41,990 --> 00:15:38,279

per hour oh yeah yeah right but yet

397

00:15:42,949 --> 00:15:42,000

politicians have allowed these deaths to

398

00:15:45,889 --> 00:15:42,959

occur

399

00:15:48,410 --> 00:15:45,899

in exchange for the utility of the

400

00:15:50,090 --> 00:15:48,420

higher speed rate whereas with covid it

401
00:15:52,550 --> 00:15:50,100
seems like there's no balancing

402
00:15:54,710 --> 00:15:52,560
whatsoever it's all about I think Cuomo

403
00:15:57,110 --> 00:15:54,720
was asked at one point you know what

404
00:15:59,150 --> 00:15:57,120
what's the value of a life you know as

405
00:16:01,670 --> 00:15:59,160
you think about covet and he said a life

406
00:16:03,350 --> 00:16:01,680
is priceless like yeah well that's a

407
00:16:06,350 --> 00:16:03,360
nice thing to say as a politician but

408
00:16:08,150 --> 00:16:06,360
the truth is we put value on life all

409
00:16:10,009 --> 00:16:08,160
the time as you make decisions regarding

410
00:16:10,850 --> 00:16:10,019
government regulations and and you have

411
00:16:13,790 --> 00:16:10,860
to

412
00:16:16,189 --> 00:16:13,800
yeah and we each one of us puts a value

413
00:16:17,930 --> 00:16:16,199

on our life every day when we decide to

414

00:16:19,490 --> 00:16:17,940

walk up and down a flight of stairs or

415

00:16:21,470 --> 00:16:19,500

across the street or eat solid food

416

00:16:23,990 --> 00:16:21,480

every one of these things represents

417

00:16:25,850 --> 00:16:24,000

some risk to us and we make a

418

00:16:28,069 --> 00:16:25,860

calculation we say yeah the risk is

419

00:16:29,569 --> 00:16:28,079

worth it or we say no the risk isn't I

420

00:16:30,769 --> 00:16:29,579

want to go back to the speed limit for a

421

00:16:34,009 --> 00:16:30,779

minute because that's a really good

422

00:16:37,009 --> 00:16:34,019

example of of something that sits kind

423

00:16:40,129 --> 00:16:37,019

of in both the the range of cooperation

424

00:16:42,170 --> 00:16:40,139

in in the range of coercion and that is

425

00:16:43,490 --> 00:16:42,180

yeah we have these speed limits and

426

00:16:45,769 --> 00:16:43,500

that's coercion it's the government

427

00:16:48,650 --> 00:16:45,779

saying you will do the following things

428

00:16:50,410 --> 00:16:48,660

but what happens as long as I've been

429

00:16:53,329 --> 00:16:50,420

driving in several decades of driving

430

00:16:55,009 --> 00:16:53,339

I've noticed that pretty much no one

431

00:16:57,050 --> 00:16:55,019

obeys the speed limit

432

00:16:58,730 --> 00:16:57,060

pretty pretty much no matter where I go

433

00:17:00,350 --> 00:16:58,740

whatever the state is or whatever the

434

00:17:02,569 --> 00:17:00,360

decade is we're talking about people

435

00:17:03,949 --> 00:17:02,579

tend to drive about 10 to 15 miles an

436

00:17:06,230 --> 00:17:03,959

hour faster than the speed limit

437

00:17:08,809 --> 00:17:06,240

whatever the speed limit is and what are

438

00:17:11,449 --> 00:17:08,819

they doing that's a that's cooperation

439

00:17:13,130 --> 00:17:11,459

they have decided that this is a safe

440

00:17:15,529 --> 00:17:13,140

speed to drive and we're all going to do

441

00:17:17,150 --> 00:17:15,539

this and the only time we slam on our

442

00:17:18,890 --> 00:17:17,160

brakes is when we see the cops sitting

443

00:17:20,210 --> 00:17:18,900

behind the sign up there because we all

444

00:17:22,370 --> 00:17:20,220

know we're going to get a ticket but

445

00:17:24,890 --> 00:17:22,380

what happens is we made this we perform

446

00:17:26,809 --> 00:17:24,900

this calculation the trade-off of

447

00:17:29,450 --> 00:17:26,819

getting where I need to go versus the

448

00:17:30,650 --> 00:17:29,460

risk and we made it we came up with a

449

00:17:32,150 --> 00:17:30,660

different number than what the

450

00:17:33,890 --> 00:17:32,160

politicians came up with and

451
00:17:35,870 --> 00:17:33,900
consistently the number we tend to come

452
00:17:38,750 --> 00:17:35,880
up with is about 10 to 15 miles an hour

453
00:17:40,909 --> 00:17:38,760
faster than what the politicians say

454
00:17:43,490 --> 00:17:40,919
so now that you've written this book and

455
00:17:46,970 --> 00:17:43,500
you're an expert on this cooperation

456
00:17:50,330 --> 00:17:46,980
versus coercion and those Concepts

457
00:17:52,250 --> 00:17:50,340
um as you look at covid and how if you

458
00:17:54,770 --> 00:17:52,260
were the governor what would you have

459
00:17:58,850 --> 00:17:54,780
been implementing when it comes to covet

460
00:18:02,270 --> 00:17:58,860
yeah yeah that's a good question I one

461
00:18:04,310 --> 00:18:02,280
of the problems here is that in and we

462
00:18:07,190 --> 00:18:04,320
kind of knew this in more in retrospect

463
00:18:08,570 --> 00:18:07,200

is that covet really seems not to be one

464

00:18:11,210 --> 00:18:08,580

disease but two

465

00:18:13,310 --> 00:18:11,220

it affects the elderly very very

466

00:18:17,090 --> 00:18:13,320

differently than it affects the Young

467

00:18:19,850 --> 00:18:17,100

and and what did we do we imposed a rule

468

00:18:22,669 --> 00:18:19,860

you know pretty much Coast to Coast to

469

00:18:24,409 --> 00:18:22,679

applying to all people when we should

470

00:18:26,029 --> 00:18:24,419

have been if if we're going to use

471

00:18:27,710 --> 00:18:26,039

coercion we should have been focused on

472

00:18:30,230 --> 00:18:27,720

the elderly those are the people that

473

00:18:32,930 --> 00:18:30,240

were most at risk and

474

00:18:34,490 --> 00:18:32,940

what works in New York City is not

475

00:18:36,409 --> 00:18:34,500

necessarily going to work in West

476
00:18:39,470 --> 00:18:36,419
Virginia Which and that may not work out

477
00:18:41,990 --> 00:18:39,480
in Oklahoma so to the extent that we

478
00:18:44,890 --> 00:18:42,000
could we tended to do this we pushed the

479
00:18:47,690 --> 00:18:44,900
decision-making to low levels let let

480
00:18:51,350 --> 00:18:47,700
Mayors make decisions for their cities

481
00:18:53,630 --> 00:18:51,360
for their areas and and because they

482
00:18:55,970 --> 00:18:53,640
know better what their circumstances are

483
00:18:58,250 --> 00:18:55,980
than do perhaps the governors and

484
00:19:01,010 --> 00:18:58,260
certainly more than the president so in

485
00:19:03,110 --> 00:19:01,020
that sense we tended to do we tended to

486
00:19:04,669 --> 00:19:03,120
deal with covid a little bit better in

487
00:19:07,789 --> 00:19:04,679
that we dealt with it at the low level

488
00:19:09,710 --> 00:19:07,799

but again what we didn't do was break it

489

00:19:11,870 --> 00:19:09,720

out and deal with the elderly different

490

00:19:14,150 --> 00:19:11,880

than we dealt with the young I just came

491

00:19:15,529 --> 00:19:14,160

back from from a trip I'm on a plane and

492

00:19:16,970 --> 00:19:15,539

of course we've got this Federal rule

493

00:19:18,529 --> 00:19:16,980

everybody has to have the mask on

494

00:19:19,789 --> 00:19:18,539

anytime you're in the airport when

495

00:19:22,250 --> 00:19:19,799

you're on the plane I'm thinking this is

496

00:19:24,650 --> 00:19:22,260

ridiculous it's like security theater at

497

00:19:26,029 --> 00:19:24,660

the TSA it's virus theater right we all

498

00:19:27,890 --> 00:19:26,039

look good because you know we've got

499

00:19:29,390 --> 00:19:27,900

these masks and so forth but in fact

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00:19:31,250 --> 00:19:29,400

what's going to happen the minute every

501
00:19:33,110 --> 00:19:31,260
one of us steps out of airport The Masks

502
00:19:35,930 --> 00:19:33,120
come off and we're going to be you know

503
00:19:38,870 --> 00:19:35,940
mixing around with with people and and

504
00:19:41,450 --> 00:19:38,880
so what you get is this rule that

505
00:19:43,490 --> 00:19:41,460
somehow makes it look like politicians

506
00:19:45,770 --> 00:19:43,500
are doing something to protect us when

507
00:19:48,590 --> 00:19:45,780
in fact the rule isn't accomplishing

508
00:19:50,930 --> 00:19:48,600
much of anything well it all starts with

509
00:19:53,630 --> 00:19:50,940
the concept of you know should the

510
00:19:56,570 --> 00:19:53,640
government be involved in health to

511
00:19:59,029 --> 00:19:56,580
begin with I mean raging debate

512
00:20:00,770 --> 00:19:59,039
all of the industrialized countries as

513
00:20:03,350 --> 00:20:00,780

Bernie Sanders likes to say you know

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00:20:05,090 --> 00:20:03,360

have you know health care for all we're

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00:20:06,350 --> 00:20:05,100

the only one that doesn't I'm like well

516

00:20:09,110 --> 00:20:06,360

and we're also the most successful

517

00:20:11,750 --> 00:20:09,120

country in general so maybe there's a

518

00:20:14,029 --> 00:20:11,760

correlation there I'm not sure we should

519

00:20:16,370 --> 00:20:14,039

follow everything that the Europeans are

520

00:20:18,529 --> 00:20:16,380

doing but um it just begs the question

521

00:20:21,049 --> 00:20:18,539

is what is the role of government when

522

00:20:25,549 --> 00:20:21,059

it comes to people's health

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00:20:27,110 --> 00:20:25,559

yeah and I think when we look at when

524

00:20:29,029 --> 00:20:27,120

Bernie Sanders does things like they'll

525

00:20:31,010 --> 00:20:29,039

point to Sweden or point to Norway or

526

00:20:34,669 --> 00:20:31,020

Denmark or whatever it is one of the

527

00:20:37,730 --> 00:20:34,679

things we forget is that those countries

528

00:20:40,370 --> 00:20:37,740

are actually the size of U.S states

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00:20:43,490 --> 00:20:40,380

and so if Bernie Sanders really wants to

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00:20:45,470 --> 00:20:43,500

do Health Care the way that Europe does

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00:20:47,750 --> 00:20:45,480

health care then what he should be doing

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00:20:50,750 --> 00:20:47,760

is backing the federal government out of

533

00:20:53,330 --> 00:20:50,760

it and allowing the individual states to

534

00:20:55,010 --> 00:20:53,340

design their own Health Care Systems but

535

00:20:57,289 --> 00:20:55,020

but even there it raises the question

536

00:21:00,470 --> 00:20:57,299

what role does does a state have in

537

00:21:02,470 --> 00:21:00,480

health care and I think that we tend to

538

00:21:05,149 --> 00:21:02,480

use the coercion

539

00:21:07,190 --> 00:21:05,159

more than than is necessary and I'll

540

00:21:08,990 --> 00:21:07,200

give you a good example this the FDA we

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00:21:11,149 --> 00:21:09,000

have the FDA and people you know rightly

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00:21:13,490 --> 00:21:11,159

say yeah we the FDA protects us against

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00:21:16,669 --> 00:21:13,500

bad drugs but notice it does so

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00:21:19,130 --> 00:21:16,679

coercively so if there's a drug out here

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00:21:21,409 --> 00:21:19,140

and um it can't go on to Market until it

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00:21:22,789 --> 00:21:21,419

gets FDA approval if somebody tries to

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00:21:24,830 --> 00:21:22,799

sell it you know all kinds of bad things

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00:21:28,130 --> 00:21:24,840

happen to them that's the coercion but

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00:21:30,289 --> 00:21:28,140

imagine if we did FDA cooperatively

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00:21:32,029 --> 00:21:30,299

what would happen is the FDA would do

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00:21:33,950 --> 00:21:32,039
all of the things it currently does it

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00:21:35,510 --> 00:21:33,960
would test drugs and it would make

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00:21:37,370 --> 00:21:35,520
pronouncements about them and put a

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00:21:40,610 --> 00:21:37,380
sticker on it and say this drug is FDA

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00:21:42,770 --> 00:21:40,620
approved and this one is not but if we

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00:21:45,710 --> 00:21:42,780
allowed all the drugs to be sold whether

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00:21:47,870 --> 00:21:45,720
FDA approved or not notice something

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00:21:49,970 --> 00:21:47,880
interesting would happen people who

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00:21:52,669 --> 00:21:49,980
really value FDA approval they could

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00:21:55,730 --> 00:21:52,679
still go and only buy FDA approved drugs

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00:21:57,770 --> 00:21:55,740
other people who have um you know

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00:21:59,810 --> 00:21:57,780
perhaps diseases of which they're going

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00:22:01,730 --> 00:21:59,820

to die and of which there's no cure and

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00:22:04,250 --> 00:22:01,740

there's an experimental drug that's come

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00:22:06,529 --> 00:22:04,260

out in the market they may be more apt

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00:22:09,289 --> 00:22:06,539

to select a non-fda approved drug

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00:22:12,470 --> 00:22:09,299

because they don't have much hope to do

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00:22:14,750 --> 00:22:12,480

anything else that option of of working

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00:22:16,669 --> 00:22:14,760

cooperatively and saying yeah I'm going

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00:22:18,590 --> 00:22:16,679

to do this even though there's high risk

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00:22:20,210 --> 00:22:18,600

to it we don't give people that option

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00:22:22,549 --> 00:22:20,220

in this country because we tend to do

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00:22:24,610 --> 00:22:22,559

Health Care in a coercive fashion rather

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00:22:27,289 --> 00:22:24,620

than a Cooperative fashion

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00:22:28,909 --> 00:22:27,299

yeah I mean as long as there's free

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00:22:31,430 --> 00:22:28,919

information out there for people to make

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00:22:33,049 --> 00:22:31,440

their own decisions then I think that's

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00:22:34,310 --> 00:22:33,059

a brilliant idea to Simply make the

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00:22:36,649 --> 00:22:34,320

information available and let people

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00:22:39,770 --> 00:22:36,659

make their own decision regarding their

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00:22:43,010 --> 00:22:39,780

own health which again nothing screams

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00:22:45,710 --> 00:22:43,020

out personal freedom and liberty than my

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00:22:47,450 --> 00:22:45,720

own health and deciding how I'm going to

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00:22:49,130 --> 00:22:47,460

take care of myself and what I'm going

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00:22:52,310 --> 00:22:49,140

to put into my body

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00:22:54,230 --> 00:22:52,320

yeah and I think there you stumble upon

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00:22:56,149 --> 00:22:54,240

a vision of government that I think both

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00:22:58,970 --> 00:22:56,159

the left and the right could probably

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00:23:01,130 --> 00:22:58,980

agree with and that is

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00:23:03,409 --> 00:23:01,140

let the government collect this

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00:23:05,510 --> 00:23:03,419

information and disseminate it and say

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00:23:07,850 --> 00:23:05,520

you know we say this thing is good or we

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00:23:10,250 --> 00:23:07,860

say this thing is not good but leave it

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00:23:12,470 --> 00:23:10,260

up to you to make the decision as to

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00:23:14,510 --> 00:23:12,480

what it is you want to do and people who

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00:23:16,909 --> 00:23:14,520

are more more comfortable with

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00:23:18,169 --> 00:23:16,919

government edicts can do what the

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00:23:21,350 --> 00:23:18,179

government says those who are less

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00:23:23,090 --> 00:23:21,360

comfortable can cannot is provided that

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00:23:25,669 --> 00:23:23,100

nobody's imposing harm on anyone else

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00:23:27,529 --> 00:23:25,679
yeah so going back to covid you could

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00:23:29,570 --> 00:23:27,539
say the same thing there government

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00:23:30,830 --> 00:23:29,580
provide all the information about covid

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00:23:33,710 --> 00:23:30,840
and let everybody make their own

605
00:23:36,470 --> 00:23:33,720
decision as to what level of risk they

606
00:23:38,450 --> 00:23:36,480
want to take yeah that looks that looks

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00:23:40,970 --> 00:23:38,460
about right now there's a there's a foot

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00:23:43,310 --> 00:23:40,980
an important footnote with covid and

609
00:23:44,570 --> 00:23:43,320
that is Coveted of course is a disease

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00:23:48,350 --> 00:23:44,580
it's communicable

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00:23:51,230 --> 00:23:48,360
and any communicable disease starts to

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00:23:53,269 --> 00:23:51,240
look like pollution and we've already

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00:23:54,529 --> 00:23:53,279

said you know one pro appropriate role

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00:23:56,690 --> 00:23:54,539

for government is to prevent pollution

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00:23:58,730 --> 00:23:56,700

to stop you from dumping trash in my

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00:24:00,350 --> 00:23:58,740

yard or stop me from you know emitting

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00:24:02,510 --> 00:24:00,360

stuff into the environment because

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00:24:05,750 --> 00:24:02,520

that's imposing harm on someone

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00:24:08,810 --> 00:24:05,760

if I walk around in public and I'm

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00:24:10,490 --> 00:24:08,820

infectious I'm imposing harm on others

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00:24:12,830 --> 00:24:10,500

in the same way I'm I'm emitting this

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00:24:15,289 --> 00:24:12,840

pollution and so it at least raises the

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00:24:17,690 --> 00:24:15,299

question it's possible that there is a

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00:24:21,169 --> 00:24:17,700

role for government here on the coercive

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00:24:23,690 --> 00:24:21,179

side however I would suppose that that

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00:24:26,330 --> 00:24:23,700

role is much more limited than the role

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00:24:28,610 --> 00:24:26,340

it actually took uh in in dealing with

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00:24:31,190 --> 00:24:28,620

covid yeah and I think it comes down to

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00:24:33,110 --> 00:24:31,200

how much you value individual liberty

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00:24:37,490 --> 00:24:33,120

versus kind of the collective and that's

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00:24:40,850 --> 00:24:37,500

kind of the left versus right divide and

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00:24:43,669 --> 00:24:40,860

um you know if you put maximum value on

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00:24:44,990 --> 00:24:43,679

individual Freedom you'll say that you

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00:24:46,850 --> 00:24:45,000

know okay yeah maybe we'll put

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00:24:49,730 --> 00:24:46,860

restrictions in place that deal with the

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00:24:51,169 --> 00:24:49,740

elderly as opposed to everyone

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00:24:53,210 --> 00:24:51,179

um or we'll put restrictions in place

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00:24:56,390 --> 00:24:53,220

that apply to people who actually have

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00:25:00,409 --> 00:24:56,400
covid as opposed to just blanket

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00:25:01,909 --> 00:25:00,419
everywhere right right um but but how

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00:25:04,789 --> 00:25:01,919
are we going to bring the left and the

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00:25:06,769 --> 00:25:04,799
right together on things like this when

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00:25:08,330 --> 00:25:06,779
you have such disagreement I think on

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00:25:10,190 --> 00:25:08,340
that basic concepts of individual

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00:25:13,010 --> 00:25:10,200
liberty where it seems like the left

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00:25:15,830 --> 00:25:13,020
puts more value on the collective and

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00:25:18,169 --> 00:25:15,840
protecting everyone equally whereas the

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00:25:19,310 --> 00:25:18,179
right says No it should all be about the

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00:25:21,470 --> 00:25:19,320
individual

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00:25:23,570 --> 00:25:21,480
yeah and that's the million dollar

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00:25:25,610 --> 00:25:23,580

question you know how do you bring these

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00:25:26,990 --> 00:25:25,620

two groups together I don't know I don't

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00:25:30,110 --> 00:25:27,000

know that we could bring them together

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00:25:31,909 --> 00:25:30,120

on a topic like covid but I think there

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00:25:34,190 --> 00:25:31,919

are many topics that we could bring them

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00:25:37,430 --> 00:25:34,200

together on the FDA example I gave you

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00:25:40,310 --> 00:25:37,440

is one of them and and to the extent

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00:25:43,010 --> 00:25:40,320

that we can find topics like that where

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00:25:45,289 --> 00:25:43,020

there is a way that that we can appeal

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00:25:47,570 --> 00:25:45,299

to both sides at the same time I think

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00:25:49,490 --> 00:25:47,580

something important happens and that is

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00:25:51,890 --> 00:25:49,500

the two sides start to trust each other

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00:25:54,230 --> 00:25:51,900

and you don't immediately get this

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00:25:56,029 --> 00:25:54,240

knee-jerk reaction of well you're on

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00:25:58,070 --> 00:25:56,039

you're on the opposite side so you're an

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00:26:00,950 --> 00:25:58,080

idiot or you just hate the poor whatever

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00:26:02,870 --> 00:26:00,960

it is and that's been going on for so

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00:26:05,450 --> 00:26:02,880

long that we've stopped talking to each

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00:26:07,610 --> 00:26:05,460

other and I think the right has a lot of

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00:26:08,930 --> 00:26:07,620

really good answers to problems I think

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00:26:11,390 --> 00:26:08,940

there are other problems in which the

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00:26:13,789 --> 00:26:11,400

left has some decent answers but we

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00:26:15,289 --> 00:26:13,799

don't get we don't get the hybrid of the

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00:26:17,870 --> 00:26:15,299

two answers because we never come

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00:26:20,570 --> 00:26:17,880

together and talk civilly to each other

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00:26:21,649 --> 00:26:20,580

yeah well one of the high level ways of

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00:26:23,029 --> 00:26:21,659

describing that and I think you talk

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00:26:25,669 --> 00:26:23,039

about this in the book is positive

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00:26:27,590 --> 00:26:25,679

rights versus negative rights right yeah

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00:26:29,390 --> 00:26:27,600

and and I think that there's a divide

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00:26:31,310 --> 00:26:29,400

between the two sides on whether

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00:26:33,470 --> 00:26:31,320

governments should be issuing positive

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00:26:36,049 --> 00:26:33,480

versus but explain that concept and then

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00:26:38,750 --> 00:26:36,059

let's get into that yeah so the the idea

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00:26:41,090 --> 00:26:38,760

is is kind of simple a negative right is

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00:26:43,549 --> 00:26:41,100

the right um the right not to be

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00:26:45,830 --> 00:26:43,559

interfered with so my freedom of speech

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00:26:47,269 --> 00:26:45,840

is a negative right that you I have the

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00:26:49,730 --> 00:26:47,279

right that you don't interfere with my

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00:26:52,430 --> 00:26:49,740

speech a positive right is the right to

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00:26:53,930 --> 00:26:52,440

have something done for you so health

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00:26:55,370 --> 00:26:53,940

care if you want to talk about health

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00:26:57,169 --> 00:26:55,380

care is a positive right that means that

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00:26:59,330 --> 00:26:57,179

the government has a step in and provide

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00:27:00,769 --> 00:26:59,340

health care for me in some fashion so

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00:27:02,570 --> 00:27:00,779

positive rights and negative rights and

697

00:27:04,130 --> 00:27:02,580

one of the problems here we talk about

698

00:27:06,529 --> 00:27:04,140

the miscommunication between the left

699

00:27:09,409 --> 00:27:06,539

and the right is that we both use that

700

00:27:12,289 --> 00:27:09,419

term right but we mean very different

701
00:27:15,049 --> 00:27:12,299
things when the when the when people on

702
00:27:16,909 --> 00:27:15,059
the political Right Use the term right

703
00:27:19,130 --> 00:27:16,919
what they tend to mean are negative

704
00:27:21,350 --> 00:27:19,140
rights people on the left tend to mean

705
00:27:23,029 --> 00:27:21,360
positive rights and yet they're using

706
00:27:25,549 --> 00:27:23,039
this this same word but meaning very

707
00:27:28,310 --> 00:27:25,559
meaning very different things and the

708
00:27:30,590 --> 00:27:28,320
two types of rights are the difference

709
00:27:32,510 --> 00:27:30,600
is really important with negative rights

710
00:27:34,490 --> 00:27:32,520
you can have the exact same negative

711
00:27:37,130 --> 00:27:34,500
rights that I have and we can both enjoy

712
00:27:40,130 --> 00:27:37,140
them fully why because all that has to

713
00:27:42,950 --> 00:27:40,140

happen is that nobody interferes with us

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00:27:45,769 --> 00:27:42,960

with positive rights we can't both have

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00:27:47,690 --> 00:27:45,779

those same rights fully if we both have

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00:27:50,090 --> 00:27:47,700

a right to Health Care well there's only

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00:27:51,649 --> 00:27:50,100

so much health care and if you take some

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00:27:53,210 --> 00:27:51,659

of it that's less of it that I can have

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00:27:55,010 --> 00:27:53,220

and if I have more of it that's less of

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00:27:58,010 --> 00:27:55,020

it that you could have and so we can't

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00:28:00,590 --> 00:27:58,020

we cannot both exercise positive rights

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00:28:02,230 --> 00:28:00,600

together in the same way like we can

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00:28:05,330 --> 00:28:02,240

with negative rights

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00:28:07,070 --> 00:28:05,340

and ultimately then how do you analyze

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00:28:10,789 --> 00:28:07,080

whether government should be in the

726
00:28:13,310 --> 00:28:10,799
business of positive rights guaranteeing

727
00:28:15,409 --> 00:28:13,320
things for people yeah almost never

728
00:28:17,570 --> 00:28:15,419
Almost Never Should the government be in

729
00:28:19,010 --> 00:28:17,580
dealing with positive rights in fact if

730
00:28:21,289 --> 00:28:19,020
you go back to the founding in this

731
00:28:23,630 --> 00:28:21,299
country in the founding documents when

732
00:28:26,389 --> 00:28:23,640
the founders talk about rights they

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00:28:28,310 --> 00:28:26,399
always mean negative rights The only

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00:28:30,110 --> 00:28:28,320
positive right I think that is ever

735
00:28:31,490 --> 00:28:30,120
mentioned is the right to a trial by

736
00:28:33,230 --> 00:28:31,500
jury

737
00:28:35,090 --> 00:28:33,240
other than that everything is all about

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00:28:37,070 --> 00:28:35,100

the negative rights and and part of the

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00:28:40,370 --> 00:28:37,080

reason for this is because the founders

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00:28:42,529 --> 00:28:40,380

had a an image of a limited government

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00:28:44,990 --> 00:28:42,539

with negative rights there's nothing

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00:28:47,029 --> 00:28:45,000

there to cause government to grow why

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00:28:49,010 --> 00:28:47,039

because to protect your negative rights

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00:28:50,570 --> 00:28:49,020

all we have to do is not interfere with

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00:28:52,310 --> 00:28:50,580

you it caused it calls for the

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00:28:53,269 --> 00:28:52,320

government to step back and not do

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00:28:54,889 --> 00:28:53,279

things

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00:28:56,870 --> 00:28:54,899

positive rights call for the government

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00:28:58,669 --> 00:28:56,880

to actively do things and so you talk

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00:29:01,070 --> 00:28:58,679

about a right to health care and a right

751
00:29:04,190 --> 00:29:01,080
to education a right to a retirement

752
00:29:05,990 --> 00:29:04,200
every one of those things requires that

753
00:29:09,049 --> 00:29:06,000
the government grow larger and larger

754
00:29:11,450 --> 00:29:09,059
because it needs to provide these things

755
00:29:15,590 --> 00:29:11,460
but didn't that create the situation of

756
00:29:17,990 --> 00:29:15,600
the the robber barons of around 1900 and

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00:29:20,330 --> 00:29:18,000
government need to step in because they

758
00:29:21,710 --> 00:29:20,340
were taking advantage of child labor and

759
00:29:33,830 --> 00:29:21,720
and

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00:29:35,510 --> 00:29:33,840
the the acronym escapes me but there is

761
00:29:37,730 --> 00:29:35,520
a the law that was passed about that

762
00:29:39,409 --> 00:29:37,740
time and people point to it and say yeah

763
00:29:41,450 --> 00:29:39,419

it's the federal government to put an

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00:29:43,010 --> 00:29:41,460

end to to the 40-hour work we could put

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00:29:45,529 --> 00:29:43,020

an end to child labor all of the sorts

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00:29:47,450 --> 00:29:45,539

of things if you look at the data which

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00:29:49,370 --> 00:29:47,460

I've done I picked this stuff out and

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00:29:51,049 --> 00:29:49,380

this is government data right if you

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00:29:53,570 --> 00:29:51,059

look at the data what you find is that

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00:29:56,510 --> 00:29:53,580

the incidence of child labor in the U.S

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00:29:59,029 --> 00:29:56,520

was falling precipitously in fact it

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00:30:02,090 --> 00:29:59,039

fell to pretty much from whatever it was

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00:30:05,269 --> 00:30:02,100

60 down to like three percent

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00:30:07,850 --> 00:30:05,279

before the federal government's law ever

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00:30:10,549 --> 00:30:07,860

came about so too with the 40-hour work

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00:30:13,310 --> 00:30:10,559

week we were at whatever it was 50 hours

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00:30:15,889 --> 00:30:13,320

plus and that fell to 40 hours actually

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00:30:18,110 --> 00:30:15,899

fell below 40 hours and then the federal

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00:30:20,269 --> 00:30:18,120

government passed this law so in both of

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00:30:23,330 --> 00:30:20,279

those instances it was very much a

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00:30:25,549 --> 00:30:23,340

matter of through cooperation we were

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00:30:27,710 --> 00:30:25,559

already moving in that direction the

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00:30:29,750 --> 00:30:27,720

parade had already started and gotten

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00:30:31,130 --> 00:30:29,760

far down the road and the politicians

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00:30:33,230 --> 00:30:31,140

jumped in front of it and said look at

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00:30:35,090 --> 00:30:33,240

what we did well in fact you didn't do

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00:30:36,649 --> 00:30:35,100

anything it was cooperation that did

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00:30:40,430 --> 00:30:36,659

that

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00:30:43,370 --> 00:30:40,440

so is there you know a lot of rules and

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00:30:45,950 --> 00:30:43,380

came into effect around that time

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00:30:47,750 --> 00:30:45,960

um and I guess you're saying most of

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00:30:49,850 --> 00:30:47,760

these rules are not necessary

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00:30:51,649 --> 00:30:49,860

yeah what tends to be the case it's not

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00:30:54,110 --> 00:30:51,659

always the case but what tends to be the

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00:30:57,590 --> 00:30:54,120

case is that is that the political

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00:30:59,870 --> 00:30:57,600

climate lags the what's going on in

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00:31:03,049 --> 00:30:59,880

society so Society comes to some

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00:31:04,730 --> 00:31:03,059

decision we want this and then we get

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00:31:07,970 --> 00:31:04,740

laws and you can see that playing out

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00:31:10,070 --> 00:31:07,980

right now with marijuana for decades now

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00:31:12,590 --> 00:31:10,080
Americans have come to the conclusion

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00:31:14,029 --> 00:31:12,600
that marijuana is not this this horrible

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00:31:16,850 --> 00:31:14,039
drug that the federal government has

804
00:31:19,990 --> 00:31:16,860
said it is and it should be okay to to

805
00:31:23,330 --> 00:31:20,000
smoke marijuana and so cooperatively

806
00:31:25,789 --> 00:31:23,340
Americans have already we've for decades

807
00:31:28,970 --> 00:31:25,799
we have been accepting of marijuana it's

808
00:31:30,590 --> 00:31:28,980
only lately that governments have have

809
00:31:33,350 --> 00:31:30,600
turned around started changing the law

810
00:31:35,029 --> 00:31:33,360
they lag Society they tend not to lead

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00:31:37,430 --> 00:31:35,039
Society

812
00:31:39,250 --> 00:31:37,440
and what about things like

813
00:31:42,669 --> 00:31:39,260

um you know monopolies and

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00:31:46,909 --> 00:31:42,679

anti-competitive behavior and unions

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00:31:49,669 --> 00:31:46,919

yeah so the question with a monopoly is

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00:31:51,830 --> 00:31:49,679

that I always go to is why is it a

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00:31:53,990 --> 00:31:51,840

monopoly and there are two possible

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00:31:55,549 --> 00:31:54,000

reasons why a firm is a monopoly and I'm

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00:31:59,630 --> 00:31:55,559

going to use the term loosely right so

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00:32:02,750 --> 00:31:59,640

think just large firm one possibility is

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00:32:05,169 --> 00:32:02,760

that the firm has instituted some sort

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00:32:07,250 --> 00:32:05,179

of barriers that prevent competition

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00:32:10,370 --> 00:32:07,260

that's a problem

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00:32:13,190 --> 00:32:10,380

another sort of Monopoly is the one that

825

00:32:15,769 --> 00:32:13,200

delivers a product that is so good at

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00:32:18,889 --> 00:32:15,779

prices that are so low the customers

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00:32:20,690 --> 00:32:18,899

don't want to buy anywhere else it's the

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00:32:23,330 --> 00:32:20,700

customers that have made it a monopoly

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00:32:25,610 --> 00:32:23,340

so in the first case it's coercion the

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00:32:27,230 --> 00:32:25,620

Monopoly is using Force to keep our

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00:32:28,970 --> 00:32:27,240

competitors in the second case it's

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00:32:30,950 --> 00:32:28,980

cooperation that customers said yeah

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00:32:33,230 --> 00:32:30,960

this is the firm I want and if you want

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00:32:36,649 --> 00:32:33,240

a beautiful string of examples of this

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00:32:38,690 --> 00:32:36,659

start with Sears Sears Roebuck back in

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00:32:40,190 --> 00:32:38,700

the day had this catalog it mailed to

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00:32:42,169 --> 00:32:40,200

every household you could look through

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00:32:44,149 --> 00:32:42,179

and add every product that Sears sold

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00:32:45,769 --> 00:32:44,159

and you could call up and order the

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00:32:47,450 --> 00:32:45,779

thing and it would come to your door you

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00:32:50,090 --> 00:32:47,460

could go pick it up this sort of thing

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00:32:52,669 --> 00:32:50,100

Sears was delivering what people wanted

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00:32:55,909 --> 00:32:52,679

and it grew to be massive

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00:32:58,130 --> 00:32:55,919

until an upstart came along and this

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00:33:00,110 --> 00:32:58,140

upstart said we can deliver to you all

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00:33:02,389 --> 00:33:00,120

of these things and we could do it at a

847

00:33:05,810 --> 00:33:02,399

lower price and that was Walmart

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00:33:08,029 --> 00:33:05,820

and as Walmart came along customers said

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00:33:11,090 --> 00:33:08,039

yeah I like that better and they took

850

00:33:13,070 --> 00:33:11,100

away this grant of Monopoly type status

851
00:33:14,930 --> 00:33:13,080
took it away from Sears gave it to

852
00:33:16,549 --> 00:33:14,940
Walmart and then another upstart comes

853
00:33:18,409 --> 00:33:16,559
along the upstart says I can give you

854
00:33:20,570 --> 00:33:18,419
the same low prices as Walmart and I'll

855
00:33:23,210 --> 00:33:20,580
deliver the products overnight to your

856
00:33:26,269 --> 00:33:23,220
door and that's Amazon and what happened

857
00:33:28,430 --> 00:33:26,279
people took away this grant of large

858
00:33:30,830 --> 00:33:28,440
Monopoly type status from Walmart and

859
00:33:32,990 --> 00:33:30,840
they gave it to Amazon so these firms

860
00:33:34,909 --> 00:33:33,000
are becoming large what we would think

861
00:33:37,850 --> 00:33:34,919
of as monopolies they're becoming large

862
00:33:40,430 --> 00:33:37,860
because customers are saying that's the

863
00:33:42,889 --> 00:33:40,440

one I want that type of Monopoly not a

864

00:33:44,930 --> 00:33:42,899

problem the first one that uses Force to

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00:33:46,909 --> 00:33:44,940

keep out competition that is a problem

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00:33:50,750 --> 00:33:46,919

but what's interesting about that first

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00:33:52,490 --> 00:33:50,760

type more often than not to use Force to

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00:33:54,830 --> 00:33:52,500

keep out competition that type of

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00:33:56,870 --> 00:33:54,840

Monopoly has to co-opt the government

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00:33:58,610 --> 00:33:56,880

and so again we have some government

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00:34:00,950 --> 00:33:58,620

action coming into the marketplace

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00:34:03,830 --> 00:34:00,960

that's enabling this firm to keep out

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00:34:05,870 --> 00:34:03,840

its competitors so as you sit here today

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00:34:08,750 --> 00:34:05,880

when we look at Amazon the current

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00:34:09,710 --> 00:34:08,760

example you see no concerns there no

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00:34:12,770 --> 00:34:09,720

problems

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00:34:16,250 --> 00:34:12,780

no no and I tell you why because the

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00:34:19,430 --> 00:34:16,260

minute Amazon starts jacking up its

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00:34:21,710 --> 00:34:19,440

prices or maybe skimping on the quality

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00:34:23,270 --> 00:34:21,720

or not delivering on the time schedule

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00:34:25,369 --> 00:34:23,280

that it promises

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00:34:27,290 --> 00:34:25,379

an entrepreneur will come along and say

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00:34:29,030 --> 00:34:27,300

I can do it better and customers will

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00:34:30,710 --> 00:34:29,040

say yes you can we're not buying from

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00:34:32,690 --> 00:34:30,720

Amazon anymore we're buying from you

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00:34:34,010 --> 00:34:32,700

it's what happened with Walmart's what

887

00:34:36,349 --> 00:34:34,020

happened with Sears it'll happen

888

00:34:37,669 --> 00:34:36,359

eventually to Amazon and whatever comes

889

00:34:38,990 --> 00:34:37,679

next is going to be better than Amazon

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00:34:42,050 --> 00:34:39,000

is

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00:34:43,970 --> 00:34:42,060

and how do you analyze somebody like

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00:34:46,369 --> 00:34:43,980

Facebook

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00:34:48,050 --> 00:34:46,379

when it comes to money yeah and and

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00:34:49,430 --> 00:34:48,060

Facebook is suffering the same sort of

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00:34:51,230 --> 00:34:49,440

thing we look at Facebook and we say

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00:34:53,089 --> 00:34:51,240

well it's this big you know social

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00:34:54,889 --> 00:34:53,099

network and we call the Monopoly

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00:34:56,990 --> 00:34:54,899

actually Facebook's market share has

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00:34:59,990 --> 00:34:57,000

been declining for the past several

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00:35:02,930 --> 00:35:00,000

years it's declining precisely because

901
00:35:04,250 --> 00:35:02,940
Facebook is doing what I described it's

902
00:35:06,349 --> 00:35:04,260
starting to

903
00:35:10,130 --> 00:35:06,359
um not deliver the quality that people

904
00:35:12,530 --> 00:35:10,140
want now a leading entrep leading

905
00:35:15,230 --> 00:35:12,540
competitor hasn't come to the fore yet

906
00:35:17,089 --> 00:35:15,240
but one will in the meantime Facebook's

907
00:35:18,530 --> 00:35:17,099
market share starts to fall and fall as

908
00:35:21,170 --> 00:35:18,540
customers say yeah I don't like this

909
00:35:24,050 --> 00:35:21,180
anymore I'm going somewhere else and

910
00:35:26,150 --> 00:35:24,060
that's the beauty of cooperation when

911
00:35:27,410 --> 00:35:26,160
you don't like what's going on you can

912
00:35:29,750 --> 00:35:27,420
walk away

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00:35:31,810 --> 00:35:29,760

and let's just tick off the next one

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00:35:34,130 --> 00:35:31,820

Google slash YouTube

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00:35:37,250 --> 00:35:34,140

they concern you at all as far as a

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00:35:39,550 --> 00:35:37,260

monopoly nope nope same thing so long so

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00:35:42,349 --> 00:35:39,560

long as none of them are

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00:35:46,069 --> 00:35:42,359

co-opting the government to protect

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00:35:47,630 --> 00:35:46,079

their space uh there's no problem there

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00:35:49,970 --> 00:35:47,640

because so long as there's no government

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00:35:52,310 --> 00:35:49,980

involved you can walk away so let's dip

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00:35:54,530 --> 00:35:52,320

our toe then into the censorship that's

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00:35:57,349 --> 00:35:54,540

going on on all three of them you know

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00:36:00,050 --> 00:35:57,359

Amazon is Banning certain books uh

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00:36:02,390 --> 00:36:00,060

YouTube Banning videos Facebook banning

926
00:36:05,150 --> 00:36:02,400
posts there's certainly an argument that

927
00:36:07,490 --> 00:36:05,160
they're doing that Curry favor with the

928
00:36:11,990 --> 00:36:07,500
government because it seems that what

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00:36:14,270 --> 00:36:12,000
they tend to uh censor is stuff from the

930
00:36:15,890 --> 00:36:14,280
right and it's the left that seems to be

931
00:36:17,569 --> 00:36:15,900
asking for censorship the right doesn't

932
00:36:19,310 --> 00:36:17,579
seem to ask for censorship so it seems

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00:36:21,950 --> 00:36:19,320
like they are trying to Curry favor with

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00:36:23,750 --> 00:36:21,960
the group that's asking for it

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00:36:26,870 --> 00:36:23,760
um how do you Analyze That

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00:36:28,910 --> 00:36:26,880
yeah in in this looks bad and people use

937
00:36:30,290 --> 00:36:28,920
you know use the term censorship and

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00:36:32,150 --> 00:36:30,300

people will say well this is a First

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00:36:34,069 --> 00:36:32,160

Amendment violation I want to underline

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00:36:36,349 --> 00:36:34,079

this is not a First Amendment violation

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00:36:38,870 --> 00:36:36,359

First Amendment violation is the

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00:36:41,089 --> 00:36:38,880

government steps in and and squelches

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00:36:43,010 --> 00:36:41,099

your speech Facebook is not the

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00:36:46,910 --> 00:36:43,020

government and it's Facebook's platform

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00:36:49,250 --> 00:36:46,920

if it wants to to throttle uh viewers on

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00:36:51,349 --> 00:36:49,260

my page well it's free to do so I don't

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00:36:54,650 --> 00:36:51,359

like it but it's free to do so it's

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00:36:57,170 --> 00:36:54,660

Facebook's platform uh so to Amazon

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00:36:59,210 --> 00:36:57,180

um and what happens the more the more

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00:37:00,890 --> 00:36:59,220

these things happen the more people will

951
00:37:03,890 --> 00:37:00,900
tend to look for Alternatives and

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00:37:06,829 --> 00:37:03,900
Alternatives will emerge the problem

953
00:37:08,450 --> 00:37:06,839
is if as you suggest they turn to

954
00:37:10,790 --> 00:37:08,460
government we hear a little bit of that

955
00:37:13,250 --> 00:37:10,800
now Elizabeth Warren when she was

956
00:37:15,230 --> 00:37:13,260
running for president said in a kind of

957
00:37:17,870 --> 00:37:15,240
an offhand way but it was concerning to

958
00:37:20,870 --> 00:37:17,880
me she said what we really need is to

959
00:37:22,849 --> 00:37:20,880
license journalists now that's a huge

960
00:37:25,609 --> 00:37:22,859
problem because now you have the

961
00:37:28,609 --> 00:37:25,619
government coming in and using its Force

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00:37:30,290 --> 00:37:28,619
to say who may and may not speak on

963
00:37:34,550 --> 00:37:30,300

various topics

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00:37:36,109 --> 00:37:34,560

the problem there is I can't walk away

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00:37:39,130 --> 00:37:36,119

you you certainly have the government

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00:37:41,329 --> 00:37:39,140

complaining again the left

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00:37:43,730 --> 00:37:41,339

politicians including the Biden

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00:37:46,550 --> 00:37:43,740

Administration complaining about

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00:37:49,670 --> 00:37:46,560

misinformation that's out there and that

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00:37:52,130 --> 00:37:49,680

social media is not doing enough to

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00:37:54,890 --> 00:37:52,140

curtail Nations specifically about the

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00:37:56,690 --> 00:37:54,900

vaccines even though I know based on

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00:38:00,770 --> 00:37:56,700

personal experience we've had an episode

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00:38:03,290 --> 00:38:00,780

taken down uh from YouTube because I had

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00:38:05,569 --> 00:38:03,300

a University of Wisconsin Professor on

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00:38:07,190 --> 00:38:05,579

who said that you should be very

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00:38:09,170 --> 00:38:07,200

cautious about taking the vaccine if

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00:38:11,390 --> 00:38:09,180

you've already had covid that there's

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00:38:12,950 --> 00:38:11,400

been a lot of significant side effects

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00:38:15,530 --> 00:38:12,960

for people who get the vaccine who've

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00:38:17,750 --> 00:38:15,540

already had covid and that it was never

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00:38:19,550 --> 00:38:17,760

tested the vaccines were never tested on

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00:38:22,250 --> 00:38:19,560

people who had already had covid so he

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00:38:25,250 --> 00:38:22,260

put out this significant warning for

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00:38:27,650 --> 00:38:25,260

those people he's an MD he's advised

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00:38:29,450 --> 00:38:27,660

congressional committees YouTube took it

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00:38:32,810 --> 00:38:29,460

down as misinformation

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00:38:34,970 --> 00:38:32,820

uh yeah so yeah and they're doing so in

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00:38:37,970 --> 00:38:34,980

response to the government

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00:38:40,069 --> 00:38:37,980

the Biden Administration saying that you

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00:38:43,849 --> 00:38:40,079

guys need to do more to curtail

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00:38:46,430 --> 00:38:43,859

misinformation otherwise we may do

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00:38:49,609 --> 00:38:46,440

something to you right but and notice

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00:38:51,170 --> 00:38:49,619

the notice the unstated Assumption here

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00:38:53,390 --> 00:38:51,180

and that is that the Biden

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00:38:55,370 --> 00:38:53,400

Administration is able to correctly

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00:38:58,550 --> 00:38:55,380

identify what is and is not

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00:39:01,430 --> 00:38:58,560

misinformation and that's the ultimate

999

00:39:03,530 --> 00:39:01,440

problem here that we've got the

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00:39:06,890 --> 00:39:03,540

government claiming to be the Arbiter of

1001
00:39:08,990 --> 00:39:06,900
the truce and I understand that it's not

1002
00:39:10,609 --> 00:39:09,000
entirely clear you know there are things

1003
00:39:11,930 --> 00:39:10,619
that are Unknown about the virus there

1004
00:39:15,250 --> 00:39:11,940
are things that are Unknown about the

1005
00:39:18,530 --> 00:39:15,260
vaccines but the cure to misinformation

1006
00:39:20,390 --> 00:39:18,540
is more information not less let the

1007
00:39:23,089 --> 00:39:20,400
ideas come out in the marketplace and

1008
00:39:24,650 --> 00:39:23,099
let them let them argue and the ones

1009
00:39:26,329 --> 00:39:24,660
that are correct those arguments will

1010
00:39:28,849 --> 00:39:26,339
rise to the four the other ones will

1011
00:39:30,470 --> 00:39:28,859
fall this is this is what we use we

1012
00:39:32,870 --> 00:39:30,480
people like to say let's follow the

1013
00:39:36,470 --> 00:39:32,880

science this is exactly how science

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00:39:37,849 --> 00:39:36,480

works somebody proposes a hypothesis and

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00:39:40,069 --> 00:39:37,859

puts it up for scrutiny and somebody

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00:39:41,930 --> 00:39:40,079

proposes an alternative hypothesis and

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00:39:44,150 --> 00:39:41,940

puts it up for scrutiny and you have an

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00:39:45,770 --> 00:39:44,160

argument as to what's going on and the

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00:39:48,710 --> 00:39:45,780

truth will eventually bubble to the top

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00:39:51,290 --> 00:39:48,720

you don't have that Dynamic bubbling to

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00:39:53,569 --> 00:39:51,300

the top of the truth if before we've

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00:39:55,310 --> 00:39:53,579

ever figured out what the truth is we

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00:39:58,130 --> 00:39:55,320

say well this stuff over here must be

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00:39:59,930 --> 00:39:58,140

wrong so let's not talk about it yeah I

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00:40:01,250 --> 00:39:59,940

mean we certainly have them reacting to

1026
00:40:04,329 --> 00:40:01,260
a threat

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00:40:07,910 --> 00:40:04,339
or an implied threat of more regulation

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00:40:12,230 --> 00:40:07,920
if you guys don't start

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00:40:14,089 --> 00:40:12,240
um uh censoring what we consider the

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00:40:16,130 --> 00:40:14,099
Biden Administration to be

1031
00:40:18,050 --> 00:40:16,140
misinformation

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00:40:20,450 --> 00:40:18,060
right and the thing we need to keep in

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00:40:22,970 --> 00:40:20,460
mind here because we tend to ascribe

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00:40:25,609 --> 00:40:22,980
magical powers to government

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00:40:27,170 --> 00:40:25,619
who is it that's deciding this is the

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00:40:29,750 --> 00:40:27,180
truth there's some politicians there's

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00:40:31,490 --> 00:40:29,760
bureaucrats yes they rely on experts but

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00:40:33,829 --> 00:40:31,500

it's the politicians and the bureaucrats

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00:40:37,010 --> 00:40:33,839

who ultimately make the call they aren't

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00:40:39,349 --> 00:40:37,020

contact content experts the best they

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00:40:41,450 --> 00:40:39,359

can do is what we would do which is

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00:40:43,550 --> 00:40:41,460

listen to what other people have to say

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00:40:45,349 --> 00:40:43,560

and come to some conclusion what they're

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00:40:46,329 --> 00:40:45,359

trying to do is substitute their

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00:40:51,589 --> 00:40:46,339

judgment

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00:40:54,589 --> 00:40:51,599

uh just to stay on social media for a

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00:40:56,510 --> 00:40:54,599

second section 230 which gives them the

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00:40:58,130 --> 00:40:56,520

government correct me from wrong is

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00:41:01,609 --> 00:40:58,140

protecting these companies against

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00:41:04,670 --> 00:41:01,619

someone suing them for defamation libel

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00:41:06,530 --> 00:41:04,680
Etc because the social media entities

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00:41:07,910 --> 00:41:06,540
are saying that hey we're just a portal

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00:41:09,650 --> 00:41:07,920
we're just allowing people to voice

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00:41:11,690 --> 00:41:09,660
their opinion this is not our opinion we

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00:41:14,569 --> 00:41:11,700
make that very clear and that's why you

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00:41:16,790 --> 00:41:14,579
can't sue us under Section 230 for that

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00:41:18,650 --> 00:41:16,800
but if they're going to start editing

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00:41:21,410 --> 00:41:18,660
content

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00:41:23,150 --> 00:41:21,420
then isn't that a situation where wait a

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00:41:25,010 --> 00:41:23,160
minute you're not just letting this be a

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00:41:28,670 --> 00:41:25,020
forum you're picking and choosing now

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00:41:30,410 --> 00:41:28,680
what's on your platform in 230 should

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00:41:31,970 --> 00:41:30,420

either no longer apply I don't know the

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00:41:34,190 --> 00:41:31,980

details of 230 or we should just

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00:41:36,109 --> 00:41:34,200

eliminate 230. yeah I think you're

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00:41:38,870 --> 00:41:36,119

absolutely right and again I also don't

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00:41:42,530 --> 00:41:38,880

know the details of 230 but it does seem

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00:41:44,930 --> 00:41:42,540

right somehow the the platform like

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00:41:46,130 --> 00:41:44,940

Facebook should make a call and say

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00:41:48,650 --> 00:41:46,140

either

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00:41:51,109 --> 00:41:48,660

um we're a communications platform like

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00:41:53,150 --> 00:41:51,119

a tele telephone company and whatever

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00:41:54,589 --> 00:41:53,160

goes on is we have nothing to say about

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00:41:56,510 --> 00:41:54,599

it and so therefore we shouldn't be

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00:42:01,569 --> 00:41:56,520

liable provide the what's going on is

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00:42:05,329 --> 00:42:01,579

legal or it's a it's a if in effect a um

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00:42:07,790 --> 00:42:05,339

an editorial a curator of the

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00:42:10,069 --> 00:42:07,800

information in which case Facebook is

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00:42:12,050 --> 00:42:10,079

actively deciding what you will and will

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00:42:13,309 --> 00:42:12,060

not hear in that instance it does seem

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00:42:15,890 --> 00:42:13,319

reasonable that if that's what it's

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00:42:18,290 --> 00:42:15,900

going to do it should be liable but what

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00:42:21,170 --> 00:42:18,300

I what I think is incorrect is that you

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00:42:23,569 --> 00:42:21,180

try you Facebook try to get the best of

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00:42:25,370 --> 00:42:23,579

both worlds and that is to say well we

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00:42:27,230 --> 00:42:25,380

have the right to curate but we

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00:42:29,270 --> 00:42:27,240

shouldn't be held liable either that

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00:42:31,190 --> 00:42:29,280

seems to be a problem right

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00:42:34,130 --> 00:42:31,200

all right before I let you go I want to

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00:42:36,950 --> 00:42:34,140

hit on three really big controversial

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00:42:39,790 --> 00:42:36,960

issues that I struggle with

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00:42:41,990 --> 00:42:39,800

um I kind of go back and forth as far as

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00:42:43,790 --> 00:42:42,000

my feelings about the proper role of

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00:42:45,349 --> 00:42:43,800

government on these so since you just

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00:42:47,329 --> 00:42:45,359

wrote cooperation conversion and

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00:42:49,010 --> 00:42:47,339

coercion let's take through these so

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00:42:55,030 --> 00:42:49,020

abortion

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00:42:57,710 --> 00:42:55,040

it comes to proper role of government

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00:43:00,890 --> 00:42:57,720

cooperation coercion

1100

00:43:02,930 --> 00:43:00,900

yeah so this is a really hard this is a

1101
00:43:05,270 --> 00:43:02,940
really hard topic that I try not to talk

1102
00:43:07,309 --> 00:43:05,280
about for obvious reasons

1103
00:43:10,010 --> 00:43:07,319
um but but I'll give this a little bit

1104
00:43:12,710 --> 00:43:10,020
of commentary and that's this it seems

1105
00:43:16,130 --> 00:43:12,720
to me that our discussion on both sides

1106
00:43:17,690 --> 00:43:16,140
of abortion in this country tend to miss

1107
00:43:20,690 --> 00:43:17,700
the point

1108
00:43:22,790 --> 00:43:20,700
and the focal point of of the thing and

1109
00:43:26,750 --> 00:43:22,800
the focal point of the thing I think is

1110
00:43:29,390 --> 00:43:26,760
is this is this entity and use whatever

1111
00:43:30,950 --> 00:43:29,400
word you want fetus child what have you

1112
00:43:33,490 --> 00:43:30,960
but we all know what we're talking about

1113
00:43:35,750 --> 00:43:33,500

here is this this this entity this thing

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00:43:38,809 --> 00:43:35,760

is this thing

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00:43:43,270 --> 00:43:38,819

um a rights-bearing individual

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00:43:46,069 --> 00:43:43,280

if it is then it has its right to life

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00:43:49,250 --> 00:43:46,079

supersedes other rights

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00:43:51,650 --> 00:43:49,260

that other people involved may have if

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00:43:55,130 --> 00:43:51,660

however this thing is not a

1120

00:43:58,309 --> 00:43:55,140

rights-bearing individual then clearly

1121

00:44:00,650 --> 00:43:58,319

it has no right to anything and so

1122

00:44:04,910 --> 00:44:00,660

everybody else's rights who are involved

1123

00:44:07,550 --> 00:44:04,920

um take precedence and what we know is

1124

00:44:09,829 --> 00:44:07,560

that prior to conception there's no

1125

00:44:12,770 --> 00:44:09,839

rights-bearing individual here the other

1126

00:44:15,530 --> 00:44:12,780

thing we know is at the instant of birth

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00:44:17,750 --> 00:44:15,540

there is a right-sparing individual

1128

00:44:19,010 --> 00:44:17,760

somewhere between those two points there

1129

00:44:20,690 --> 00:44:19,020

was a change

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00:44:21,650 --> 00:44:20,700

we didn't have a rightsbury individual

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00:44:23,870 --> 00:44:21,660

all of a sudden we did have a

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00:44:26,750 --> 00:44:23,880

right-sparing individual I don't know

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00:44:28,970 --> 00:44:26,760

where that change occurs but that's

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00:44:30,829 --> 00:44:28,980

where we should be focusing instead we

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00:44:32,870 --> 00:44:30,839

talk about and it is important it is

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00:44:34,550 --> 00:44:32,880

important to talk about women's rights

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00:44:36,530 --> 00:44:34,560

their bodies it is important to talk

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00:44:39,050 --> 00:44:36,540

about the right to life but neither one

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00:44:40,670 --> 00:44:39,060

of those things I think get us anywhere

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00:44:45,109 --> 00:44:40,680

toward an answer

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00:44:47,870 --> 00:44:45,119

addressing that question at what point

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00:44:51,770 --> 00:44:47,880

does this thing become a rights-bearing

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00:44:53,210 --> 00:44:51,780

individual I have no way of of answering

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00:44:55,849 --> 00:44:53,220

that I don't know of anybody who does

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00:44:57,290 --> 00:44:55,859

have a way of answering that but that is

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00:44:59,150 --> 00:44:57,300

the key to answering the abortion

1147

00:45:01,130 --> 00:44:59,160

question well in the current state of

1148

00:45:03,230 --> 00:45:01,140

affairs in America is that it's a it

1149

00:45:06,430 --> 00:45:03,240

seems to be a limited rights-bearing

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00:45:08,750 --> 00:45:06,440

individual during that

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00:45:10,370 --> 00:45:08,760

yeah and that's kind of weird I don't I

1152

00:45:13,930 --> 00:45:10,380

don't know how to deal with that because

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00:45:17,210 --> 00:45:13,940

there's no in in our constitutional

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00:45:19,309 --> 00:45:17,220

framework there's no such thing as a as

1155

00:45:21,470 --> 00:45:19,319

a quasi-rights bearing individual you

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00:45:23,329 --> 00:45:21,480

either are or you aren't right

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00:45:24,589 --> 00:45:23,339

right but yeah that's kind of the

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00:45:26,510 --> 00:45:24,599

situation we're in with where it's

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00:45:28,430 --> 00:45:26,520

health of the mother versus the baby Etc

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00:45:30,230 --> 00:45:28,440

as far as I don't know second trimester

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00:45:30,829 --> 00:45:30,240

or whatever

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00:45:33,530 --> 00:45:30,839

um

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00:45:35,990 --> 00:45:33,540

okay let's go I'll hit the next one uh

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00:45:37,670 --> 00:45:36,000

guns now right there in the Constitution

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00:45:40,490 --> 00:45:37,680

it obviously says that you've got a

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00:45:42,710 --> 00:45:40,500

right to to bear arms but um that

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00:45:44,690 --> 00:45:42,720

doesn't necessarily make it good policy

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00:45:46,430 --> 00:45:44,700

it's something that the founders liked

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00:45:49,970 --> 00:45:46,440

at the time

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00:45:51,770 --> 00:45:49,980

um but certainly guns you know in an

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00:45:54,770 --> 00:45:51,780

Ideal World if we could snap our fingers

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00:45:56,930 --> 00:45:54,780

and have there be zero guns uh in the

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00:45:58,730 --> 00:45:56,940

world I think that make the World

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00:46:00,950 --> 00:45:58,740

perhaps a better place or in America or

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00:46:02,990 --> 00:46:00,960

in any particular City but

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00:46:04,970 --> 00:46:03,000
um putting aside the fact that yeah I

1177
00:46:06,770 --> 00:46:04,980
get it it's in the Constitution they're

1178
00:46:08,450 --> 00:46:06,780
allowed but as you think about the

1179
00:46:11,809 --> 00:46:08,460
proper role of government cooperation

1180
00:46:16,069 --> 00:46:11,819
coercion how would you analyze guns

1181
00:46:19,430 --> 00:46:16,079
well yeah we devote a chapter of to to

1182
00:46:22,730 --> 00:46:19,440
this uh Topic in our book and what we do

1183
00:46:25,490 --> 00:46:22,740
is we ask some pragmatic questions

1184
00:46:28,550 --> 00:46:25,500
about what is the relationship between

1185
00:46:31,069 --> 00:46:28,560
gun ownership and homicides and we look

1186
00:46:32,750 --> 00:46:31,079
at data across the 50 states and across

1187
00:46:35,870 --> 00:46:32,760
time we look at multiple countries as

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00:46:38,589 --> 00:46:35,880

well and we compare levels of gun

1189

00:46:41,630 --> 00:46:38,599

ownership to to

1190

00:46:44,569 --> 00:46:41,640

homicides and we don't find any

1191

00:46:47,030 --> 00:46:44,579

relationship here it's we do not find

1192

00:46:50,030 --> 00:46:47,040

that more guns are associated with more

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00:46:51,770 --> 00:46:50,040

homicides nor do we find that more guns

1194

00:46:53,630 --> 00:46:51,780

are associated with fewer homicides

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00:46:55,849 --> 00:46:53,640

there seems to be no relationship here

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00:46:57,829 --> 00:46:55,859

and so we look at various various things

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00:47:00,349 --> 00:46:57,839

like this and we find no relationship in

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00:47:02,450 --> 00:47:00,359

the data anywhere until

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00:47:05,089 --> 00:47:02,460

we look at the relationship between gun

1200

00:47:08,030 --> 00:47:05,099

ownership and suicide and there we do

1201
00:47:09,770 --> 00:47:08,040
find a marked relationship in periods of

1202
00:47:11,510 --> 00:47:09,780
time and in States in which there have

1203
00:47:13,730 --> 00:47:11,520
been there has been more gun ownership

1204
00:47:15,170 --> 00:47:13,740
the suicide rates have also been higher

1205
00:47:16,849 --> 00:47:15,180
in periods in which there's less gun

1206
00:47:20,030 --> 00:47:16,859
ownership the suicide rates have been

1207
00:47:21,890 --> 00:47:20,040
less have been much lower and and so

1208
00:47:23,690 --> 00:47:21,900
this kind of makes sense if you think

1209
00:47:26,329 --> 00:47:23,700
about it because a gun is a way to

1210
00:47:28,730 --> 00:47:26,339
commit suicide is to turn your decision

1211
00:47:30,829 --> 00:47:28,740
to commit suicide into a reality almost

1212
00:47:34,250 --> 00:47:30,839
instantaneously

1213
00:47:35,569 --> 00:47:34,260

and so there is an argument here if you

1214

00:47:37,490 --> 00:47:35,579

want to talk about

1215

00:47:39,470 --> 00:47:37,500

um you know dealing with mental health

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00:47:41,870 --> 00:47:39,480

of this relationship between guns and

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00:47:44,089 --> 00:47:41,880

mental health but in terms of homicides

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00:47:45,650 --> 00:47:44,099

we simply don't see it and people point

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00:47:48,950 --> 00:47:45,660

to things like Australia and say Well

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00:47:51,829 --> 00:47:48,960

when Australia banned guns it's homicide

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00:47:53,690 --> 00:47:51,839

it's some firearm homicide rate fell of

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00:47:55,130 --> 00:47:53,700

course it's firearm homicide rate fell

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00:47:57,349 --> 00:47:55,140

you could ban the guns but that's not

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00:47:59,630 --> 00:47:57,359

what's important it's not the firearm

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00:48:01,430 --> 00:47:59,640

homicide rate it's the homicide rate and

1226
00:48:03,530 --> 00:48:01,440
if you look what you see is at the same

1227
00:48:06,170 --> 00:48:03,540
time in Australia is there firearm

1228
00:48:08,510 --> 00:48:06,180
homicide rate fell their knife homicide

1229
00:48:09,710 --> 00:48:08,520
rate went up so all you did was cause

1230
00:48:12,890 --> 00:48:09,720
people to shift from one to the other

1231
00:48:16,190 --> 00:48:12,900
and in fact over this same period where

1232
00:48:19,910 --> 00:48:16,200
Australia banned its guns its overall

1233
00:48:21,470 --> 00:48:19,920
homicide rate fell by less than the

1234
00:48:23,829 --> 00:48:21,480
overall homicide rate in the United

1235
00:48:27,470 --> 00:48:23,839
States they didn't ban guns

1236
00:48:30,410 --> 00:48:27,480
interesting stuff okay last one is the

1237
00:48:35,270 --> 00:48:33,049
yeah do you devote a chapter of the book

1238
00:48:37,309 --> 00:48:35,280

to the doctor no no we don't talk we

1239

00:48:39,890 --> 00:48:37,319

don't talk about the death penalty um

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00:48:43,490 --> 00:48:39,900

and this is one of these things that my

1241

00:48:45,349 --> 00:48:43,500

thoughts on it are not entirely clear

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00:48:47,870 --> 00:48:45,359

um I I would think

1243

00:48:50,930 --> 00:48:47,880

I do see an inconsistency and I simply

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00:48:53,569 --> 00:48:50,940

point to the inconsistency and that is I

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00:48:54,950 --> 00:48:53,579

find I find a lot of people in the

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00:48:57,349 --> 00:48:54,960

supplies to both sides I find a lot of

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00:48:59,930 --> 00:48:57,359

people on the one side who are very

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00:49:01,910 --> 00:48:59,940

um pro-life anti-abortion

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00:49:04,609 --> 00:49:01,920

not all of them but but a decent number

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00:49:07,849 --> 00:49:04,619

of them also being pro-death penalty and

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00:49:10,730 --> 00:49:07,859

that strikes me as odd because if if you

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00:49:13,549 --> 00:49:10,740

want to emphasize that this this

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00:49:15,410 --> 00:49:13,559

child has a right to life why doesn't

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00:49:17,569 --> 00:49:15,420

this other person have a right to life

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00:49:19,430 --> 00:49:17,579

also do you give it you know you're

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00:49:22,370 --> 00:49:19,440

claiming he's given up in some sense but

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00:49:23,349 --> 00:49:22,380

then I can I can point to the same

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00:49:25,730 --> 00:49:23,359

um

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00:49:27,710 --> 00:49:25,740

inconsistency on the other side I see a

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00:49:29,390 --> 00:49:27,720

lot of people who are pro-abortion

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00:49:30,890 --> 00:49:29,400

saying no you know this this not a child

1262

00:49:32,510 --> 00:49:30,900

doesn't have a right to life

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00:49:35,030 --> 00:49:32,520

um on the other hand saying well this

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00:49:36,589 --> 00:49:35,040

criminal we have no right to to take his

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00:49:38,569 --> 00:49:36,599

life who are we to take the life of

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00:49:41,270 --> 00:49:38,579

another person and so

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00:49:43,430 --> 00:49:41,280

I I have no good answer to your question

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00:49:45,650 --> 00:49:43,440

other than this kind of armchair

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00:49:47,750 --> 00:49:45,660

observation that there seem to be a lot

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00:49:49,670 --> 00:49:47,760

of people on both sides of this question

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00:49:52,849 --> 00:49:49,680

who are who seem to be thinking

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00:49:56,510 --> 00:49:52,859

inconsistently yeah well you would think

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00:49:58,130 --> 00:49:56,520

that limited government folks on on the

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00:50:00,589 --> 00:49:58,140

right would would kind of be against the

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00:50:02,390 --> 00:50:00,599

death penalty generally because we like

1276
00:50:05,210 --> 00:50:02,400
less coercion from the government less

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00:50:08,630 --> 00:50:05,220
involvement in things and

1278
00:50:11,390 --> 00:50:08,640
um but it's also an Enforcement issue

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00:50:13,190 --> 00:50:11,400
and if there's one thing that people on

1280
00:50:15,589 --> 00:50:13,200
the right agree with is that at least

1281
00:50:18,710 --> 00:50:15,599
one role for government nobody seems to

1282
00:50:21,589 --> 00:50:18,720
dispute is protecting the people right

1283
00:50:22,970 --> 00:50:21,599
right preventing harm right preventing I

1284
00:50:24,770 --> 00:50:22,980
mean basically we form the government to

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00:50:27,829 --> 00:50:24,780
begin with to protect ourselves against

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00:50:29,930 --> 00:50:27,839
foreign foreign adversaries and

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00:50:32,329 --> 00:50:29,940
um and to prevent

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00:50:35,030 --> 00:50:32,339

or uh or guard against Crime in the U.S

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00:50:37,370 --> 00:50:35,040

right yeah yeah and this is right it

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00:50:40,190 --> 00:50:37,380

raises the question are there other ways

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00:50:42,170 --> 00:50:40,200

to prevent harmed and then

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00:50:44,630 --> 00:50:42,180

um you know

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00:50:46,670 --> 00:50:44,640

sentencing someone to death and I don't

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00:50:49,970 --> 00:50:46,680

know enough about the topic to say one

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00:50:52,490 --> 00:50:49,980

way or the other uh other than just than

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00:50:55,609 --> 00:50:52,500

to say yeah this is this is a messy it

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00:50:57,230 --> 00:50:55,619

becomes very messy anytime you're

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00:50:58,970 --> 00:50:57,240

dealing with an instance and you see

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00:51:01,309 --> 00:50:58,980

this with with capital punishment you

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00:51:02,809 --> 00:51:01,319

see it with abortion as well it's messy

1301
00:51:04,549 --> 00:51:02,819
anytime we're dealing with the question

1302
00:51:06,589 --> 00:51:04,559
of taking away someone's rights or

1303
00:51:08,030 --> 00:51:06,599
potentially taking away someone's rights

1304
00:51:09,250 --> 00:51:08,040
and the ultimate right which is the

1305
00:51:11,450 --> 00:51:09,260
right to be alive

1306
00:51:13,010 --> 00:51:11,460
how about this last time before I let

1307
00:51:15,349 --> 00:51:13,020
you go on that is we're hearing so much

1308
00:51:18,650 --> 00:51:15,359
about Equity these days it's no more

1309
00:51:22,010 --> 00:51:18,660
about equality it's about equity and I

1310
00:51:25,849 --> 00:51:22,020
was thinking about it and you know it

1311
00:51:27,230 --> 00:51:25,859
government should protect equality you

1312
00:51:31,010 --> 00:51:27,240
know as far as everybody having the

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00:51:33,710 --> 00:51:31,020

right to be treated equally but Equity

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00:51:36,049 --> 00:51:33,720

seems to be all about you know uh

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00:51:37,970 --> 00:51:36,059

coercing or enforcing

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00:51:39,530 --> 00:51:37,980

some end result

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00:51:40,910 --> 00:51:39,540

yeah quality that seems to be the

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00:51:44,750 --> 00:51:40,920

difference between equity and equality

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00:51:47,510 --> 00:51:44,760

one is protecting everybody to to be

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00:51:48,950 --> 00:51:47,520

themselves the other is coercing a

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00:51:50,750 --> 00:51:48,960

particular result

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00:51:53,450 --> 00:51:50,760

yeah and it's kind of weird isn't it

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00:51:56,150 --> 00:51:53,460

because the people who tend to be most

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00:51:59,030 --> 00:51:56,160

pro-equity of everybody should be all be

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00:52:01,970 --> 00:51:59,040

the same are also the people who tend to

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00:52:04,849 --> 00:52:01,980

say that diversity is important well

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00:52:07,309 --> 00:52:04,859

hang on a second because the reason we

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00:52:09,170 --> 00:52:07,319

have inequity at all is because of

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00:52:10,549 --> 00:52:09,180

diversity some of us are smarter than

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00:52:11,990 --> 00:52:10,559

others some of us are more attractive

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00:52:13,730 --> 00:52:12,000

than others some of us more talented

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00:52:15,950 --> 00:52:13,740

than others some of us are born to

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00:52:17,809 --> 00:52:15,960

better circumstances than others because

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00:52:21,170 --> 00:52:17,819

we're diverse in these very important

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00:52:23,870 --> 00:52:21,180

ways if you leave us alone some of us

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00:52:27,829 --> 00:52:23,880

are going to rise higher than others and

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00:52:30,589 --> 00:52:27,839

and so to say the government has a role

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00:52:32,630 --> 00:52:30,599

in taking away from people who have

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00:52:34,430 --> 00:52:32,640

risen higher for whatever reason giving

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00:52:37,849 --> 00:52:34,440

it to these other people

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00:52:40,069 --> 00:52:37,859

on the one hand is to say not only is

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00:52:42,170 --> 00:52:40,079

diversity not important actually we need

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00:52:44,450 --> 00:52:42,180

to level it all out so we don't see any

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00:52:46,010 --> 00:52:44,460

diversity except the diversity of skin

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00:52:47,510 --> 00:52:46,020

color which is what people

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00:52:48,890 --> 00:52:47,520

sometimes mean when they talk about

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00:52:51,109 --> 00:52:48,900

diversity

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00:52:52,790 --> 00:52:51,119

um on the other hand there's there's a

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00:52:55,490 --> 00:52:52,800

there's an important thing that's going

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00:52:57,710 --> 00:52:55,500

to come out and that is if you do this

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00:52:59,150 --> 00:52:57,720
if you say to people who have achieved

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00:53:00,910 --> 00:52:59,160
more we're going to take away from you

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00:53:04,670 --> 00:53:00,920
and give to people who achieve less less

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00:53:07,309 --> 00:53:04,680
you have taken away the the one of the

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00:53:10,190 --> 00:53:07,319
important motivators what is the reason

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00:53:12,410 --> 00:53:10,200
that kids spend four years in college

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00:53:14,329 --> 00:53:12,420
trying to learn certain things why is it

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00:53:16,130 --> 00:53:14,339
that you go to work every day and

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00:53:18,049 --> 00:53:16,140
slogging through this job you don't like

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00:53:20,750 --> 00:53:18,059
so you can move up and get a better job

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00:53:23,329 --> 00:53:20,760
at some other place why you're why are

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00:53:26,030 --> 00:53:23,339
we doing this so that we can move up

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00:53:28,010 --> 00:53:26,040

if all of a sudden I'm faced with a

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00:53:30,049 --> 00:53:28,020

situation of no matter how high I

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00:53:31,130 --> 00:53:30,059

attempt to move whatever I get is going

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00:53:32,390 --> 00:53:31,140

to be taken away and given to somebody

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00:53:34,130 --> 00:53:32,400

else

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00:53:35,809 --> 00:53:34,140

I don't see the point in trying anymore

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00:53:37,970 --> 00:53:35,819

I might as well just sit back and watch

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00:53:39,950 --> 00:53:37,980

television because I'm just as well off

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00:53:41,690 --> 00:53:39,960

doing that as I am doing anything else

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00:53:44,870 --> 00:53:41,700

or if it's going to be given to you

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00:53:47,930 --> 00:53:44,880

regardless yeah exactly yeah and on the

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00:53:50,030 --> 00:53:47,940

other side that yeah yeah yeah yeah it's

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00:53:52,549 --> 00:53:50,040

no focus on the individual it's all

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00:53:54,109 --> 00:53:52,559

lumping people together

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00:53:55,430 --> 00:53:54,119

well thank you Professor that was

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00:53:57,829 --> 00:53:55,440

awesome what's going to go on at your

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00:53:59,510 --> 00:53:57,839

University as far as vaccines and mass

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00:54:02,329 --> 00:53:59,520

and so on have they decided all that

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00:54:05,270 --> 00:54:02,339

well presumably it's business is normal

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00:54:07,250 --> 00:54:05,280

so no masks and the classes are all in

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00:54:09,470 --> 00:54:07,260

person and I think universities Coast to

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00:54:11,329 --> 00:54:09,480

Coast are interested in going back to

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00:54:14,390 --> 00:54:11,339

businesses normal because they are

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00:54:17,270 --> 00:54:14,400

deathly afraid that students will

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00:54:19,910 --> 00:54:17,280

develop a liking for logging into class

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00:54:22,190 --> 00:54:19,920

remotely and there goes all of their

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00:54:23,809 --> 00:54:22,200

room and board dollars yeah well UC

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00:54:26,089 --> 00:54:23,819

wasn't concerned about that by requiring

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vaccination to to come to school is your

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school going to require the same

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00:54:32,089 --> 00:54:30,599

um I think I don't know that they're

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00:54:33,349 --> 00:54:32,099

requiring it but they're putting a lot

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00:54:35,450 --> 00:54:33,359

of pressure on students to get

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00:54:37,490 --> 00:54:35,460

vaccinated yeah I mean considering the

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00:54:39,349 --> 00:54:37,500

thing talk about FDA approval still

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00:54:42,530 --> 00:54:39,359

doesn't have official FDA approval that

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00:54:45,370 --> 00:54:42,540

is still experimental it's really pretty

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00:54:48,170 --> 00:54:45,380

shocking that a government would require

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00:54:50,510 --> 00:54:48,180

someone to take this thing that is

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00:54:53,450 --> 00:54:50,520

technically still experimental

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00:54:56,510 --> 00:54:53,460

yeah what worries me is is that the

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00:54:59,030 --> 00:54:56,520

people who have gained some power from

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00:55:00,710 --> 00:54:59,040

these coveted restrictions are going to

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00:55:02,150 --> 00:55:00,720

like it so much that they're not going

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00:55:03,829 --> 00:55:02,160

to go away and you start to hear this

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00:55:06,109 --> 00:55:03,839

now with the Delta variant and other

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00:55:07,789 --> 00:55:06,119

people saying well the flu season was

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00:55:09,470 --> 00:55:07,799

much better simply because of masks and

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00:55:12,650 --> 00:55:09,480

we should require people to wear masks

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00:55:14,809 --> 00:55:12,660

all the time and I it just bothers me

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00:55:17,270 --> 00:55:14,819

that some people may have developed a

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00:55:19,190 --> 00:55:17,280

taste for power and they're going to be

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um they're not going to be apt to be

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00:55:23,510 --> 00:55:20,880

giving it up too easily

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00:55:25,190 --> 00:55:23,520

I think we've already seen that we'll

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00:55:27,230 --> 00:55:25,200

we'll see what happens to Newsom here in

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00:55:29,150 --> 00:55:27,240

California in a couple months yeah

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00:55:30,530 --> 00:55:29,160

exactly we may have to take the power

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00:55:32,870 --> 00:55:30,540

away from him

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00:55:34,789 --> 00:55:32,880

thank you again to Anthony Davies you

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00:55:37,370 --> 00:55:34,799

can check out all of his work online

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00:55:41,089 --> 00:55:37,380

just Google Anthony Davies and go to

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00:55:43,190 --> 00:55:41,099

Amazon and get his book cooperation and

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00:55:44,329 --> 00:55:43,200

coercion thank you to our producer

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00:55:45,589 --> 00:55:44,339

Michael Parker thank you all for

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listening we'll be back soon with

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thank you for listening to the Android

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