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00:00:04,039 --> 00:00:02,389
embrace yourself because you're about to

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00:00:06,230 --> 00:00:04,049
dive into another free first hour

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00:00:07,400 --> 00:00:06,240
episode of the higher side chats and we

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00:00:08,810 --> 00:00:07,410
just want to let you know that whether

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00:00:10,790 --> 00:00:08,820
you're looking for a companion through

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00:00:12,410 --> 00:00:10,800
your paranoid insomnia entertaining

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00:00:14,390 --> 00:00:12,420
yourself through one of life's mundane

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00:00:16,070 --> 00:00:14,400
activities or trying to ward off the

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00:00:18,710 --> 00:00:16,080
internal scream to all those sad

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00:00:20,480 --> 00:00:18,720
smothered Souls around the office THC is

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00:00:22,130 --> 00:00:20,490
here and you should know that every

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00:00:24,170 --> 00:00:22,140
episode of the higher side chats has an

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00:00:26,540 --> 00:00:24,180

entire second hour four plus members

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00:00:29,029 --> 00:00:26,550

sign up at the higher side chats plus

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00:00:31,609 --> 00:00:29,039

calm and you get years of plus show

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00:00:33,020 --> 00:00:31,619

archives lifetime forum access the

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00:00:36,410 --> 00:00:33,030

special invite to Greg Carl woods

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00:00:39,860 --> 00:00:36,420

monthly joint sessions mp3s of THC music

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00:00:42,020 --> 00:00:39,870

and bonus episodes for videos and 10%

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00:00:44,090 --> 00:00:42,030

off t-shirts grinders and whatever else

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00:00:45,440 --> 00:00:44,100

ends up in the higher side store it's

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

eight dollars a month that you won't

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00:00:49,729 --> 00:00:47,789

miss so become a plus member and treat

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00:00:51,560 --> 00:00:49,739

yourself in these troubled times always

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00:00:53,569 --> 00:00:51,570

action-packed and commercial for you

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00:01:31,460 --> 00:00:53,579
which means you'll unfortunately never

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00:01:33,620 --> 00:01:31,470
hear my voice here we go people lean

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00:01:35,870 --> 00:01:33,630
mean and trying not to get crushed by

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00:01:38,060 --> 00:01:35,880
the big machine from sunny San Diego i'm

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00:01:40,460 --> 00:01:38,070
greg carl wood and it's no surprise that

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00:01:43,130 --> 00:01:40,470
the history of european expansion was a

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00:01:45,020 --> 00:01:43,140
violent and bloody one that used and

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00:01:47,240 --> 00:01:45,030
abused almost any indigenous culture

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00:01:49,460 --> 00:01:47,250
that they came across but outside of

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00:01:51,530 --> 00:01:49,470
those broad statements the details of

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00:01:54,020 --> 00:01:51,540
that systemic steamroll are typically

37
00:01:55,969 --> 00:01:54,030
glossed over and if little uncomfortable

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00:01:58,550 --> 00:01:55,979

truths can be skimmed past and

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00:02:01,130 --> 00:01:58,560

downplayed they usually are but that

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00:02:03,109 --> 00:02:01,140

mistreatment of the other expands much

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00:02:05,120 --> 00:02:03,119

further than we might think because the

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00:02:06,819 --> 00:02:05,130

genocide of native americans and the use

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00:02:08,960 --> 00:02:06,829

of african slaves are not isolated

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00:02:11,089 --> 00:02:08,970

incidents and when you consider the

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00:02:12,800 --> 00:02:11,099

expansion of the American Empire and the

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00:02:13,210 --> 00:02:12,810

Forgotten territories around the globe

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00:02:15,190 --> 00:02:13,220

that it

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00:02:17,290 --> 00:02:15,200

does or has controlled the

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00:02:19,600 --> 00:02:17,300

disenfranchised are not a distant

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00:02:21,910 --> 00:02:19,610

uncomfortable memory they're essentially

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00:02:24,790 --> 00:02:21,920
a staple of how the American Empire has

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00:02:27,160 --> 00:02:24,800
and currently does still operate well

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00:02:28,990 --> 00:02:27,170
folks it is these neglected colonies and

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00:02:31,150 --> 00:02:29,000
territories that are the offerings in

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00:02:33,370 --> 00:02:31,160
the higher side table today as they are

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00:02:36,100 --> 00:02:33,380
also the subject of the latest book by

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00:02:38,560 --> 00:02:36,110
today's guest Daniel M Erb are entitled

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00:02:41,230 --> 00:02:38,570
how to hide an empire a history of the

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00:02:43,210 --> 00:02:41,240
greater United States where he relays

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00:02:45,160 --> 00:02:43,220
interesting aspects of history that

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00:02:47,800 --> 00:02:45,170
don't often make it into the schoolbooks

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00:02:50,770 --> 00:02:47,810
and details are complicated relationship

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00:02:53,110 --> 00:02:50,780

with areas like Guam Hawaii Puerto Rico

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00:02:55,360 --> 00:02:53,120

Guantanamo Bay and the philippines just

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00:02:58,120 --> 00:02:55,370

to name a few if you're unfamiliar with

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00:03:00,390 --> 00:02:58,130

Daniel he is a scholar of us and global

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00:03:02,670 --> 00:03:00,400

history specializing in empire

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00:03:05,230 --> 00:03:02,680

development and the history of ideas

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00:03:07,000 --> 00:03:05,240

currently working as associate professor

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00:03:09,250 --> 00:03:07,010

of the history department at

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00:03:12,010 --> 00:03:09,260

Northwestern University but he's also

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00:03:14,680 --> 00:03:12,020

taught at Berkley Columbia and San

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00:03:17,350 --> 00:03:14,690

Quentin State Prison so let's do the

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00:03:19,630 --> 00:03:17,360

damn thing the Empire educator forgotten

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00:03:21,550 --> 00:03:19,640

history highlighter an advocate for the

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00:03:23,830 --> 00:03:21,560

often forgotten Daniel my man

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00:03:26,830 --> 00:03:23,840

welcome to the higher side pleasure to

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00:03:28,840 --> 00:03:26,840

be here hey this is a real treat man

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00:03:30,790 --> 00:03:28,850

thanks for doing it I loved your book

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00:03:32,920 --> 00:03:30,800

how to hide an empire a history of the

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00:03:34,630 --> 00:03:32,930

greater United States and the audience

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00:03:37,030 --> 00:03:34,640

knows I've been searching for something

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00:03:39,640 --> 00:03:37,040

like this for a while now because these

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00:03:41,710 --> 00:03:39,650

are the sorts of stories and situations

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that I like to highlight here the

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00:03:46,930 --> 00:03:44,090

general abuses of empire and the big

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00:03:49,330 --> 00:03:46,940

machine but to fit so much of it in one

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00:03:51,220 --> 00:03:49,340

book is really great to see to get this

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00:03:53,590 --> 00:03:51,230

thing going what can you tell us about

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00:03:55,449 --> 00:03:53,600

the genesis of this book and why you

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00:03:56,740 --> 00:03:55,459

felt it was such an important one to

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00:04:00,520 --> 00:03:56,750

write

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00:04:02,650 --> 00:04:00,530

yes so I have been teaching his history

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for a while and I taught it at Berkeley

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and I taught it as he said at San

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00:04:08,890 --> 00:04:07,010

Quentin at the prison and I taught it

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00:04:12,520 --> 00:04:08,900

the way that most people teach it

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00:04:14,440 --> 00:04:12,530

it was so standard that I could be sick

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00:04:15,670 --> 00:04:14,450

for a day and say can you cover me we're

100

00:04:16,690 --> 00:04:15,680

doing the Gilded Age and someone else

101
00:04:18,670 --> 00:04:16,700
could come in and they would pick up

102
00:04:19,870 --> 00:04:18,680
right where I'd left off there's a kind

103
00:04:21,340 --> 00:04:19,880
of way that we know how to teach that

104
00:04:23,080 --> 00:04:21,350
and that's fine and that's good we work

105
00:04:24,580 --> 00:04:23,090
collectively historian to figure out the

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00:04:27,100 --> 00:04:24,590
story for a while we all kind of talk

107
00:04:28,870 --> 00:04:27,110
about it and then I was doing some

108
00:04:31,060 --> 00:04:28,880
research about something else and I went

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00:04:34,510 --> 00:04:31,070
to in a course of that research I went

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00:04:37,000 --> 00:04:34,520
to Manila in the Philippines and it was

111
00:04:38,440 --> 00:04:37,010
just struck by the place and there's a

112
00:04:40,900 --> 00:04:38,450
lot to see there but one thing that

113
00:04:44,080 --> 00:04:40,910

really surprised me was I thought oh my

114

00:04:46,540 --> 00:04:44,090

god it just feels so familiar in a

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00:04:48,310 --> 00:04:46,550

family resemblance kind of way so I

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00:04:50,620 --> 00:04:48,320

would see streets that were named after

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00:04:51,430 --> 00:04:50,630

US presidents you know like up to

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00:04:54,130 --> 00:04:51,440

Eisenhower

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00:04:56,500 --> 00:04:54,140

I would Ord the transit system which is

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based on surplus US Army jeeps I would

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go to the University there the Ateneo de

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Manila University and I would hear

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00:05:03,820 --> 00:05:02,780

people speak English with an accent that

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00:05:07,120 --> 00:05:03,830

wasn't too different from my

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00:05:09,340 --> 00:05:07,130

Pennsylvania accent and what I'd known

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00:05:11,380 --> 00:05:09,350

that the Philippines had been a colony

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00:05:13,090 --> 00:05:11,390

of the United States I totally knew that

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00:05:14,770 --> 00:05:13,100

I had a PhD in US history

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00:05:16,810 --> 00:05:14,780

I could not be accused of not knowing

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that but I think there's a difference

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00:05:21,640 --> 00:05:19,220

between knowing something and doing it

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00:05:23,469 --> 00:05:21,650

like really getting it at fully

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00:05:25,540 --> 00:05:23,479

understanding implications and I would

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00:05:27,670 --> 00:05:25,550

say that I didn't really know it in that

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00:05:30,040 --> 00:05:27,680

second sense I didn't really think about

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00:05:31,840 --> 00:05:30,050

it a lot but when you're there standing

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00:05:33,610 --> 00:05:31,850

in the street corner in Manila between

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00:05:34,960 --> 00:05:33,620

like Washington and Madison Street it's

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00:05:37,210 --> 00:05:34,970

hard not to think about that a little

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00:05:39,570 --> 00:05:37,220

more and I got back and I realized that

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00:05:41,230 --> 00:05:39,580

the way I've been teaching US history

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wasn't quite right

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00:05:45,159 --> 00:05:43,040

because you know I'd make fleeting

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00:05:47,140 --> 00:05:45,169

mention to the Philippines in 1898 when

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00:05:49,659 --> 00:05:47,150

its acquired and then I would talk about

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00:05:51,219 --> 00:05:49,669

a war and then it just disappeared from

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00:05:52,870 --> 00:05:51,229

my story and it wasn't just the

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Philippines like where was Hawaii where

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00:05:56,860 --> 00:05:55,190

was Guam where was Puerto Rico and you

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00:05:58,630 --> 00:05:56,870

know I was telling US history but I

151
00:06:00,580 --> 00:05:58,640
realized that what I was doing was just

152
00:06:02,080 --> 00:06:00,590
telling the history of the States but

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00:06:04,150 --> 00:06:02,090
were the territories that became States

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00:06:07,029 --> 00:06:04,160
and there's this whole other part of the

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00:06:09,400 --> 00:06:07,039
United States that wasn't in that story

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00:06:10,239 --> 00:06:09,410
that wasn't in that narrative so my goal

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00:06:12,369 --> 00:06:10,249
here and right

158
00:06:14,469 --> 00:06:12,379
this book was to tell us history but

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00:06:17,529 --> 00:06:14,479
where the United States isn't just the

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00:06:19,029 --> 00:06:17,539
states or future states alone it's the

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00:06:20,619 --> 00:06:19,039
whole thing with some people at the turn

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00:06:24,969 --> 00:06:20,629
of the 20th century called the greater

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00:06:27,069 --> 00:06:24,979

United States hmm well said yes we know

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00:06:29,349 --> 00:06:27,079

the bullet points to a lot of this stuff

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00:06:31,449 --> 00:06:29,359

but the depth of those bullet points and

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00:06:34,449 --> 00:06:31,459

their implications are just not sat with

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00:06:36,519 --> 00:06:34,459

often enough and of course this is an

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00:06:38,739 --> 00:06:36,529

audio show so we don't have the visual

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00:06:40,539 --> 00:06:38,749

component of the book or your previous

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00:06:42,789 --> 00:06:40,549

presentations that I've seen but I

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00:06:45,609 --> 00:06:42,799

wanted to ask you about maps because

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00:06:47,889 --> 00:06:45,619

even though the u.s. controls or did

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00:06:50,469 --> 00:06:47,899

control a lot of these places they don't

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00:06:52,929 --> 00:06:50,479

make it on the maps as they should and

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00:06:55,029 --> 00:06:52,939

that's a bigger deal than people might

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00:06:58,029 --> 00:06:55,039

think talk to us about the typical US

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map and really the psychological effects

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that can come from how they're made and

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displayed Greg I wake up every morning

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00:07:08,529 --> 00:07:05,689

hoping that someone is going to ask me

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00:07:10,389 --> 00:07:08,539

about maps and you know usually I'm

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00:07:12,489 --> 00:07:10,399

disappointed but today's a good day and

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00:07:15,159 --> 00:07:12,499

I want to thank you for that yeah that's

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00:07:17,109 --> 00:07:15,169

right Maps you know the visual

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00:07:18,579 --> 00:07:17,119

representation of the country turns out

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00:07:21,850 --> 00:07:18,589

to be really important and if you ask

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most people in the United States or most

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people in the world to map this country

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in their heads just to call to mind what

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00:07:30,399 --> 00:07:28,669

they think it looks like there's a

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familiar shape that's gonna come to mind

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and you know that shape it's the

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contiguous blob the thing that is

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suspended between Canada and Mexico and

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the oceans and you know a lot of people

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know they're like oh wait Alaska and

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Hawaii are part of the - but that's

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usually how it looks to people and then

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that becomes the shape of US history

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u.s. history is what happens within that

201
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map maybe wood Alaskan Hawaii after they

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00:07:54,999 --> 00:07:52,639
become States look I grew up in

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00:07:57,519 --> 00:07:55,009
Pennsylvania I studied history I studied

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00:07:59,469 --> 00:07:57,529
history in college at no point that I

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00:08:02,319 --> 00:07:59,479
see a map of the united states that had

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00:08:03,489 --> 00:08:02,329
Puerto Rico on it and I should have

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00:08:05,139 --> 00:08:03,499
Puerto Rico has been part of the United

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00:08:07,839 --> 00:08:05,149
States for more than a century

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00:08:09,939 --> 00:08:07,849
why isn't Porter we go on the map so I

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00:08:11,229 --> 00:08:09,949
found myself as I was writing this book

211
00:08:13,689 --> 00:08:11,239
realizing that I wasn't trying to

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00:08:15,219 --> 00:08:13,699
rewrite US history I was also trying to

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00:08:16,389 --> 00:08:15,229

remap the United States and I had to

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00:08:17,949 --> 00:08:16,399

learn how to make maps and then I like

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00:08:19,659 --> 00:08:17,959

went back and I was like okay this is a

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00:08:21,909 --> 00:08:19,669

map as you've seen it this is a map as

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00:08:23,199 --> 00:08:21,919

it should look and as I did that I found

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00:08:23,780 --> 00:08:23,209

that I was surprising myself that the

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00:08:25,910 --> 00:08:23,790

United States

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00:08:28,100 --> 00:08:25,920

looks different once you've got it all

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00:08:30,010 --> 00:08:28,110

mapped out correctly with equal area

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00:08:33,080 --> 00:08:30,020

projections you realize like how much

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00:08:35,320 --> 00:08:33,090

land in the United States has not been

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00:08:38,750 --> 00:08:35,330

part of the states or future states

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00:08:42,110 --> 00:08:38,760

right and the amount of people that are

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00:08:44,270 --> 00:08:42,120

in these outside territories is quite

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00:08:46,580 --> 00:08:44,280

large and surprising I would have

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00:08:49,160 --> 00:08:46,590

thought obviously they're inhabited but

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00:08:52,400 --> 00:08:49,170

I guess I just didn't realize to what

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00:08:54,470 --> 00:08:52,410

extent because you've talked about kind

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00:08:56,720 --> 00:08:54,480

of the the numbers and it's a little

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00:08:59,840 --> 00:08:56,730

shocking that it periods the past I

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00:09:01,640 --> 00:08:59,850

believe maybe was it one in eight people

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00:09:03,530 --> 00:09:01,650

who were under the umbrella of the

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Empire were actually outside of the

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continuous blob yeah no that's right so

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when I was preparing the book and

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talking with editors we had a cover

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designer and I said to the publishers

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00:09:18,530 --> 00:09:16,800

it's important on the cover to see these

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00:09:20,180 --> 00:09:18,540

other parts of the United States places

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that don't always make it on to the maps

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00:09:23,960 --> 00:09:22,680

and you know cover design is a tricky

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00:09:25,850 --> 00:09:23,970

business how do you show that you

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actually show them in that form or what

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and one of the early drafts was of the

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Philippines and American Samoa and Guam

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and Puerto Rico and they were all

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represented as little like New Yorker

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style islands with one palm tree coming

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00:09:44,630 --> 00:09:42,300
up from them and you know I think that's

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an image that's pretty common I think

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that usually to the degree that people

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00:09:50,080 --> 00:09:48,330
in the United States who are living in

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00:09:52,490 --> 00:09:50,090
the US mainland and not in these places

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00:09:54,260 --> 00:09:52,500
acknowledge that oh yeah there's Guam

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00:09:55,730 --> 00:09:54,270
yeah of course Guam is also a place the

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00:09:58,280 --> 00:09:55,740
US Virgin Islands that's right yeah they

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also exist usually the assumption is

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that these are really small places just

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little tiny geographical crumbs and so

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small that yeah they're there but their

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00:10:09,440 --> 00:10:08,010

footnotes you don't have to think about

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them very hard except sometimes you read

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00:10:12,530 --> 00:10:10,860

a news article but it's not important

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00:10:13,910 --> 00:10:12,540

it's not central to you can tell the

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story of the United States without those

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footnotes in them you can tell the story

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of the United States without Guam and I

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would say two things to that one is just

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00:10:24,290 --> 00:10:22,800

what you said it turns out that the

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00:10:26,840 --> 00:10:24,300

overseas territories of the United

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00:10:29,870 --> 00:10:26,850

States actually been quite populous and

274

00:10:32,600 --> 00:10:29,880

so in 1940 which is about the peak of

275

00:10:35,720 --> 00:10:32,610

the United States is colonial empire if

276
00:10:37,129 --> 00:10:35,730
you add up everyone who's living in the

277
00:10:39,679 --> 00:10:37,139
overseas territory so outside of the

278
00:10:42,710 --> 00:10:39,689
States you got nearly 19 million people

279
00:10:44,929 --> 00:10:42,720
and just as you said that's one in eight

280
00:10:46,489 --> 00:10:44,939
people who live in the United States so

281
00:10:48,049 --> 00:10:46,499
if you live somewhere in the United

282
00:10:50,119 --> 00:10:48,059
States not just a state you might live

283
00:10:51,590 --> 00:10:50,129
in the Philippines there's a 1 in 8

284
00:10:53,629 --> 00:10:51,600
chance that you're doing that because

285
00:10:55,609 --> 00:10:53,639
you're colonized and just to be clear

286
00:10:57,199 --> 00:10:55,619
about that scope of those numbers that

287
00:10:59,720 --> 00:10:57,209
means that if you live in the United

288
00:11:01,789 --> 00:10:59,730

States in 1940 you're more likely to be

289

00:11:03,679 --> 00:11:01,799

colonized than you are to be African

290

00:11:05,359 --> 00:11:03,689

American that's how many colonized

291

00:11:06,799 --> 00:11:05,369

people there are in the country it also

292

00:11:09,439 --> 00:11:06,809

means that if you live in the United

293

00:11:10,609 --> 00:11:09,449

States in 1940 you're more likely to be

294

00:11:12,559 --> 00:11:10,619

colonized than you are to be an

295

00:11:13,669 --> 00:11:12,569

immigrant that's how many colonized

296

00:11:16,729 --> 00:11:13,679

people there are that's a huge

297

00:11:19,579 --> 00:11:16,739

population the other thing that you can

298

00:11:21,259 --> 00:11:19,589

say in response to this notion that the

299

00:11:23,150 --> 00:11:21,269

Guam's of the country are just footnotes

300

00:11:25,309 --> 00:11:23,160

is that it's not just that a lot of

301

00:11:27,470 --> 00:11:25,319

people live in these places it's not a

302

00:11:30,019 --> 00:11:27,480

lot of stuff happens in these places it

303

00:11:32,960 --> 00:11:30,029

turns out that a lot of US history takes

304

00:11:34,340 --> 00:11:32,970

place in the periphery in these places

305

00:11:35,840 --> 00:11:34,350

that are marginal that are hard to see

306

00:11:38,599 --> 00:11:35,850

from the perspective of the mainland

307

00:11:40,009 --> 00:11:38,609

movers start their presidents sort of

308

00:11:41,829 --> 00:11:40,019

get you know crucial experience they're

309

00:11:44,210 --> 00:11:41,839

important medicines are tested they're

310

00:11:45,619 --> 00:11:44,220

places that are different and that have

311

00:11:46,759 --> 00:11:45,629

different kind of laws or different kind

312

00:11:48,979 --> 00:11:46,769

of spaces turn out to be really useful

313

00:11:50,780 --> 00:11:48,989

to the United States to the point where

314

00:11:52,850 --> 00:11:50,790

it's actually hard to explain US history

315

00:11:57,829 --> 00:11:52,860

without the Philippines as part of the

316

00:12:00,049 --> 00:11:57,839

story mm-hmm-hmm yeah depictions are so

317

00:12:02,569 --> 00:12:00,059

influential and often they don't match

318

00:12:04,819 --> 00:12:02,579

the reality I've actually heard about

319

00:12:07,069 --> 00:12:04,829

the psychological effects of just the

320

00:12:09,169 --> 00:12:07,079

traditional world map talked about where

321

00:12:11,389 --> 00:12:09,179

the world of course is a globe but the

322

00:12:13,970 --> 00:12:11,399

map we know has Europe and America

323

00:12:16,879 --> 00:12:13,980

featured prominently on top and the

324

00:12:19,539 --> 00:12:16,889

sizes are also warped to make them look

325

00:12:22,689 --> 00:12:19,549

bigger and not so dwarfed in size by

326

00:12:25,429 --> 00:12:22,699

Africa as the reality would show and

327

00:12:27,739 --> 00:12:25,439

it's just crazy to think about the

328

00:12:30,439 --> 00:12:27,749

implications of that because they seem

329

00:12:32,389 --> 00:12:30,449

like small details but they just inform

330

00:12:34,579 --> 00:12:32,399

our entire worldview in some cases

331

00:12:37,279 --> 00:12:34,589

yeah and just that phrase you used

332

00:12:39,590 --> 00:12:37,289

worldview I mean that's a visual

333

00:12:40,939 --> 00:12:39,600

metaphor right there we think that way

334

00:12:42,499 --> 00:12:40,949

and the thing that helps us think that

335

00:12:43,590 --> 00:12:42,509

way is the picture of the world is the

336

00:12:47,460 --> 00:12:43,600

map

337

00:12:48,990 --> 00:12:47,470

and so to jump to a particular chapter

338

00:12:51,240 --> 00:12:49,000

of history that you talked about early

339

00:12:53,850 --> 00:12:51,250

on the book I was really surprised how

340

00:12:56,760 --> 00:12:53,860

little I knew about the events of what

341

00:12:59,460 --> 00:12:56,770

we call Pearl Harbor we know it as an

342

00:13:02,070 --> 00:12:59,470

attack on Hawaii but we're missing a lot

343

00:13:05,130 --> 00:13:02,080

as you say a lot of US history happens

344

00:13:06,990 --> 00:13:05,140

in these unincorporated areas and Pearl

345

00:13:09,900 --> 00:13:07,000

Harbor is a great example of that isn't

346

00:13:12,090 --> 00:13:09,910

it yeah it's a great and so Pearl Harbor

347

00:13:13,710 --> 00:13:12,100

is such a key moment in US history I

348

00:13:16,590 --> 00:13:13,720

think if you were to ask people in the

349

00:13:19,080 --> 00:13:16,600

country which historical events do they

350

00:13:20,640 --> 00:13:19,090

know by date so not just a year that

351

00:13:23,160 --> 00:13:20,650

they happen but literally the date I

352

00:13:24,570 --> 00:13:23,170

think you'd probably only get three so

353

00:13:27,360 --> 00:13:24,580

July 4th the signing of the Declaration

354

00:13:30,000 --> 00:13:27,370

of Independence September 11th attacks

355

00:13:32,220 --> 00:13:30,010

in 2001 and then the other one did date

356

00:13:35,150 --> 00:13:32,230

which will live in infamy December 7th

357

00:13:38,070 --> 00:13:35,160

1941 Pearl Harbor but here's the thing

358

00:13:39,960 --> 00:13:38,080

despite how important the harbor is to

359

00:13:42,540 --> 00:13:39,970

every telling of US national history

360

00:13:44,250 --> 00:13:42,550

usually when it gets told it gets told

361

00:13:47,070 --> 00:13:44,260

I wouldn't say wrong but it's really

362

00:13:50,340 --> 00:13:47,080

misleading in a confusing way so the

363

00:13:51,840 --> 00:13:50,350

story as I was taught it was Japan

364

00:13:54,120 --> 00:13:51,850

attacked the United States at the Pearl

365

00:13:55,710 --> 00:13:54,130

Harbor naval base in Hawaii I did great

366

00:13:58,530 --> 00:13:55,720

damage that pulled the United States

367

00:14:00,330 --> 00:13:58,540

into World War two and it was a tragedy

368

00:14:03,150 --> 00:14:00,340

and it was also the only time that US

369

00:14:04,920 --> 00:14:03,160

soil was attacked in the war that's the

370

00:14:08,550 --> 00:14:04,930

stories I knew it here's what I wasn't

371

00:14:12,150 --> 00:14:08,560

hearing which is within hours Japan also

372

00:14:15,420 --> 00:14:12,160

attacked Wake Island Guam and the

373

00:14:17,430 --> 00:14:15,430

Philippines and then meanwhile it also

374

00:14:19,140 --> 00:14:17,440

attacked the British colonies of Hong

375

00:14:21,060 --> 00:14:19,150

Kong and Malaya and the independent

376

00:14:23,790 --> 00:14:21,070

Kingdom of Thailand this wasn't just an

377

00:14:26,640 --> 00:14:23,800

attack on Pearl Harbor this was a sort

378

00:14:28,620 --> 00:14:26,650

of sweep the leg attack on European

379

00:14:31,170 --> 00:14:28,630

empires in the Pacific because Japan was

380

00:14:33,450 --> 00:14:31,180

trying to take other people's colonies

381

00:14:34,590 --> 00:14:33,460

that's what it was trying to do and the

382

00:14:36,270 --> 00:14:34,600

Philippines is particularly important in

383

00:14:38,670 --> 00:14:36,280

this regard because the Philippines is

384

00:14:40,770 --> 00:14:38,680

first of all the largest colony that the

385

00:14:42,450 --> 00:14:40,780

United States has Hawaii is an overseas

386

00:14:44,550 --> 00:14:42,460

territory not a state at this point so

387

00:14:46,740 --> 00:14:44,560

is the Philippines and the Army says

388

00:14:47,880 --> 00:14:46,750

that the damage done the military damage

389

00:14:50,940 --> 00:14:47,890

done to the United States in the

390

00:14:53,310 --> 00:14:50,950

Philippines was as great as that done to

391

00:14:55,710 --> 00:14:53,320

the US military in Hawaii but there's

392

00:14:56,470 --> 00:14:55,720

one really important difference which is

393

00:14:59,710 --> 00:14:56,480

that

394

00:15:02,110 --> 00:14:59,720

was attacked at Pearl Harbor

395

00:15:04,569 --> 00:15:02,120

it wasn't attacked again and then the

396

00:15:05,980 --> 00:15:04,579

war ensued the Philippines got attacked

397

00:15:09,579 --> 00:15:05,990

they got attacked again

398

00:15:11,560 --> 00:15:09,589

he got evaded it got occupied and for

399

00:15:13,240 --> 00:15:11,570

the bulk of the war the Philippines

400

00:15:14,920 --> 00:15:13,250

along with Guam and Wake Island and

401
00:15:18,009 --> 00:15:14,930
actually this happened a little later

402
00:15:20,139 --> 00:15:18,019
part of Alaska became occupied Japanese

403
00:15:22,300 --> 00:15:20,149
territory and endured a brutal war as

404
00:15:26,050 --> 00:15:22,310
they were under Japanese colonial rule

405
00:15:28,629 --> 00:15:26,060
and the war in the Pacific in particular

406
00:15:30,340 --> 00:15:28,639
Philippines we think killed more than a

407
00:15:32,860 --> 00:15:30,350
million Filipinos that's more than a

408
00:15:34,180 --> 00:15:32,870
million u.s. nationals who died and that

409
00:15:36,400 --> 00:15:34,190
just you don't even hear about that

410
00:15:40,329 --> 00:15:36,410
because Hawaii was the only part of the

411
00:15:44,110 --> 00:15:40,339
US soil that was struck that's so

412
00:15:47,500 --> 00:15:44,120
interesting and write the numbers 1.1

413
00:15:49,449 --> 00:15:47,510

million Filipinos estimated or even 1.6

414

00:15:52,030 --> 00:15:49,459

overall when you consider all the deaths

415

00:15:54,910 --> 00:15:52,040

that were involved in this area and

416

00:15:58,150 --> 00:15:54,920

that's as you say the death toll twice

417

00:15:59,829 --> 00:15:58,160

that of the Civil War yeah that's two

418

00:16:01,540 --> 00:15:59,839

civil wars that the bloodiest thing

419

00:16:04,660 --> 00:16:01,550

that's ever happened in US history by

420

00:16:06,400 --> 00:16:04,670

far and you know if you look in US

421

00:16:08,110 --> 00:16:06,410

history textbooks you might not see it

422

00:16:09,130 --> 00:16:08,120

at all because despite the fact that

423

00:16:11,800 --> 00:16:09,140

it's the bloodiest thing that ever

424

00:16:14,949 --> 00:16:11,810

happened on US soil there's a confusion

425

00:16:17,560 --> 00:16:14,959

in textbooks about what exactly US soil

426
00:16:19,439 --> 00:16:17,570
is and what places count on what places

427
00:16:21,910 --> 00:16:19,449
don't and that is really conditioned

428
00:16:23,980 --> 00:16:21,920
frankly by who lives in those places so

429
00:16:25,630 --> 00:16:23,990
Filipinos a u.s. nationals but there's a

430
00:16:28,420 --> 00:16:25,640
persistent sense during the colonial

431
00:16:30,130 --> 00:16:28,430
period and frankly after that Filipinos

432
00:16:31,689 --> 00:16:30,140
despite being US Nationals despite

433
00:16:32,590 --> 00:16:31,699
coming under the US flag despite having

434
00:16:34,780 --> 00:16:32,600
the President as their

435
00:16:37,810 --> 00:16:34,790
commander-in-chief we're never really

436
00:16:39,430 --> 00:16:37,820
didn't really count as Americans and

437
00:16:40,660 --> 00:16:39,440
therefore when you tell the story about

438
00:16:42,040 --> 00:16:40,670

the United States you don't really have

439

00:16:44,199 --> 00:16:42,050

to talk about the Philippines because

440

00:16:45,910 --> 00:16:44,209

it's just yes technically it's part of

441

00:16:47,829 --> 00:16:45,920

the country but it's not really part of

442

00:16:49,090 --> 00:16:47,839

the country and if you're telling the

443

00:16:50,199 --> 00:16:49,100

history of the United States you don't

444

00:16:55,389 --> 00:16:50,209

need the Philippines as part of that

445

00:16:57,040 --> 00:16:55,399

story right it is very sad that I mean

446

00:16:58,449 --> 00:16:57,050

the people who write the history books I

447

00:17:00,280 --> 00:16:58,459

guess they assume hey the book can only

448

00:17:03,460 --> 00:17:00,290

be so long let's just leave out the

449

00:17:06,579 --> 00:17:03,470

brown people entirely and that's no way

450

00:17:09,790 --> 00:17:06,589

to record history and the way that

451

00:17:12,010 --> 00:17:09,800

Roosevelt crafted his speech or his

452

00:17:13,840 --> 00:17:12,020

to the people after the attack I think

453

00:17:16,630 --> 00:17:13,850

that probably has a lot to do with how

454

00:17:18,640 --> 00:17:16,640

we perceive the events of that day why

455

00:17:19,800 --> 00:17:18,650

do you think he made the choices that he

456

00:17:22,290 --> 00:17:19,810

did

457

00:17:24,210 --> 00:17:22,300

this story is incredible so first of all

458

00:17:26,040 --> 00:17:24,220

no one knows what to call the attack

459

00:17:27,900 --> 00:17:26,050

right because it happened in a lot of

460

00:17:30,270 --> 00:17:27,910

different places and it's very confusing

461

00:17:32,190 --> 00:17:30,280

and people don't know how to describe it

462

00:17:33,810 --> 00:17:32,200

now we have a descriptor we just say

463

00:17:36,060 --> 00:17:33,820

Pearl Harbor and then you know what we

464

00:17:37,620 --> 00:17:36,070

mean and that's that but people didn't

465

00:17:39,690 --> 00:17:37,630

have that description back then it took

466

00:17:41,520 --> 00:17:39,700

days for the first newspaper to describe

467

00:17:44,400 --> 00:17:41,530

the event to give the name to the event

468

00:17:46,110 --> 00:17:44,410

and the name was Pearl Harbor you can

469

00:17:47,400 --> 00:17:46,120

see newspaper editors like trying to

470

00:17:49,290 --> 00:17:47,410

figure out what to call it try to figure

471

00:17:52,710 --> 00:17:49,300

out what to say the Japanese attacked

472

00:17:54,300 --> 00:17:52,720

Hawaii and Guam but one paper has it the

473

00:17:55,680 --> 00:17:54,310

Japanese attacked the Philippines in

474

00:17:58,800 --> 00:17:55,690

Hawaii it's really not clear which

475

00:18:00,450 --> 00:17:58,810

target deserves more emphasis Eleanor

476

00:18:02,250 --> 00:18:00,460

Roosevelt gave a speech before FDR's

477

00:18:03,750 --> 00:18:02,260

speech and that's what she said she said

478

00:18:05,730 --> 00:18:03,760

this is an attack on our citizens in

479

00:18:07,890 --> 00:18:05,740

Hawaii in the Philippines and that's

480

00:18:09,750 --> 00:18:07,900

actually how FDR had initially drafted

481

00:18:11,910 --> 00:18:09,760

this speech when he was describing the

482

00:18:14,280 --> 00:18:11,920

targets he said this is an attack on

483

00:18:16,290 --> 00:18:14,290

Hawaii in the Philippines and then this

484

00:18:18,210 --> 00:18:16,300

really wild thing happened and we know

485

00:18:19,410 --> 00:18:18,220

this because we have his first draft and

486

00:18:21,360 --> 00:18:19,420

we have his next draft and we have all

487

00:18:23,730 --> 00:18:21,370

of his successive drafts and then we

488

00:18:25,350 --> 00:18:23,740

have is like handwritten notes where

489

00:18:27,960 --> 00:18:25,360

he'll cross things out then write things

490

00:18:30,840 --> 00:18:27,970

in and what you can see FDR doing over

491

00:18:32,910 --> 00:18:30,850

the course of hours is crossing out

492

00:18:35,670 --> 00:18:32,920

prominent references to the Philippines

493

00:18:38,220 --> 00:18:35,680

and making the attack on Hawaii alone

494

00:18:39,300 --> 00:18:38,230

there is still a reference later in the

495

00:18:41,640 --> 00:18:39,310

back part of the speech to the

496

00:18:43,350 --> 00:18:41,650

Philippines but it's reference to all

497

00:18:44,730 --> 00:18:43,360

the targets and it's not clear which

498

00:18:45,780 --> 00:18:44,740

ones are British and which ones are US

499

00:18:47,460 --> 00:18:45,790

and which ones are foreign which ones

500

00:18:49,260 --> 00:18:47,470

are not but the speech as you know it is

501
00:18:51,240 --> 00:18:49,270
the speech about an attack on Hawaii

502
00:18:54,420 --> 00:18:51,250
speech that Japan attacked the United

503
00:18:56,040 --> 00:18:54,430
States at Hawaii and then she had this

504
00:18:59,040 --> 00:18:56,050
question of why what was going through

505
00:19:00,960 --> 00:18:59,050
EFT ours mind I think it's this issue of

506
00:19:02,430 --> 00:19:00,970
what really counts as the United States

507
00:19:04,410 --> 00:19:02,440
or not we have opinion polls from the

508
00:19:06,390 --> 00:19:04,420
time that suggest that people in the

509
00:19:08,640 --> 00:19:06,400
United States were really reluctant to

510
00:19:10,050 --> 00:19:08,650
see the US military be used and defend

511
00:19:11,430 --> 00:19:10,060
the Philippines it didn't really count

512
00:19:13,890 --> 00:19:11,440
as part of the country and they're

513
00:19:15,480 --> 00:19:13,900

thinking Hawaii was a territory too and

514

00:19:17,790 --> 00:19:15,490

even there that was kind of wobbly but

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00:19:19,650 --> 00:19:17,800

Hawaii had significantly larger number

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00:19:21,570 --> 00:19:19,660

of white people it wasn't white majority

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00:19:24,240 --> 00:19:21,580

but it had a lot of white people in it

518

00:19:26,070 --> 00:19:24,250

and I think that made it easier for FDR

519

00:19:30,300 --> 00:19:26,080

and for his audience to conceive of

520

00:19:31,800 --> 00:19:30,310

Hawaii as American as the u.s. soil even

521

00:19:33,810 --> 00:19:31,810

after the speech it was a little you

522

00:19:34,050 --> 00:19:33,820

know you can see sort of wavering zazz

523

00:19:35,160 --> 00:19:34,060

peak

524

00:19:36,480 --> 00:19:35,170

we're trying to talk about Hawaii

525

00:19:39,090 --> 00:19:36,490

doesn't really count as it foreign his

526

00:19:41,340 --> 00:19:39,100

domestic but nevertheless it was the

527

00:19:43,140 --> 00:19:41,350

closest thing to quote-unquote America I

528

00:19:45,150 --> 00:19:43,150

think that FDR could imagine and so he

529

00:19:46,770 --> 00:19:45,160

you know rounded Hawaii up to America

530

00:19:47,940 --> 00:19:46,780

and then just thought I'm not gonna push

531

00:19:52,020 --> 00:19:47,950

it with the Philippines it's too

532

00:19:53,760 --> 00:19:52,030

difficult for my audience hmm that makes

533

00:19:55,800 --> 00:19:53,770

a lot of sense and it is a fascinating

534

00:19:57,990 --> 00:19:55,810

story and it's weird to think about the

535

00:20:01,340 --> 00:19:58,000

fact that Hawaii and Alaska became

536

00:20:04,410 --> 00:20:01,350

States in 1959 I mean my mom was

537

00:20:06,600 --> 00:20:04,420

seventeen I guess I never considered how

538

00:20:08,370 --> 00:20:06,610

recent that really is as you talked

539

00:20:10,890 --> 00:20:08,380

about in the book people were all kind

540

00:20:13,920 --> 00:20:10,900

of clamoring for their suggested flag

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00:20:15,990 --> 00:20:13,930

but it was unknown if Alaska and

542

00:20:18,000 --> 00:20:16,000

Hawaii would both become States or maybe

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00:20:20,280 --> 00:20:18,010

just one or even Puerto Rico is being

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00:20:23,190 --> 00:20:20,290

considered at that time to some degree

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00:20:25,170 --> 00:20:23,200

and I guess I would ask why you think

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00:20:26,430 --> 00:20:25,180

Puerto Rico didn't make the cut of

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00:20:28,500 --> 00:20:26,440

course you mentioned it wasn't wide

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00:20:30,960 --> 00:20:28,510

enough were there any other factors

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00:20:32,180 --> 00:20:30,970

besides that or was that kind of the key

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00:20:34,820 --> 00:20:32,190

unfortunate one

551
00:20:38,340 --> 00:20:34,830
yes so of the overseas territories

552
00:20:40,080 --> 00:20:38,350
Alaskan Hawaii becomes States Puerto

553
00:20:41,430 --> 00:20:40,090
Rico never becomes one Guam never

554
00:20:43,380 --> 00:20:41,440
becomes one the Philippines becomes

555
00:20:45,870 --> 00:20:43,390
independent American Samoa is not a

556
00:20:47,850 --> 00:20:45,880
state US Virgin Islands isn't and then

557
00:20:50,060 --> 00:20:47,860
so you have this question right why some

558
00:20:52,440 --> 00:20:50,070
and not others what's going on here

559
00:20:53,670 --> 00:20:52,450
population maybe is part of it but it

560
00:20:55,860 --> 00:20:53,680
can't be the full explanation because

561
00:20:57,710 --> 00:20:55,870
Hawaii and Alaska are not the most

562
00:21:00,470 --> 00:20:57,720
populated of the overseas territories

563
00:21:02,370 --> 00:21:00,480

maybe it helps that Alaska is

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00:21:04,230 --> 00:21:02,380

continentally connected even though if

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00:21:07,290 --> 00:21:04,240

it's not contiguous with the United

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00:21:09,810 --> 00:21:07,300

States or with a US mainland I think the

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00:21:11,400 --> 00:21:09,820

best explanation really is who lives in

568

00:21:14,640 --> 00:21:11,410

these places and who has lived in the

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00:21:16,680 --> 00:21:14,650

20th century Hawaii and Alaska unlike

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00:21:19,740 --> 00:21:16,690

all of the other overseas territories

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00:21:21,630 --> 00:21:19,750

have been significant sites for white

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00:21:24,300 --> 00:21:21,640

settlements where white people have

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00:21:26,730 --> 00:21:24,310

moved on mass to Hawaii into Alaska

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00:21:28,470 --> 00:21:26,740

enough to make a sizable dent in the

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00:21:30,690 --> 00:21:28,480

population and enough to at various

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00:21:32,100 --> 00:21:30,700

points have control of the politics they

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00:21:34,650 --> 00:21:32,110

don't have full control over it and

578

00:21:36,540 --> 00:21:34,660

certainly not in Hawaii today but

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00:21:38,430 --> 00:21:36,550

nevertheless that's like the magic dust

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00:21:39,780 --> 00:21:38,440

that has always turned territories into

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00:21:42,090 --> 00:21:39,790

States and it's not just Hawaii in

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00:21:44,220 --> 00:21:42,100

Alaska the whole history of us

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00:21:46,020 --> 00:21:44,230

continental expansion within North

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00:21:48,510 --> 00:21:46,030

America there's been this vexed question

585

00:21:50,370 --> 00:21:48,520

of when can territories become

586

00:21:52,290 --> 00:21:50,380

and yet again the answer is almost

587

00:21:54,540 --> 00:21:52,300

always been when they have enough white

588

00:21:56,730 --> 00:21:54,550

people in them Hawaii and Alaska are

589

00:21:59,520 --> 00:21:56,740

kind of limit cases of that they've

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00:22:01,740 --> 00:21:59,530

never totally had full white settlement

591

00:22:03,570 --> 00:22:01,750

and enough to sort of swamp the

592

00:22:05,100 --> 00:22:03,580

indigenous populations or in the case of

593

00:22:06,570 --> 00:22:05,110

Hawaii the immigrant populations but

594

00:22:08,940 --> 00:22:06,580

nevertheless they've had a lot of white

595

00:22:10,110 --> 00:22:08,950

population in fluxes and that's been the

596

00:22:16,169 --> 00:22:10,120

thing that's allowed them to become

597

00:22:18,780 --> 00:22:16,179

States man and so to read from your book

598

00:22:22,020 --> 00:22:18,790

jacket it says and how to hide an empire

599

00:22:24,270 --> 00:22:22,030

Daniel M revoir reveals that overseas

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00:22:26,730 --> 00:22:24,280

possessions while often neglected have

601
00:22:29,549 --> 00:22:26,740
played an essential role in America's

602
00:22:32,730 --> 00:22:29,559
story enabling its rise testing its

603
00:22:35,130 --> 00:22:32,740
ideals and serving as laboratories and

604
00:22:38,070 --> 00:22:35,140
launch pads for critical and sometimes

605
00:22:40,530 --> 00:22:38,080
harmful innovations and it is that last

606
00:22:42,720 --> 00:22:40,540
part I wanted to get into what can you

607
00:22:45,450 --> 00:22:42,730
tell us about this harvard-trained

608
00:22:48,930 --> 00:22:45,460
Rockefeller funded fella Cornelius

609
00:22:49,460 --> 00:22:48,940
Rhodes and his troubling work in Puerto

610
00:22:52,980 --> 00:22:49,470
Rico

611
00:22:56,610 --> 00:22:52,990
yeah Cornelius Rhodes time alright let's

612
00:22:59,549 --> 00:22:56,620
do this mhm yeah so cuneo Scruggs is a

613
00:23:01,440 --> 00:22:59,559

doctor he's trained in Harvard and he's

614

00:23:04,020 --> 00:23:01,450

part of a group of doctors that are

615

00:23:05,880 --> 00:23:04,030

interested in studying anemia a lot of

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00:23:09,590 --> 00:23:05,890

people in Puerto Rico suffer from anemia

617

00:23:12,270 --> 00:23:09,600

and so he goes there in the 1930s and

618

00:23:13,350 --> 00:23:12,280

it's really interesting what happens

619

00:23:15,600 --> 00:23:13,360

when he goes there and it's really

620

00:23:18,330 --> 00:23:15,610

telling what happens when he goes there

621

00:23:21,419 --> 00:23:18,340

because when Cornelius Rhodes hits the

622

00:23:22,049 --> 00:23:21,429

islands he becomes a different kind of

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00:23:25,110 --> 00:23:22,059

doctor

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00:23:26,730 --> 00:23:25,120

it's like Cornelius Rhodes unshackled or

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00:23:29,880 --> 00:23:26,740

unplugged or something like that

626

00:23:31,440 --> 00:23:29,890

whatever restraints he felt as a doctor

627

00:23:33,450 --> 00:23:31,450

previously in his career just seemed to

628

00:23:34,710 --> 00:23:33,460

evaporate and because he's got patients

629

00:23:36,750 --> 00:23:34,720

who he has a different kind of

630

00:23:39,060 --> 00:23:36,760

relationship with he's not the only

631

00:23:41,690 --> 00:23:39,070

doctor to have this sense of unshackling

632

00:23:44,120 --> 00:23:41,700

but he's a sort of big case of it

633

00:23:45,560 --> 00:23:44,130

and so he just goes nuts he does

634

00:23:47,270 --> 00:23:45,570

everything that you've always feared the

635

00:23:49,580 --> 00:23:47,280

doctors secretly wanted to do if they

636

00:23:50,720 --> 00:23:49,590

didn't care about patients so he has

637

00:23:53,210 --> 00:23:50,730

some patients who are suffering from

638

00:23:54,980 --> 00:23:53,220

anemia that he can treat and he refuses

639

00:23:56,000 --> 00:23:54,990

to treat them just because he wants to

640

00:23:57,680 --> 00:23:56,010

see what's gonna happen to them

641

00:24:00,020 --> 00:23:57,690

he has other patients in whom he tries

642

00:24:02,000 --> 00:24:00,030

to induce disease and does induce

643

00:24:04,340 --> 00:24:02,010

disease just again to see what's gonna

644

00:24:06,020 --> 00:24:04,350

happen and then he writes a letter and

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00:24:08,150 --> 00:24:06,030

it is one of the most jaw-dropping

646

00:24:10,220 --> 00:24:08,160

letters I've ever historical sources

647

00:24:12,440 --> 00:24:10,230

that I've ever read he's writing to a

648

00:24:14,210 --> 00:24:12,450

colleague to a Boston colleague and it

649

00:24:16,190 --> 00:24:14,220

starts up it's like really chatty letter

650

00:24:18,680 --> 00:24:16,200

you know I can't believe this guy got

651
00:24:20,450 --> 00:24:18,690
the job he's such a jerk you know how

652
00:24:22,580 --> 00:24:20,460
are things bots gonna help you well here

653
00:24:24,140 --> 00:24:22,590
I am Puerto Rico it's beautiful you know

654
00:24:25,940 --> 00:24:24,150
the island is gorgeous and everything

655
00:24:27,500 --> 00:24:25,950
would be great here except the Puerto

656
00:24:28,910 --> 00:24:27,510
Ricans and then he just like goes off

657
00:24:30,200 --> 00:24:28,920
like they're the worst they're lazy

658
00:24:32,990 --> 00:24:30,210
they're thieves they're worse than the

659
00:24:34,790 --> 00:24:33,000
Italians my job here is public health

660
00:24:36,380 --> 00:24:34,800
but frankly I think the island would be

661
00:24:38,870 --> 00:24:36,390
better served by having them

662
00:24:40,460 --> 00:24:38,880
exterminated and at this point you're

663
00:24:43,220 --> 00:24:40,470

just like oh my god where is this going

664

00:24:46,160 --> 00:24:43,230

and even still you don't expect where it

665

00:24:47,480 --> 00:24:46,170

actually goes which is he then says I've

666

00:24:48,920 --> 00:24:47,490

killed eight of my patients I've

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00:24:50,420 --> 00:24:48,930

murdered eight of my patients a verdict

668

00:24:52,820 --> 00:24:50,430

but I killed eight of my patients and

669

00:24:55,690 --> 00:24:52,830

I'm trying to transplant cancer into

670

00:24:57,830 --> 00:24:55,700

others fingers crossed no luck yet

671

00:24:59,690 --> 00:24:57,840

doctors just torture their patients here

672

00:25:01,220 --> 00:24:59,700

that's what we do it works out well I

673

00:25:03,230 --> 00:25:01,230

hope you're doing well back in Boston

674

00:25:05,660 --> 00:25:03,240

you know basically give my best to the

675

00:25:07,730 --> 00:25:05,670

missus you're sincerely Cornelius Rhodes

676

00:25:09,230 --> 00:25:07,740

it is like you don't even know what to

677

00:25:12,170 --> 00:25:09,240

make of a letter like this as a

678

00:25:15,260 --> 00:25:12,180

historian and historians have argued was

679

00:25:17,300 --> 00:25:15,270

he serious was he not I mean what we do

680

00:25:18,500 --> 00:25:17,310

know about Cornelius Rhodes from his own

681

00:25:20,240 --> 00:25:18,510

admissions not just a letter but from

682

00:25:22,340 --> 00:25:20,250

his like published articles is that he

683

00:25:24,350 --> 00:25:22,350

quite clearly treated Puerto Ricans as

684

00:25:27,710 --> 00:25:24,360

experimental animals in an island size

685

00:25:29,210 --> 00:25:27,720

laboratory that was his basic attitude

686

00:25:32,150 --> 00:25:29,220

whether he killed him or not and we can

687

00:25:33,980 --> 00:25:32,160

get into that the letter leaks the

688

00:25:35,060 --> 00:25:33,990

puerto rican staff at the hospital to

689

00:25:37,100 --> 00:25:35,070

find the letter and they start

690

00:25:38,570 --> 00:25:37,110

circulating it and they freak out which

691

00:25:39,830 --> 00:25:38,580

understandably because they think their

692

00:25:41,960 --> 00:25:39,840

boss is murdering people in their

693

00:25:43,730 --> 00:25:41,970

hospital and murdering them out of

694

00:25:45,320 --> 00:25:43,740

racial hatred and is he gonna murder me

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00:25:48,050 --> 00:25:45,330

next this is a serious and legitimate

696

00:25:49,880 --> 00:25:48,060

concern to have and Cornelius Rhodes

697

00:25:52,430 --> 00:25:49,890

please the island goes back to New York

698

00:25:54,350 --> 00:25:52,440

and two things happen and both of them

699

00:25:56,600 --> 00:25:54,360

are really interesting first of all it

700

00:25:57,860 --> 00:25:56,610

becomes a huge deal on the island and

701
00:26:00,170 --> 00:25:57,870
it's certainly not the only thing that

702
00:26:02,120 --> 00:26:00,180
Spurs the Puerto Rican nationalists

703
00:26:04,070 --> 00:26:02,130
independence movement but it's a big

704
00:26:06,140 --> 00:26:04,080
thing and nationalists including this

705
00:26:07,790 --> 00:26:06,150
guy Pedro Albizu Campos are able to

706
00:26:10,220 --> 00:26:07,800
point to the letter and be like look we

707
00:26:12,200 --> 00:26:10,230
told you these colonialists actually one

708
00:26:13,460 --> 00:26:12,210
is dead they are not here to help and we

709
00:26:15,380 --> 00:26:13,470
need independence otherwise they're

710
00:26:17,360 --> 00:26:15,390
gonna kill us all and we've got the

711
00:26:18,890 --> 00:26:17,370
letter to show it so that's one thing

712
00:26:20,480 --> 00:26:18,900
that happens you know when it becomes a

713
00:26:22,340 --> 00:26:20,490

big issue in the island the mainland

714

00:26:24,620 --> 00:26:22,350

appointed white governor investigates

715

00:26:27,260 --> 00:26:24,630

and then he sort of apparently he says

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00:26:28,940 --> 00:26:27,270

in another letter that he found yet

717

00:26:30,530 --> 00:26:28,950

another letter by Cornelius Rhodes it

718

00:26:32,570 --> 00:26:30,540

was worse than the first one it was so

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00:26:34,700 --> 00:26:32,580

but he's like I can't even imagine what

720

00:26:36,410 --> 00:26:34,710

I would it would be worse than that one

721

00:26:37,370 --> 00:26:36,420

but the government suppressed it we

722

00:26:38,750 --> 00:26:37,380

still don't have it today we don't know

723

00:26:40,820 --> 00:26:38,760

what it looks like because it seems like

724

00:26:43,490 --> 00:26:40,830

the governor or someone acting on his

725

00:26:45,410 --> 00:26:43,500

behalf destroyed the evidence and on the

726

00:26:47,090 --> 00:26:45,420

basis of this investigation Cornelius

727

00:26:49,400 --> 00:26:47,100

Rhodes even though he was not even there

728

00:26:50,600 --> 00:26:49,410

wasn't even tried was found to not have

729

00:26:52,610 --> 00:26:50,610

murdered anyone huh

730

00:26:55,040 --> 00:26:52,620

that's one thing it happens it becomes

731

00:26:56,870 --> 00:26:55,050

an enduring issue in Puerto Rican

732

00:26:58,310 --> 00:26:56,880

politics people return to it again and

733

00:27:00,370 --> 00:26:58,320

again it's just like a thing you

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00:27:04,790 --> 00:27:00,380

remember of course it is cuz it's like

735

00:27:06,950 --> 00:27:04,800

totally nuts hey that happened and be

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00:27:09,020 --> 00:27:06,960

that there was just this kind of trial

737

00:27:11,300 --> 00:27:09,030

that didn't seem really serious and that

738

00:27:12,890 --> 00:27:11,310

he just got away with it the other part

739

00:27:15,020 --> 00:27:12,900

of it is what happens to Cornelius

740

00:27:18,920 --> 00:27:15,030

Rhodes he goes back to the mainland's

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00:27:21,350 --> 00:27:18,930

goes to New York doesn't get fired can

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00:27:23,870 --> 00:27:21,360

you like even if the letter is a joke

743

00:27:27,170 --> 00:27:23,880

even if he didn't kill it doesn't get

744

00:27:29,120 --> 00:27:27,180

fired and you know what is fine

745

00:27:32,030 --> 00:27:29,130

he becomes the vice-president the New

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00:27:35,510 --> 00:27:32,040

York Academy of Medicine when World War

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00:27:37,370 --> 00:27:35,520

two starts he becomes a colonel and once

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00:27:39,140 --> 00:27:37,380

when World War two starts he becomes a

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00:27:41,420 --> 00:27:39,150

colonel in the chemical warfare service

750

00:27:43,280 --> 00:27:41,430

he's get a very high-ranking job

751

00:27:45,530 --> 00:27:43,290

his job is being the medical officer

752

00:27:49,250 --> 00:27:45,540

overseeing these tests that the army

753

00:27:51,080 --> 00:27:49,260

wants to run of poison gas on their own

754

00:27:52,550 --> 00:27:51,090

subjects like on their own armed men

755

00:27:54,380 --> 00:27:52,560

just to see like does this poison gas

756

00:27:56,390 --> 00:27:54,390

work how about this gas mask what

757

00:27:59,540 --> 00:27:56,400

happens if we use this mask and that gas

758

00:28:02,330 --> 00:27:59,550

what's gonna happen the army tests its

759

00:28:04,850 --> 00:28:02,340

gasses on at least 60,000 men uniformed

760

00:28:06,740 --> 00:28:04,860

men and a lot of them report are--can

761

00:28:07,820 --> 00:28:06,750

because the army is just like yeah

762

00:28:09,770 --> 00:28:07,830

they're not good for fighting but

763

00:28:12,290 --> 00:28:09,780

they're great for testing gasses on and

764

00:28:14,180 --> 00:28:12,300

so there's this really damaging program

765

00:28:15,710 --> 00:28:14,190

where the army is just taking its men

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00:28:17,360 --> 00:28:15,720

and gassing them sometimes putting them

767

00:28:18,620 --> 00:28:17,370

in gas chambers with gas masks to see

768

00:28:20,420 --> 00:28:18,630

what happens see how long they can stand

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00:28:22,070 --> 00:28:20,430

up sometimes putting them in the field

770

00:28:23,450 --> 00:28:22,080

and gassing them overhead and seeing you

771

00:28:25,790 --> 00:28:23,460

know how long they can run around and do

772

00:28:27,440 --> 00:28:25,800

mock battles and Cornelius Rhodes is

773

00:28:29,150 --> 00:28:27,450

right there basically just nodding his

774

00:28:30,860 --> 00:28:29,160

head being like yes yes good good good

775

00:28:34,370 --> 00:28:30,870

we're learning a lot here he gets a

776

00:28:35,960 --> 00:28:34,380

medal for it and then at the end of this

777

00:28:36,950 --> 00:28:35,970

because actually the gases are turned

778

00:28:38,630 --> 00:28:36,960

out to be sort of chemically and

779

00:28:41,420 --> 00:28:38,640

medically interesting one of the things

780

00:28:43,820 --> 00:28:41,430

they do is it can be used to fight

781

00:28:45,080 --> 00:28:43,830

cancer and Cornelius Rhodes figures this

782

00:28:47,060 --> 00:28:45,090

out he's not the only one who does but

783

00:28:48,980 --> 00:28:47,070

he figures it out he takes this he runs

784

00:28:50,000 --> 00:28:48,990

with it and then becomes the first

785

00:28:52,640 --> 00:28:50,010

director of the sloan-kettering

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00:28:55,070 --> 00:28:52,650

Institute he basically becomes a founder

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00:28:57,670 --> 00:28:55,080

of chemotherapy and on the mainland

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00:29:00,890 --> 00:28:57,680

camellias rose is revered and

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00:29:03,200 --> 00:29:00,900

commemorated as a hero doctor one of the

790

00:29:06,710 --> 00:29:03,210

guys who helped get cancer under control

791

00:29:09,560 --> 00:29:06,720

and despite having this mango 'like

792

00:29:12,260 --> 00:29:09,570

history on the island none of that

793

00:29:14,200 --> 00:29:12,270

sticks on him and for decades he is

794

00:29:16,850 --> 00:29:14,210

remembered in the medical community only

795

00:29:18,140 --> 00:29:16,860

for fighting cancer and this whole thing

796

00:29:19,430 --> 00:29:18,150

this whole little pre career this whole

797

00:29:22,160 --> 00:29:19,440

little dalliance he had in puerto rico

798

00:29:25,000 --> 00:29:22,170

just goes away for him what happens in

799

00:29:28,269 --> 00:29:25,010

San Juan stays in San Juan

800

00:29:29,590 --> 00:29:28,279

yeah that is a fascinating story and I

801
00:29:31,990 --> 00:29:29,600
know it's one of the things that this

802
00:29:34,690 --> 00:29:32,000
audience is gonna be intrigued by it's

803
00:29:36,730 --> 00:29:34,700
really reminiscent of the Tuskegee

804
00:29:40,629 --> 00:29:36,740
syphilis experiments which is really the

805
00:29:43,389 --> 00:29:40,639
only other branded chapter in history

806
00:29:45,070 --> 00:29:43,399
that seems similar to this where they

807
00:29:47,950 --> 00:29:45,080
tell people they're being treated but

808
00:29:50,200 --> 00:29:47,960
instead they're being just monitored and

809
00:29:52,690 --> 00:29:50,210
not treated to see like how does this

810
00:29:54,190 --> 00:29:52,700
disease run its course and it's very

811
00:29:56,950 --> 00:29:54,200
dark and of course when you sign up for

812
00:29:58,870 --> 00:29:56,960
the military it's very you know rah rah

813
00:30:02,230 --> 00:29:58,880

we're gonna fight for the freedoms of

814

00:30:04,029 --> 00:30:02,240

the people but often times history shows

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00:30:06,879 --> 00:30:04,039

that you can sometimes be used as a

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00:30:09,610 --> 00:30:06,889

guinea pig as much as you can be used as

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00:30:11,919 --> 00:30:09,620

a soldier and it's just a lot darker

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00:30:14,950 --> 00:30:11,929

sometimes than people realize when you

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00:30:16,560 --> 00:30:14,960

turn over those stones yeah and a lot of

820

00:30:19,330 --> 00:30:16,570

those men who are used as guinea pigs

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00:30:20,620 --> 00:30:19,340

don't speak English we have documents

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00:30:21,909 --> 00:30:20,630

that suggest that a lot of the men who

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00:30:23,889 --> 00:30:21,919

are being tested on don't really

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00:30:25,360 --> 00:30:23,899

understand what's happening and even

825

00:30:27,549 --> 00:30:25,370

those who do speak English Porto Rican

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00:30:28,720 --> 00:30:27,559

or not are clearly not given proper

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00:30:31,149 --> 00:30:28,730

information about what's going to happen

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00:30:33,700 --> 00:30:31,159

to them and that matters because they

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00:30:35,080 --> 00:30:33,710

literally bear the scars and many of

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00:30:38,230 --> 00:30:35,090

them to their death people suffer from

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00:30:40,539 --> 00:30:38,240

emphysema from eye problems from genital

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00:30:42,070 --> 00:30:40,549

scarring from psychological damage you'd

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00:30:44,320 --> 00:30:42,080

Matt you know getting gassed is a

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00:30:45,639 --> 00:30:44,330

serious serious business and for some

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00:30:47,320 --> 00:30:45,649

people it's just you know a scar on your

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00:30:49,600 --> 00:30:47,330

arm and that's it for life and you know

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00:30:51,370 --> 00:30:49,610

that's okay but for other people it is

838

00:30:52,779 --> 00:30:51,380

an ongoing medical issue and they're

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00:30:54,009 --> 00:30:52,789

also not allowed to talk about it right

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00:30:56,009 --> 00:30:54,019

like the army forbids them from talking

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00:31:00,759 --> 00:30:56,019

about it because it's a military secret

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00:31:02,830 --> 00:31:00,769

mm-hmm mm-hmm it's it's so dark man it

843

00:31:04,539 --> 00:31:02,840

really is and something else I thought

844

00:31:05,980 --> 00:31:04,549

was important in your book that I

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00:31:07,690 --> 00:31:05,990

haven't heard come up in many of your

846

00:31:10,299 --> 00:31:07,700

other interviews is the testing that was

847

00:31:12,399 --> 00:31:10,309

done on Puerto Rican women concerning

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00:31:15,310 --> 00:31:12,409

birth control and the quest for the

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00:31:18,399 --> 00:31:15,320

almighty pill and this too gets pretty

850

00:31:20,980 --> 00:31:18,409

nefarious doesn't it yeah so there's

851
00:31:23,860 --> 00:31:20,990
this way in which colonies can just

852
00:31:25,509 --> 00:31:23,870
serve as laboratories for empires places

853
00:31:28,060 --> 00:31:25,519
to test things out and you can kind of

854
00:31:29,799 --> 00:31:28,070
see why it because from the perspective

855
00:31:33,700 --> 00:31:29,809
of the mainland from the perspective of

856
00:31:36,460 --> 00:31:33,710
the Imperial leaders rulers colonies are

857
00:31:38,440 --> 00:31:36,470
places where you can do things in you

858
00:31:38,860 --> 00:31:38,450
won't bear the full consequences if they

859
00:31:41,020 --> 00:31:38,870
go

860
00:31:42,730 --> 00:31:41,030
you can try things out you won't have as

861
00:31:44,650 --> 00:31:42,740
much oversight you actually have a lot

862
00:31:47,130 --> 00:31:44,660
less resistance because the political

863
00:31:48,700 --> 00:31:47,140

processes in cons tend to shore up

864

00:31:49,720 --> 00:31:48,710

authoritarian power because these are

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00:31:51,910 --> 00:31:49,730

people without full political

866

00:31:53,680 --> 00:31:51,920

representation and so in my book I tell

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00:31:57,070 --> 00:31:53,690

a number of stories about professionals

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00:31:58,480 --> 00:31:57,080

lawyers architects doctors who find that

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00:32:00,400 --> 00:31:58,490

the colonies are actually really

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00:32:01,990 --> 00:32:00,410

congenial and places to work and to try

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00:32:03,670 --> 00:32:02,000

things out to try out bold experiments

872

00:32:05,680 --> 00:32:03,680

which is one reason why colonies are so

873

00:32:08,770 --> 00:32:05,690

important to us history because a lot of

874

00:32:10,660 --> 00:32:08,780

stuff gets tested out in them but as you

875

00:32:13,080 --> 00:32:10,670

say at the dark history and in Puerto

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00:32:15,070 --> 00:32:13,090

Rico's case there is just a kind of

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00:32:16,570 --> 00:32:15,080

affinity between Puerto Rico and

878

00:32:18,280 --> 00:32:16,580

particularly medical testing there's a

879

00:32:21,130 --> 00:32:18,290

lot of medical stuff that gets tested on

880

00:32:23,350 --> 00:32:21,140

Puerto Rico it's not just these anemia

881

00:32:25,180 --> 00:32:23,360

experiments it's not just the poison gas

882

00:32:27,610 --> 00:32:25,190

that gets tested not in Puerto Rico but

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00:32:29,320 --> 00:32:27,620

on twitter' Ricans but it's also birth

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00:32:30,880 --> 00:32:29,330

control one of the things that

885

00:32:33,550 --> 00:32:30,890

mainlanders keep saying about Puerto

886

00:32:34,840 --> 00:32:33,560

Rico is all of its problems are because

887

00:32:36,940 --> 00:32:34,850

women just keep having too much babies

888

00:32:40,000 --> 00:32:36,950

the island is overpopulated it's not

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00:32:41,890 --> 00:32:40,010

like more densely populated New Jersey

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00:32:43,270 --> 00:32:41,900

but nevertheless from the perspective of

891

00:32:44,350 --> 00:32:43,280

the mainland you know it's like they're

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00:32:45,550 --> 00:32:44,360

just too many Puerto Ricans and that's

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00:32:47,230 --> 00:32:45,560

the cause of all the problems that's the

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00:32:49,870 --> 00:32:47,240

cause of the poverty that's the cause of

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00:32:51,610 --> 00:32:49,880

the slums and so there's a lot of

896

00:32:53,530 --> 00:32:51,620

medical interest among doctors in

897

00:32:55,570 --> 00:32:53,540

keeping Puerto Rican populations down

898

00:32:58,090 --> 00:32:55,580

and so you see this thing where just

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00:33:00,760 --> 00:32:58,100

doctors go to the island and first of

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00:33:03,430 --> 00:33:00,770

all perform sterilizations on women it's

901
00:33:05,440 --> 00:33:03,440
just like record unprecedented numbers

902
00:33:07,030 --> 00:33:05,450
and you know you know it seems like some

903
00:33:09,580 --> 00:33:07,040
of the women wanted to get sterilized

904
00:33:10,290 --> 00:33:09,590
but it still feels a little weird and

905
00:33:11,980 --> 00:33:10,300
when you just look at how

906
00:33:13,870 --> 00:33:11,990
disproportionately Puerto Rican women

907
00:33:16,030 --> 00:33:13,880
are sterilized compared to women and

908
00:33:18,460 --> 00:33:16,040
everywhere else but the birth control

909
00:33:20,020 --> 00:33:18,470
pill is also tested in Puerto Rico back

910
00:33:21,880 --> 00:33:20,030
in the bad old days before they got the

911
00:33:24,220 --> 00:33:21,890
dosage right the dosage was way too high

912
00:33:26,710 --> 00:33:24,230
it was tested largely on Puerto Rican

913
00:33:28,840 --> 00:33:26,720

women and the accounts that we have are

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00:33:30,880 --> 00:33:28,850

kind of painful to read because what

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00:33:33,310 --> 00:33:30,890

you'll see is you'll see the on-the-spot

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00:33:35,920 --> 00:33:33,320

medical professionals nurses and doctors

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00:33:37,840 --> 00:33:35,930

saying okay we're running the test for

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00:33:39,190 --> 00:33:37,850

giving this pill to women and they're

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00:33:42,220 --> 00:33:39,200

suffering headaches they're vomiting

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00:33:44,440 --> 00:33:42,230

they're experiencing cervical erosion

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00:33:47,230 --> 00:33:44,450

like it is a really hard pill to be

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00:33:48,400 --> 00:33:47,240

taking and then you see the doctors who

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00:33:50,230 --> 00:33:48,410

are overseeing is coming from mainland

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00:33:51,850 --> 00:33:50,240

being like you know Puerto Rican let me

925

00:33:52,590 --> 00:33:51,860

just complain a lot they're hysterical

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00:33:54,570 --> 00:33:52,600
they're

927
00:33:56,610 --> 00:33:54,580
always gonna complain the pills working

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00:33:57,990 --> 00:33:56,620
fine whatever they're saying and then

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00:33:59,250 --> 00:33:58,000
they start running experiments where

930
00:34:01,050 --> 00:33:59,260
despite the fact that they know these

931
00:34:03,990 --> 00:34:01,060
side effects were likely because they've

932
00:34:05,820 --> 00:34:04,000
already been testing it they decide not

933
00:34:07,620 --> 00:34:05,830
to tell women about the side effects so

934
00:34:10,200 --> 00:34:07,630
not informed consent on the theory that

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00:34:11,670 --> 00:34:10,210
if you tell puerto rican women that they

936
00:34:13,170 --> 00:34:11,680
might experience side effects they're so

937
00:34:14,490 --> 00:34:13,180
hysterical they're just gonna report

938
00:34:16,260 --> 00:34:14,500

that they're experiencing side effects

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00:34:18,570 --> 00:34:16,270

so the pill gets tested and the pill

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00:34:21,480 --> 00:34:18,580

gets approved with this like crazy

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00:34:23,040 --> 00:34:21,490

dosage basically because doctors are

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00:34:24,150 --> 00:34:23,050

unwilling to look at puerto rican women

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00:34:26,730 --> 00:34:24,160

and take their medical complaint

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00:34:28,050 --> 00:34:26,740

seriously then after it starts getting

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00:34:30,030 --> 00:34:28,060

used more broadly the dosage gets

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00:34:32,430 --> 00:34:30,040

brought in hand but that's what makes

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00:34:34,290 --> 00:34:32,440

the pill happen until such a huge events

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00:34:35,760 --> 00:34:34,300

in the demographic and cultural history

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00:34:37,950 --> 00:34:35,770

not just of the United States but of the

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00:34:39,570 --> 00:34:37,960

world but Puerto Rico is a testing

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00:34:41,760 --> 00:34:39,580

ground for it and not just a pill but a

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00:34:43,080 --> 00:34:41,770

number of contraceptives get tested

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00:34:47,400 --> 00:34:43,090

first in Puerto Rico before they're

954

00:34:50,850 --> 00:34:47,410

brought onto the market hmm man it is

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00:34:54,060 --> 00:34:50,860

just so shocking and I do believe John

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00:34:57,330 --> 00:34:54,070

Oliver not long ago did a piece about

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00:34:59,310 --> 00:34:57,340

black women today having a very similar

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00:35:01,860 --> 00:34:59,320

problem going to the doctor saying we

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00:35:04,200 --> 00:35:01,870

have this issue and kind of just being

960

00:35:06,420 --> 00:35:04,210

dismissed kind of that same racist

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00:35:08,280 --> 00:35:06,430

attitude of like you don't even know

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00:35:10,710 --> 00:35:08,290

what's wrong with yourself you're fine

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00:35:12,720 --> 00:35:10,720

and it's really just difficult to read

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00:35:13,980 --> 00:35:12,730

these sources and just think about what

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00:35:16,020 --> 00:35:13,990

that must have felt like to be in that

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00:35:17,910 --> 00:35:16,030

position and you can also and this is

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00:35:19,470 --> 00:35:17,920

tricky to contemplate too but you can

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00:35:21,690 --> 00:35:19,480

also imagine it from the perspective of

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00:35:24,750 --> 00:35:21,700

doctors patients particularly

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00:35:26,490 --> 00:35:24,760

experimental patients whose pain you can

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00:35:27,750 --> 00:35:26,500

dismiss you know who's paying you can

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00:35:29,910 --> 00:35:27,760

greet but just being like you'll be fine

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00:35:31,530 --> 00:35:29,920

that's kind of convenient in some ways

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00:35:33,540 --> 00:35:31,540

for doctors at least for the doctors who

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00:35:35,310 --> 00:35:33,550

are more interested in testing drugs

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00:35:36,840 --> 00:35:35,320
running experiments than on you know

977
00:35:38,300 --> 00:35:36,850
really being there with their patients

978
00:35:42,450 --> 00:35:38,310
and healing them and listening to them

979
00:35:44,790 --> 00:35:42,460
mm-hmm mm-hmm and I wanted to grab one

980
00:35:47,310 --> 00:35:44,800
quote here from the section where you

981
00:35:49,710 --> 00:35:47,320
are talking about this contraception and

982
00:35:50,910 --> 00:35:49,720
pill testing in Puerto Rico where you

983
00:35:53,610 --> 00:35:50,920
say when it comes to the pill

984
00:35:55,290 --> 00:35:53,620
the first experiment used medical

985
00:35:57,690 --> 00:35:55,300
students at the University of Puerto

986
00:35:59,970 --> 00:35:57,700
Rico despite having their grades held

987
00:36:02,460 --> 00:35:59,980
hostage to their participation in the

988
00:36:03,990 --> 00:36:02,470

study half of them dropped out and then

989

00:36:05,370 --> 00:36:04,000

you go on to say that they tried

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00:36:07,170 --> 00:36:05,380

prisoners next and

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00:36:09,900 --> 00:36:07,180

they went to the housing projects got to

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00:36:12,630 --> 00:36:09,910

get the poor involved but to encourage

993

00:36:15,900 --> 00:36:12,640

students to be guinea pigs like that is

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00:36:17,370 --> 00:36:15,910

insanely cruel yeah I mean I don't know

995

00:36:18,780 --> 00:36:17,380

if it's more cool with students or with

996

00:36:21,690 --> 00:36:18,790

people in housing projects or prisoners

997

00:36:24,060 --> 00:36:21,700

but it is yeah so what you just imagine

998

00:36:25,650 --> 00:36:24,070

is these students who are in medical

999

00:36:27,390 --> 00:36:25,660

school and they're told we're gonna run

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00:36:30,180 --> 00:36:27,400

a test on you and this is part of your

1001

00:36:31,710 --> 00:36:30,190

class participation and you know you

1002

00:36:33,540 --> 00:36:31,720

might not finish medical school or you

1003

00:36:35,070 --> 00:36:33,550

might fail this class if you refuse to

1004

00:36:37,110 --> 00:36:35,080

participate in this test open up here's

1005

00:36:39,780 --> 00:36:37,120

a pill oh are you vomiting now like yeah

1006

00:36:42,480 --> 00:36:39,790

sorry and we don't or I don't know the

1007

00:36:43,950 --> 00:36:42,490

full story of those women right some of

1008

00:36:45,600 --> 00:36:43,960

them might have dropped out for other

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00:36:47,700 --> 00:36:45,610

reasons we just know that like the

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00:36:50,040 --> 00:36:47,710

experimental numbers went way down but

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00:36:51,420 --> 00:36:50,050

it's it seems really likely that a

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00:36:53,040 --> 00:36:51,430

number of them dropped out because

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00:36:54,330 --> 00:36:53,050

taking the pill is awful or at least

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00:36:57,900 --> 00:36:54,340

taking the pill was awful in those days

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00:36:59,670 --> 00:36:57,910

of that dosage mm-hmm and it is just so

1016

00:37:02,190 --> 00:36:59,680

sad because while a lot of these places

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00:37:03,810 --> 00:37:02,200

we're talking about are or were under

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00:37:05,550 --> 00:37:03,820

the control of the US they definitely

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00:37:08,700 --> 00:37:05,560

were kept at arm's length

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00:37:12,120 --> 00:37:08,710

like you said using legalese and using

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00:37:15,090 --> 00:37:12,130

terms like colony or territory and it is

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00:37:16,980 --> 00:37:15,100

these distinctions that sort of justify

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00:37:19,710 --> 00:37:16,990

the actions in these places right I mean

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00:37:21,480 --> 00:37:19,720

these terms actually have huge

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00:37:23,580 --> 00:37:21,490

implications that even go beyond this

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00:37:26,640 --> 00:37:23,590
medical experimentation thing and even

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00:37:29,160 --> 00:37:26,650
just our perception of how bad some of

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00:37:31,590 --> 00:37:29,170
these crimes really are so let's talk

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00:37:34,550 --> 00:37:31,600
about the terms for a second because the

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00:37:36,780 --> 00:37:34,560
United States has an interesting way of

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00:37:40,290 --> 00:37:36,790
talking about or of not talking about

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00:37:44,310 --> 00:37:40,300
its empire the usual with the standard

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00:37:46,260 --> 00:37:44,320
word for overseas places that have

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00:37:48,090 --> 00:37:46,270
different laws that are politically

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00:37:49,440 --> 00:37:48,100
subordinated that have a people who are

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00:37:51,420 --> 00:37:49,450
understood as different from the

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00:37:54,300 --> 00:37:51,430
perspective of the center of power the

1038
00:37:55,410 --> 00:37:54,310

usual word for that is colony and if

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00:37:57,630 --> 00:37:55,420

you're a country that has colonies

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00:38:00,120 --> 00:37:57,640

you're an empire

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00:38:01,769 --> 00:38:00,130

and right when the United States grabs a

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00:38:04,799 --> 00:38:01,779

bunch of these places a bunch of

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00:38:06,690 --> 00:38:04,809

colonies during and after 1898 there's

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00:38:08,759 --> 00:38:06,700

this kind of Imperial shopping spree it

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00:38:12,240 --> 00:38:08,769

goes on at that moment there's this

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00:38:14,130 --> 00:38:12,250

brief window where leading men just say

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00:38:15,660 --> 00:38:14,140

it outright they're like yeah the United

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00:38:17,160 --> 00:38:15,670

States is an empire we got colonies

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00:38:18,569 --> 00:38:17,170

that's a great thing or that's a bad

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00:38:20,700 --> 00:38:18,579

thing but we're completely open about

1051
00:38:22,380 --> 00:38:20,710
that time so Teddy Roosevelt talks about

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00:38:25,780 --> 00:38:22,390
it like that Woodrow Wilson talks about

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00:38:27,970 --> 00:38:25,790
it like that it's not a secret

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00:38:31,090 --> 00:38:27,980
but then you know after about a decade

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00:38:34,060 --> 00:38:31,100
or so you start to see officials stop

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00:38:36,310 --> 00:38:34,070
using the c-word column II and start

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00:38:37,840 --> 00:38:36,320
going for other euphemisms if they get

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00:38:39,010 --> 00:38:37,850
sort of mealy-mouthed when they start

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00:38:41,800 --> 00:38:39,020
talking about what's going on

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00:38:44,380 --> 00:38:41,810
they say territory territory is a

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00:38:45,880 --> 00:38:44,390
gentler word and it also you know as the

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00:38:48,640 --> 00:38:45,890
kind of happy history for the United

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00:38:50,440 --> 00:38:48,650

States Kansas was a territory Montana

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00:38:52,240 --> 00:38:50,450

was a territory and then it became

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00:38:53,620 --> 00:38:52,250

States so being a territory doesn't you

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00:38:55,210 --> 00:38:53,630

know isn't necessarily a bad thing in

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00:38:57,550 --> 00:38:55,220

the United States just might mean you're

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00:38:59,370 --> 00:38:57,560

not yet a state so territories are where

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00:39:01,510 --> 00:38:59,380

they tend to go for instead of colony

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00:39:03,640 --> 00:39:01,520

where they just don't talk about it

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00:39:05,890 --> 00:39:03,650

one thing that I've encountered when I

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00:39:07,600 --> 00:39:05,900

talk to readers about my book special

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00:39:11,890 --> 00:39:07,610

readers who haven't yet read it is that

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00:39:13,210 --> 00:39:11,900

they get a little confused just like you

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00:39:14,470 --> 00:39:13,220

know about when they're trying to talk

1076
00:39:15,880 --> 00:39:14,480
about places like Puerto Rico or blonde

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00:39:18,610 --> 00:39:15,890
because they don't really know the names

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00:39:20,200 --> 00:39:18,620
for these political relationships and so

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00:39:21,250 --> 00:39:20,210
they use circumlocutions and that kind

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00:39:22,870 --> 00:39:21,260
of thing and I think that's a really

1081
00:39:25,780 --> 00:39:22,880
interesting fact about the United States

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00:39:27,970 --> 00:39:25,790
is that the basic fact of empire the

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00:39:29,950 --> 00:39:27,980
basic fact of colonies has become so

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00:39:31,870 --> 00:39:29,960
obscured that it actually is difficult

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00:39:34,330 --> 00:39:31,880
to speak about and a really good example

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00:39:37,270 --> 00:39:34,340
of that is how we use the word United

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00:39:39,970 --> 00:39:37,280
States so most people when they use the

1088
00:39:42,220 --> 00:39:39,980

word unit say it's refer to the States

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00:39:43,060 --> 00:39:42,230

and so then it gets very confusing when

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00:39:44,500 --> 00:39:43,070

they're trying to talk about the US

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00:39:46,090 --> 00:39:44,510

Virgin Islands which has United States

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00:39:48,970 --> 00:39:46,100

in the name it's quite clearly part of

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00:39:51,880 --> 00:39:48,980

the United States blood does it fit I

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00:39:54,610 --> 00:39:51,890

don't know so like when the 2017

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00:39:56,320 --> 00:39:54,620

hurricanes were approaching the US

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00:39:58,630 --> 00:39:56,330

Virgin Islands you'd see newscasters

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00:40:00,220 --> 00:39:58,640

saying the Hurricanes are first gonna

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00:40:01,480 --> 00:40:00,230

hit the US Virgin Islands and then

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00:40:03,430 --> 00:40:01,490

they're gonna hit the United States and

1100

00:40:04,660 --> 00:40:03,440

then you get people from like st. Thomas

1101

00:40:06,550 --> 00:40:04,670

being like are you crazy what are you

1102

00:40:08,440 --> 00:40:06,560

talking about that actually makes no

1103

00:40:10,480 --> 00:40:08,450

sense but it's because you don't really

1104

00:40:11,680 --> 00:40:10,490

know the word mainland that you can say

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00:40:12,730 --> 00:40:11,690

they're approaching the US Virgin

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00:40:14,380 --> 00:40:12,740

Islands and then they're gonna hit the

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00:40:17,410 --> 00:40:14,390

US mainland that's a way to say it

1108

00:40:18,970 --> 00:40:17,420

actually makes sense mm-hmm yeah all

1109

00:40:20,740 --> 00:40:18,980

that is really important and I

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00:40:22,960 --> 00:40:20,750

definitely found myself getting tripped

1111

00:40:25,930 --> 00:40:22,970

up on the right words and phrases just

1112

00:40:27,550 --> 00:40:25,940

trying to prepare for this and on the

1113

00:40:29,830 --> 00:40:27,560

subject of language you have a chapter

1114

00:40:32,560 --> 00:40:29,840

called language is a virus that I really

1115

00:40:34,660 --> 00:40:32,570

liked to not only the campaign to get

1116

00:40:37,420 --> 00:40:34,670

English adopted around the world and

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00:40:39,100 --> 00:40:37,430

tracking that progress which Hollywood

1118

00:40:39,640 --> 00:40:39,110

and now the Internet has helped a great

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00:40:41,830 --> 00:40:39,650

deal

1120

00:40:44,260 --> 00:40:41,840

but we've often heard that when an

1121

00:40:46,780 --> 00:40:44,270

empire colonizes a place one of the

1122

00:40:48,900 --> 00:40:46,790

first things it builds is schools so we

1123

00:40:51,670 --> 00:40:48,910

can start the process of westernization

1124

00:40:53,890 --> 00:40:51,680

which you know it's also something you

1125

00:40:55,930 --> 00:40:53,900

can frame in a positive light but when

1126

00:40:57,760 --> 00:40:55,940

you get into the details it's quite dark

1127

00:41:00,580 --> 00:40:57,770

you've got stories in the book of people

1128

00:41:02,620 --> 00:41:00,590

saying that they would get beaten as

1129

00:41:04,750 --> 00:41:02,630

kids for using their native tongue in

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00:41:07,240 --> 00:41:04,760

some cases they're forced to celebrate

1131

00:41:09,670 --> 00:41:07,250

their colonization day as a holiday

1132

00:41:12,250 --> 00:41:09,680

they're forced to celebrate the

1133

00:41:14,620 --> 00:41:12,260

birthdays of US presidents I mean this

1134

00:41:16,210 --> 00:41:14,630

stuff erodes a culture I mean that's

1135

00:41:18,670 --> 00:41:16,220

what they're really doing although they

1136

00:41:23,020 --> 00:41:18,680

can frame it in this positive altruistic

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00:41:24,820 --> 00:41:23,030

light of Education yeah so the United

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00:41:26,740 --> 00:41:24,830

States has done something extraordinary

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00:41:28,360 --> 00:41:26,750

and it hasn't just done it through its

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00:41:29,530 --> 00:41:28,370

formal colonies I mean what's

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00:41:31,780 --> 00:41:29,540

extraordinary is that it's not even

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00:41:35,080 --> 00:41:31,790

beyond its formal colonies it has

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00:41:36,430 --> 00:41:35,090

promulgated English to the point where

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00:41:37,570 --> 00:41:36,440

English is a global language and

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00:41:39,310 --> 00:41:37,580

obviously the United States is not the

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00:41:41,470 --> 00:41:39,320

only powerful country that speaks

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00:41:43,390 --> 00:41:41,480

English Britain is as well but it's been

1148

00:41:45,790 --> 00:41:43,400

under the United States's watch actually

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00:41:47,890 --> 00:41:45,800

it's really recent that English has hit

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00:41:49,210 --> 00:41:47,900

the tipping point and become a truly

1151
00:41:50,560 --> 00:41:49,220
global language where everyone is

1152
00:41:52,630 --> 00:41:50,570
expected if they're gonna be in a

1153
00:41:54,310 --> 00:41:52,640
conversation and an elite conversation

1154
00:41:55,480 --> 00:41:54,320
somewhere on the planet that they're

1155
00:41:56,740 --> 00:41:55,490
gonna have to do it in English or

1156
00:41:59,200 --> 00:41:56,750
they're gonna be expected to speak at

1157
00:42:00,340 --> 00:41:59,210
least a little English that's something

1158
00:42:03,100 --> 00:42:00,350
that's happened under the United States

1159
00:42:06,190 --> 00:42:03,110
is watch and you can see this start of

1160
00:42:08,230 --> 00:42:06,200
it as the United States tries to push

1161
00:42:10,120 --> 00:42:08,240
English in its own college and has some

1162
00:42:12,640 --> 00:42:10,130
success and some failure it turns out

1163
00:42:14,470 --> 00:42:12,650

it's really hard to get people to speak

1164

00:42:16,330 --> 00:42:14,480

a language against their will and the

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00:42:18,430 --> 00:42:16,340

fact that Puerto Rico is still

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00:42:20,890 --> 00:42:18,440

spanish-speaking and English is not

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00:42:22,960 --> 00:42:20,900

fully spoken in Puerto Rico is a really

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00:42:24,670 --> 00:42:22,970

good example how hard that can be and

1169

00:42:27,460 --> 00:42:24,680

you're absolutely right sometimes that

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00:42:30,220 --> 00:42:27,470

difficulty in pushing the language has

1171

00:42:33,040 --> 00:42:30,230

been responded to by US colonial leaders

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00:42:34,840 --> 00:42:33,050

by using force so it'll take kids in

1173

00:42:36,520 --> 00:42:34,850

schools and literally wash their mouths

1174

00:42:39,400 --> 00:42:36,530

out with soap if they hear native

1175

00:42:41,590 --> 00:42:39,410

languages spoken there is beatings we

1176

00:42:43,900 --> 00:42:41,600

have an account of a naval officer in

1177

00:42:45,490 --> 00:42:43,910

Guam getting all of the English tomorrow

1178

00:42:47,470 --> 00:42:45,500

dictionaries you could find and burning

1179

00:42:48,790 --> 00:42:47,480

them because why would you translate

1180

00:42:49,900 --> 00:42:48,800

between English and tomorrow you

1181

00:42:51,550 --> 00:42:49,910

shouldn't even be able to do that we

1182

00:42:53,230 --> 00:42:51,560

should just be speaking English here

1183

00:42:55,270 --> 00:42:53,240

it's a difficult

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00:42:56,710 --> 00:42:55,280

business and it's a kind of painful one

1185

00:42:58,240 --> 00:42:56,720

too when you actually realize like what

1186

00:43:00,550 --> 00:42:58,250

it took to get somewhere like the

1187

00:43:02,980 --> 00:43:00,560

Philippines on to English it's

1188

00:43:05,260 --> 00:43:02,990

interesting history and to talk about

1189

00:43:07,570 --> 00:43:05,270

something a bit lighter tell us about

1190

00:43:09,730 --> 00:43:07,580

the guano Islands this is pretty

1191

00:43:12,190 --> 00:43:09,740

fascinating stuff that I don't think

1192

00:43:14,560 --> 00:43:12,200

many people have heard about I'm glad

1193

00:43:16,270 --> 00:43:14,570

you brought that up partly cuz look you

1194

00:43:18,520 --> 00:43:16,280

can't write a history about empire and

1195

00:43:20,800 --> 00:43:18,530

colonialism without it being something

1196

00:43:22,090 --> 00:43:20,810

of a dark story right this is not the

1197

00:43:23,740 --> 00:43:22,100

greatest form of government it's

1198

00:43:27,010 --> 00:43:23,750

profoundly undemocratic in all kinds of

1199

00:43:30,280 --> 00:43:27,020

baleful consequences and Sue but this

1200

00:43:32,170 --> 00:43:30,290

book is not intended as a litany about

1201
00:43:34,840 --> 00:43:32,180
every awful thing that the United States

1202
00:43:37,030 --> 00:43:34,850
has ever done it's rather a book that

1203
00:43:39,370 --> 00:43:37,040
tries to tell you how important empires

1204
00:43:41,350 --> 00:43:39,380
been and how variegated the experiences

1205
00:43:42,640 --> 00:43:41,360
have been so there are some chapters

1206
00:43:46,090 --> 00:43:42,650
that are a little lighter in tone and

1207
00:43:49,000 --> 00:43:46,100
one of them is this sort of comic tale

1208
00:43:51,460 --> 00:43:49,010
of the seizure of guano islands so the

1209
00:43:54,160 --> 00:43:51,470
United States in the 19th century kept

1210
00:43:55,359 --> 00:43:54,170
planting the same crops over and over in

1211
00:43:57,670 --> 00:43:55,369
the same land because it was trying to

1212
00:44:00,730 --> 00:43:57,680
transition to industrial agriculture so

1213
00:44:01,930 --> 00:44:00,740

like wheat cotton tobacco and it turns

1214

00:44:03,460 --> 00:44:01,940

out that if you do that you quickly

1215

00:44:05,740 --> 00:44:03,470

drain all the nutrients out of the soil

1216

00:44:07,180 --> 00:44:05,750

particularly nitrates and you know they

1217

00:44:09,840 --> 00:44:07,190

didn't have artificial fertilizer back

1218

00:44:12,460 --> 00:44:09,850

then so there was a like a scramble for

1219

00:44:14,440 --> 00:44:12,470

ways to replenish and restore

1220

00:44:15,400 --> 00:44:14,450

particularly nitrates to the soil and

1221

00:44:17,050 --> 00:44:15,410

it's like that's a hard thing to do

1222

00:44:18,460 --> 00:44:17,060

especially when you're doing industrial

1223

00:44:20,370 --> 00:44:18,470

agriculture well you're not doing crop

1224

00:44:22,990 --> 00:44:20,380

rotation where you don't always have

1225

00:44:25,150 --> 00:44:23,000

animals to sort of eat crops and then

1226

00:44:27,099 --> 00:44:25,160

poop nitrates back out on top of them

1227

00:44:29,890 --> 00:44:27,109

and it turns out one of the things that

1228

00:44:31,870 --> 00:44:29,900

was really good for this is wha no

1229

00:44:34,599 --> 00:44:31,880

guano can either meet bird or bat

1230

00:44:36,340 --> 00:44:34,609

droppings use this fertilizer but there

1231

00:44:38,410 --> 00:44:36,350

are these islands in the Pacific in the

1232

00:44:40,810 --> 00:44:38,420

Caribbean that are here's what you want

1233

00:44:44,080 --> 00:44:40,820

to get a guano island you want a small

1234

00:44:45,970 --> 00:44:44,090

island that is dry so it doesn't rain on

1235

00:44:47,530 --> 00:44:45,980

the island a lot but nevertheless there

1236

00:44:50,230 --> 00:44:47,540

are a lot of birds on so the birds will

1237

00:44:51,609 --> 00:44:50,240

go into the ocean he'll eat anchovies or

1238

00:44:53,380 --> 00:44:51,619

whatever they're gonna eat they'll come

1239

00:44:56,109 --> 00:44:53,390

back on the island they'll poop on the

1240

00:44:59,170 --> 00:44:56,119

islands it won't rain so the poop will

1241

00:45:01,090 --> 00:44:59,180

just pile up for not just decades but

1242

00:45:03,370 --> 00:45:01,100

millennia and you know it's basically

1243

00:45:06,490 --> 00:45:03,380

the entire island is like native [h__\h]

1244

00:45:06,799 --> 00:45:06,500

hardened [h__\h] and that is a really good

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00:45:09,769 --> 00:45:06,809

friend

1246

00:45:11,749 --> 00:45:09,779

so in the 19th century US farmers figure

1247

00:45:13,789 --> 00:45:11,759

this out and start really trying to buy

1248

00:45:16,099 --> 00:45:13,799

up guano and then it turns out like Peru

1249

00:45:17,870 --> 00:45:16,109

has a lock on all the really good guano

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00:45:19,429 --> 00:45:17,880

islands and there's a British monopoly

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00:45:21,709 --> 00:45:19,439

that keeps jacking up the prices for

1252

00:45:23,870 --> 00:45:21,719

that polluting in guano so the United

1253

00:45:25,519 --> 00:45:23,880

States is like wow this is like OPEC

1254

00:45:28,609 --> 00:45:25,529

this is like the oil crisis of the 1970s

1255

00:45:30,649 --> 00:45:28,619

one of the most important substances to

1256

00:45:33,709 --> 00:45:30,659

make this economy go is guano and we

1257

00:45:35,749 --> 00:45:33,719

need it and it's too expensive so they

1258

00:45:37,249 --> 00:45:35,759

just start claiming islands everywhere

1259

00:45:39,349 --> 00:45:37,259

uninhabited islands that are guano

1260

00:45:42,169 --> 00:45:39,359

Islands the United States over all it

1261

00:45:43,130 --> 00:45:42,179

takes nearly a hundred of them and these

1262

00:45:45,739 --> 00:45:43,140

are the first times that the United

1263

00:45:47,299 --> 00:45:45,749

States goes overseas it's just these

1264

00:45:49,039 --> 00:45:47,309

like islands that are spread all over

1265

00:45:50,479 --> 00:45:49,049

the Caribbean in the Pacific you know

1266

00:45:51,919 --> 00:45:50,489

they would talk to whalers you know did

1267

00:45:54,019 --> 00:45:51,929

you pass an island when you were out on

1268

00:45:56,059 --> 00:45:54,029

your whaling expedition was it covered

1269

00:45:57,529 --> 00:45:56,069

in [h__h] do you remember where it was can

1270

00:45:58,880 --> 00:45:57,539

you show me on a map we're gonna go out

1271

00:46:01,640 --> 00:45:58,890

there we're gonna scrape all that [h__h]

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00:46:02,390 --> 00:46:01,650

up and just bring it back so you know I

1273

00:46:03,949 --> 00:46:02,400

mean there's something just like

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00:46:06,140 --> 00:46:03,959

ridiculous about this but it's also

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00:46:08,149 --> 00:46:06,150

serious because all of the legal

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00:46:11,059 --> 00:46:08,159

questions that come up about having an

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00:46:13,789 --> 00:46:11,069

empire get first worked out on these

1278

00:46:14,890 --> 00:46:13,799

[h__\h] covered uninhabited islands because

1279

00:46:16,429 --> 00:46:14,900

all that you know it's like

1280

00:46:18,979 --> 00:46:16,439

constitutionally can the United States

1281

00:46:20,689 --> 00:46:18,989

extend overseas how does US law work if

1282

00:46:22,579 --> 00:46:20,699

you're on one of these islands and not

1283

00:46:24,890 --> 00:46:22,589

in a state or in an organized territory

1284

00:46:26,870 --> 00:46:24,900

all those questions come up immediately

1285

00:46:28,189 --> 00:46:26,880

and actually the you know you can say

1286

00:46:33,049 --> 00:46:28,199

the foundation of the United States is

1287

00:46:35,630 --> 00:46:33,059

colonial empire is [h__\h] I like it and I

1288

00:46:39,789 --> 00:46:35,640

hate to pile on no pun intended more

1289

00:46:42,979 --> 00:46:39,799

darkness to our one light and fun

1290

00:46:46,039 --> 00:46:42,989

chapter of this whole book but you also

1291

00:46:48,199 --> 00:46:46,049

talk about the Neva so phosphate company

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00:46:50,689 --> 00:46:48,209

which is another one of these little

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00:46:54,589 --> 00:46:50,699

companies that would promise the world

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00:46:56,239 --> 00:46:54,599

and tell people about the bountiful land

1295

00:46:58,039 --> 00:46:56,249

the paradise they'll be living in all

1296

00:47:01,759 --> 00:46:58,049

the women you're gonna love the women

1297

00:47:04,909 --> 00:47:01,769

and they would ship over African

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00:47:07,009 --> 00:47:04,919

American labor and this was a bunch of

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00:47:08,899 --> 00:47:07,019

lies is a bunch of poor treatment some

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00:47:12,289 --> 00:47:08,909

of these people are illiterate and told

1301
00:47:17,089 --> 00:47:12,299
to sign terrible one-sided contracts and

1302
00:47:18,709 --> 00:47:17,099
we're right back to abuses of the people

1303
00:47:20,710 --> 00:47:18,719
lower on the totem pole but it comes

1304
00:47:23,559 --> 00:47:20,720
into play here too doesn't it

1305
00:47:25,329 --> 00:47:23,569
yeah so let's talk about why this needs

1306
00:47:28,599 --> 00:47:25,339
to happen or from the perspective from

1307
00:47:30,880 --> 00:47:28,609
the Nevada plastic company it's cool to

1308
00:47:32,950 --> 00:47:30,890
have a guano island but you need someone

1309
00:47:34,300 --> 00:47:32,960
to scrape that iguana off the island and

1310
00:47:36,940 --> 00:47:34,310
these are uninhabited islands so you

1311
00:47:39,430 --> 00:47:36,950
need to bring laborers over and it turns

1312
00:47:41,710 --> 00:47:39,440
out that scraping and mining guano off

1313
00:47:43,780 --> 00:47:41,720

of guano island is and I check this with

1314

00:47:45,910 --> 00:47:43,790

my fellow historians so I'm confident

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00:47:48,040 --> 00:47:45,920

saying it the worst job you can have in

1316

00:47:49,780 --> 00:47:48,050

the 19th century because it's basically

1317

00:47:51,670 --> 00:47:49,790

like coal mining and all the lung damage

1318

00:47:55,780 --> 00:47:51,680

you get from that except to do it you're

1319

00:47:56,950 --> 00:47:55,790

on a rein --less remote island and you

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00:47:58,750 --> 00:47:56,960

just have to stay there you're basically

1321

00:48:00,130 --> 00:47:58,760

marooned at your workplace and you know

1322

00:48:01,450 --> 00:48:00,140

there's often that fresh water and

1323

00:48:03,609 --> 00:48:01,460

you're you're eating what they called

1324

00:48:06,130 --> 00:48:03,619

hardtack which is you know dry and it's

1325

00:48:07,569 --> 00:48:06,140

like turkey dried meat and people get

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00:48:08,770 --> 00:48:07,579

all kinds of intestinal distress and

1327

00:48:10,870 --> 00:48:08,780

then they're having it on the island and

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00:48:11,589 --> 00:48:10,880

there's no plumbing it is a bad

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00:48:13,809 --> 00:48:11,599

situation

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00:48:15,910 --> 00:48:13,819

also the guano itself is really it's

1331

00:48:17,440 --> 00:48:15,920

like ammonia it's like very pungent so

1332

00:48:20,260 --> 00:48:17,450

if you breathe in too much of that it's

1333

00:48:21,790 --> 00:48:20,270

horrible for your respiratory system so

1334

00:48:23,230 --> 00:48:21,800

this is a bad situation anyway it

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00:48:24,460 --> 00:48:23,240

basically turns out that it's not easy

1336

00:48:26,859 --> 00:48:24,470

to get labourers to agree to do this

1337

00:48:29,710 --> 00:48:26,869

under terms of full consent so in the

1338

00:48:32,079 --> 00:48:29,720

Pacific there's a lot of Chinese workers

1339

00:48:33,550 --> 00:48:32,089

who are basically kidnapped from China

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00:48:34,930 --> 00:48:33,560

they're you know it's like you want to

1341

00:48:36,309 --> 00:48:34,940

come check out my boat and then you're

1342

00:48:37,660 --> 00:48:36,319

like on the boat as the worker and then

1343

00:48:38,740 --> 00:48:37,670

they wake up we're sailing now we're on

1344

00:48:41,020 --> 00:48:38,750

the island all right I guess you got to

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00:48:43,690 --> 00:48:41,030

work and in parts of the Pacific they

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00:48:45,160 --> 00:48:43,700

use Hawaiians to mine it in the

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00:48:47,500 --> 00:48:45,170

Caribbean and especially on the bus

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00:48:49,210 --> 00:48:47,510

Ireland's the de Vos philosophy company

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00:48:50,440 --> 00:48:49,220

uses African Americans and they trick

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00:48:52,630 --> 00:48:50,450

them onto the books they basically like

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00:48:54,550 --> 00:48:52,640

just as you said you're gonna be living

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00:48:57,160 --> 00:48:54,560

on a tropical island picking fruit and

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00:48:58,660 --> 00:48:57,170

romancing beautiful women just sign a

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00:49:00,460 --> 00:48:58,670

dotted line and step on the boat and

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00:49:02,260 --> 00:49:00,470

that'll be it and then you know they

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00:49:04,120 --> 00:49:02,270

step off the boat and suddenly they're

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00:49:06,099 --> 00:49:04,130

deeply in debt because they've been

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00:49:08,260 --> 00:49:06,109

charged for their own voyage over they

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00:49:11,079 --> 00:49:08,270

have to pay ridiculously inflated prices

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00:49:13,780 --> 00:49:11,089

for clean food and then they're on a dry

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00:49:15,130 --> 00:49:13,790

island that is absolutely miserable

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00:49:16,660 --> 00:49:15,140

it's called Devil's Island this

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00:49:19,240 --> 00:49:16,670

particular islands and we have to work

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00:49:21,670 --> 00:49:19,250

mining wanna so not surprisingly some of

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00:49:23,800 --> 00:49:21,680

them mutiny revolt they get in a fight

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00:49:26,200 --> 00:49:23,810

and they end up killing five of their

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00:49:27,880 --> 00:49:26,210

white overseers and you know it's

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00:49:29,050 --> 00:49:27,890

national news right because like flag

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00:49:31,660 --> 00:49:29,060

white men have been killed by black

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00:49:33,579 --> 00:49:31,670

people and the national news is not does

1371

00:49:34,480 --> 00:49:33,589

not cut in these men's favor it's not

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00:49:36,400 --> 00:49:34,490

like Oh

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00:49:39,730 --> 00:49:36,410

trust workers stand up for justice it's

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00:49:41,680 --> 00:49:39,740

like black butchers murder innocent

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00:49:43,210 --> 00:49:41,690

white people and so they're hauled back

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00:49:44,170 --> 00:49:43,220

to the mainland particularly to

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00:49:46,000 --> 00:49:44,180

Baltimore where a lot of them come from

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00:49:48,880 --> 00:49:46,010

and they're gonna be tried in the court

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00:49:50,980 --> 00:49:48,890

and the black community in Baltimore

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00:49:52,900 --> 00:49:50,990

just rallies behind them it's like okay

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00:49:54,760 --> 00:49:52,910

we got to help these guys out and they

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00:49:56,800 --> 00:49:54,770

get this guy who is the first black

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00:49:58,930 --> 00:49:56,810

lawyer to have passed the Maryland bar

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00:50:00,760 --> 00:49:58,940

and he's on the legal team and they come

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00:50:03,670 --> 00:50:00,770

up with this kind of extraordinary

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00:50:04,720 --> 00:50:03,680

argument first they say the obvious

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00:50:06,820 --> 00:50:04,730

steps are like these workers are

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00:50:08,470 --> 00:50:06,830

horrific aliyah pressed like you can

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00:50:10,000 --> 00:50:08,480

hardly believe it so it's kind of

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00:50:11,080 --> 00:50:10,010

understandable why I got to fight but

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00:50:13,750 --> 00:50:11,090

then they say something else they say

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00:50:16,810 --> 00:50:13,760

look these men can be convicted of

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00:50:18,100 --> 00:50:16,820

murder in a US Court they like me

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00:50:19,780 --> 00:50:18,110

interesting okay why can't they be

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00:50:22,210 --> 00:50:19,790

convicted of murder they say because

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00:50:24,820 --> 00:50:22,220

this event didn't happen in the United

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00:50:26,890 --> 00:50:24,830

States the guano islands are not really

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00:50:28,390 --> 00:50:26,900

part of the United States so these men

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00:50:30,520 --> 00:50:28,400

are not under US jurisdiction they're

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00:50:32,170 --> 00:50:30,530

far not domestic and so the US courts

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00:50:33,400 --> 00:50:32,180

can't try them I mean that's a really

1402

00:50:35,680 --> 00:50:33,410

interesting argument because that is

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00:50:37,930 --> 00:50:35,690

putting to the question the

1404

00:50:39,340 --> 00:50:37,940

constitutionality of empire are these

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00:50:41,050 --> 00:50:39,350

places really part of the United States

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00:50:42,280 --> 00:50:41,060

or not it goes to the Supreme Court and

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00:50:44,710 --> 00:50:42,290

the Supreme Court has to think about it

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00:50:46,180 --> 00:50:44,720

and the court decides okay yeah these

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00:50:48,220 --> 00:50:46,190

islands are part of the United States

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00:50:50,859 --> 00:50:48,230

which then means that the United States

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00:50:52,570 --> 00:50:50,869

can indeed expand overseas but then that

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00:50:53,320 --> 00:50:52,580

raises other questions well it's a part

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00:50:55,180 --> 00:50:53,330

of the United States

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00:50:56,230 --> 00:50:55,190

what Court has them under it's local

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00:50:57,609 --> 00:50:56,240

jurisdiction where were these men

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00:50:59,500 --> 00:50:57,619

supposed to go to complain about the

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00:51:01,240 --> 00:50:59,510

labor abuses like you can't just have a

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00:51:02,650 --> 00:51:01,250

little island out there that's under no

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00:51:05,800 --> 00:51:02,660

jurisdiction or under no local

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00:51:08,020 --> 00:51:05,810

jurisdiction so as I said the legal

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00:51:09,280 --> 00:51:08,030

foundation for Empire is worked out on

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00:51:11,830 --> 00:51:09,290

the backs of these men who are

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00:51:12,940 --> 00:51:11,840

ultimately convicted of murder first

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00:51:14,440 --> 00:51:12,950

their sentence to death and there our

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00:51:15,940 --> 00:51:14,450

sentence gets commuted because people

1426
00:51:17,500 --> 00:51:15,950
are so outraged by the conditions under

1427
00:51:19,180 --> 00:51:17,510
which they were working but nevertheless

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00:51:20,859 --> 00:51:19,190
once that sentence is commuted they're

1429
00:51:22,710 --> 00:51:20,869
still doing time and they're not just

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00:51:25,480 --> 00:51:22,720
doing time they're also doing hard labor

1431
00:51:27,550 --> 00:51:25,490
hmm yeah I thought that was a really

1432
00:51:31,570 --> 00:51:27,560
interesting story I'd heard basically

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00:51:35,020 --> 00:51:31,580
nothing about but that idea of making

1434
00:51:37,150 --> 00:51:35,030
the lawmakers actually think about the

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00:51:39,490 --> 00:51:37,160
status of these places is really

1436
00:51:41,680 --> 00:51:39,500
compelling because this also kind of

1437
00:51:44,620 --> 00:51:41,690
comes up with Guantanamo Bay I mean that

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00:51:47,010 --> 00:51:44,630

is a really odd case it's in Cuba we had

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00:51:48,339 --> 00:51:47,020

an embargo against Cuba for decades

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00:51:50,499 --> 00:51:48,349

Castro

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00:51:53,259 --> 00:51:50,509

would not recognize the lease and never

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00:51:54,579 --> 00:51:53,269

cash the annual \$4,000 check that they

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00:51:57,609 --> 00:51:54,589

said I thought that was a nice detail

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00:51:59,920 --> 00:51:57,619

but it just seems like a odd situation

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00:52:03,009 --> 00:51:59,930

if the US won't leave and they're not

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00:52:05,229 --> 00:52:03,019

wanted there is it sovereign is it an

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00:52:06,840 --> 00:52:05,239

occupation I mean these are curious

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00:52:10,350 --> 00:52:06,850

questions

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00:52:10,980 --> 00:52:10,360

yeah and that curiosity is not just an

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00:52:13,500 --> 00:52:10,990

accident

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00:52:15,390 --> 00:52:13,510

that's how empires work empires usually

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00:52:17,700 --> 00:52:15,400

have these complicated jurisdictions

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00:52:20,670 --> 00:52:17,710

because those are enabling from the

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00:52:22,050 --> 00:52:20,680

perspective of the Empire Guantanamo Bay

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00:52:24,360 --> 00:52:22,060

has been from the perspective of

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00:52:27,450 --> 00:52:24,370

Washington kind of an awesome place and

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00:52:28,980 --> 00:52:27,460

part of its utility is that no one

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00:52:31,830 --> 00:52:28,990

really knows about whose jurisdiction

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00:52:33,510 --> 00:52:31,840

it's in so technically it's Cuban it's

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00:52:35,310 --> 00:52:33,520

under Cuban sovereignty but the United

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00:52:37,530 --> 00:52:35,320

States has a lease that gives it all the

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00:52:38,910 --> 00:52:37,540

power that it would have if it were a

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00:52:41,910 --> 00:52:38,920

sovereign even though it's not the

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00:52:43,320 --> 00:52:41,920

sovereign and then Cuba wants to eject

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00:52:45,330 --> 00:52:43,330

it but the United States doesn't let it

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00:52:47,070 --> 00:52:45,340

so what kind of a rental situation is

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00:52:49,260 --> 00:52:47,080

that it seems more like squatting than

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00:52:50,940 --> 00:52:49,270

renting but think about that from the

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00:52:52,890 --> 00:52:50,950

perspective of the Bush administration

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00:52:56,940 --> 00:52:52,900

they're like okay we would like a space

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00:53:00,450 --> 00:52:56,950

that we control completely and yet that

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00:53:02,580 --> 00:53:00,460

is not subject to US law Guantanamo Bay

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00:53:04,710 --> 00:53:02,590

is the space that's like a perfect legal

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00:53:06,540 --> 00:53:04,720

solution and Guantanamo Bay isn't the

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00:53:08,490 --> 00:53:06,550

only space you know in the US Empire

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00:53:10,140 --> 00:53:08,500

that has that nebulous quality where

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00:53:12,660 --> 00:53:10,150

it's like all these legal anomalies

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00:53:14,550 --> 00:53:12,670

abound places that are legally anomalous

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00:53:15,690 --> 00:53:14,560

can turn out to be really useful I mean

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00:53:18,320 --> 00:53:15,700

there's a reason that like so much

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00:53:20,850 --> 00:53:18,330

wealth internationally is stored in

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00:53:22,710 --> 00:53:20,860

Bahamas and British Virgin Islands and

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00:53:25,170 --> 00:53:22,720

all these offshore jurisdictions because

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00:53:27,150 --> 00:53:25,180

places like that these little loopholes

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00:53:28,500 --> 00:53:27,160

standing loopholes become really

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00:53:30,720 --> 00:53:28,510

important for powerful people to do what

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00:53:32,490 --> 00:53:30,730

they want mm-hmm-hmm

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00:53:33,780 --> 00:53:32,500

I guess I would ask you as we're

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00:53:36,870 --> 00:53:33,790

wrapping this thing up do you have any

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00:53:38,550 --> 00:53:36,880

goals or hopes for this book beyond just

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00:53:41,700 --> 00:53:38,560

the education what would you like to see

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00:53:44,070 --> 00:53:41,710

people do with this information

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00:53:46,290 --> 00:53:44,080

well it's mainly a work of history and I

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00:53:48,750 --> 00:53:46,300

want particularly people who live in the

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00:53:51,540 --> 00:53:48,760

US mainland to just remap their own

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00:53:52,500 --> 00:53:51,550

country to get a better map of where

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00:53:54,090 --> 00:53:52,510

they think they're living and to

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00:53:56,700 --> 00:53:54,100

understand that it's not just a mainland

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00:53:58,290 --> 00:53:56,710

but I think that also matters today it's

1500

00:53:59,610 --> 00:53:58,300

not just me being at storyand

1501
00:54:00,900 --> 00:53:59,620
complaining that you know the kids these

1502
00:54:03,810 --> 00:54:00,910
days don't know history aren't getting

1503
00:54:06,390 --> 00:54:03,820
it right the United States has five

1504
00:54:09,150 --> 00:54:06,400
inhabited territories now the US Virgin

1505
00:54:10,410 --> 00:54:09,160
Islands Puerto Rico Guam American Samoa

1506
00:54:13,200 --> 00:54:10,420
and the Commonwealth of the Northern

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00:54:18,630 --> 00:54:13,210
Mariana Islands millions of people live

1508
00:54:21,690 --> 00:54:18,640
in them and in the last two years four

1509
00:54:23,700 --> 00:54:21,700
out of these five territories have been

1510
00:54:26,970 --> 00:54:23,710
threatened to the public existentially

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00:54:29,040 --> 00:54:26,980
threatened by well what hurricanes in

1512
00:54:31,560 --> 00:54:29,050
the case of the US Virgin Islands and

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00:54:33,540 --> 00:54:31,570

Puerto Rico a typhoon which is actually

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00:54:37,350 --> 00:54:33,550

the worst storm to hit the United States

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00:54:38,640 --> 00:54:37,360

since the 1930s typhoon you to which I'm

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00:54:41,190 --> 00:54:38,650

suspecting that a lot of people don't

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00:54:44,670 --> 00:54:41,200

even know about hero needs that hit the

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00:54:46,859 --> 00:54:44,680

northern marianas in 2018

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00:54:48,599 --> 00:54:46,869

bands you know Guam as you recall was

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00:54:50,880 --> 00:54:48,609

threatened by North Korea credibly

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00:54:52,230 --> 00:54:50,890

threatened by North Korea which said you

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00:54:53,760 --> 00:54:52,240

know if the United States keeps up its

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00:54:56,730 --> 00:54:53,770

over flights which are launched from

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00:54:58,470 --> 00:54:56,740

Guam over the Korean Peninsula North

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00:55:00,280 --> 00:54:58,480

Korea will surround Guam with an in

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00:55:02,290 --> 00:55:00,290

developing fire

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00:55:04,060 --> 00:55:02,300

the US mainland is kind of hard to hit

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00:55:05,620 --> 00:55:04,070

with a missile from North Korea

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00:55:07,120 --> 00:55:05,630

Guam's a lot easier to hit and it's a

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00:55:10,060 --> 00:55:07,130

lot closer by and it's a pretty good

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00:55:11,410 --> 00:55:10,070

target so that's four of the five

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00:55:13,839 --> 00:55:11,420

inhabited territories that have been

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00:55:17,710 --> 00:55:13,849

threatened with something resembling

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00:55:18,819 --> 00:55:17,720

obliteration in the last two years and

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00:55:20,380 --> 00:55:18,829

that's gonna keep happening I mean I

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00:55:23,589 --> 00:55:20,390

think as climate change gets worse and

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00:55:26,500 --> 00:55:23,599

us alliances fray these are the places

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00:55:28,030 --> 00:55:26,510

that are gonna be on the line I mean the

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00:55:30,250 --> 00:55:28,040

overseas parts of the United States have

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00:55:31,810 --> 00:55:30,260

been the front lines of its history for

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00:55:33,069 --> 00:55:31,820

a long time and this is going to

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00:55:36,280 --> 00:55:33,079

continue to be the case today and I

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00:55:39,000 --> 00:55:36,290

think at this point it just feels urgent

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00:55:40,150 --> 00:55:39,010

and embarrassing and painful and

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00:55:42,099 --> 00:55:40,160

exasperated

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00:55:43,990 --> 00:55:42,109

that after all this the United States

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00:55:45,280 --> 00:55:44,000

still really hasn't gotten right on the

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00:55:47,440 --> 00:55:45,290

issue of empire and I think we are a

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00:55:49,560 --> 00:55:47,450

long overdue for some conversations

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00:55:51,940 --> 00:55:49,570

about status of the overseas territories

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00:55:53,260 --> 00:55:51,950
about whether the Constitution applies

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00:55:55,839 --> 00:55:53,270
to them which currently it does not

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00:55:57,579 --> 00:55:55,849
fully and frankly about the US military

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00:55:59,410 --> 00:55:57,589
bases which still you know there are

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00:56:01,270 --> 00:55:59,420
still hundreds of them all over the

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00:56:02,710 --> 00:56:01,280
world and which you know kick off the

1557
00:56:05,559 --> 00:56:02,720
same kind of protest that they did in

1558
00:56:08,589 --> 00:56:05,569
the days of Godzilla mm-hmm well said

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00:56:11,230 --> 00:56:08,599
well said if Empire is gonna claim these

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00:56:15,640 --> 00:56:11,240
areas as their own then we kind of owe

1561
00:56:17,440 --> 00:56:15,650
it to them to try to bring big daddy in

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00:56:21,190 --> 00:56:17,450
when it's actually needed for once

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00:56:22,690 --> 00:56:21,200

rather than when it's not and I guess

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00:56:25,150 --> 00:56:22,700

one last thing I wanted to bring up that

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00:56:26,770 --> 00:56:25,160

kind of relates to what to do with this

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00:56:28,809 --> 00:56:26,780

information I wanted to touch on your

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00:56:30,430 --> 00:56:28,819

other book thinking small the United

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00:56:32,559 --> 00:56:30,440

States and the lure of Community

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00:56:34,690 --> 00:56:32,569

Development I didn't get to read it but

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00:56:36,819 --> 00:56:34,700

some lines from the description say

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00:56:38,680 --> 00:56:36,829

thinking small tells the story of how

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00:56:40,599 --> 00:56:38,690

the United States sought to rescue the

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00:56:42,790 --> 00:56:40,609

world from poverty through small-scale

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00:56:45,609 --> 00:56:42,800

community-based approaches and it also

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00:56:47,500 --> 00:56:45,619

sounds a warning such strategies now

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00:56:50,319 --> 00:56:47,510

again in vogue have been tried before

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00:56:53,050 --> 00:56:50,329

with often disastrous consequences

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00:56:55,809 --> 00:56:53,060

thinking small challenges those who hope

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00:56:57,940 --> 00:56:55,819

to eradicate poverty to think twice

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00:57:01,120 --> 00:56:57,950

about the risks as well as the benefits

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00:57:04,690 --> 00:57:01,130

of Community Development there is that

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00:57:07,750 --> 00:57:04,700

tendency a lot of people say that it's a

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00:57:10,720 --> 00:57:07,760

major component of the Liberal Party in

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00:57:12,339 --> 00:57:10,730

America that oh we actually need to help

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00:57:13,690 --> 00:57:12,349

these people because they can't help

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00:57:17,049 --> 00:57:13,700

themselves it seems like

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00:57:18,880 --> 00:57:17,059

that's kind of a thread that is getting

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00:57:21,609 --> 00:57:18,890

touched on in this book thinking small

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00:57:23,349 --> 00:57:21,619

the books seem kind of related but I

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00:57:24,760 --> 00:57:23,359

guess if people might be interested in

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00:57:27,130 --> 00:57:24,770

that side of things what would you say

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00:57:29,020 --> 00:57:27,140

to people about the overall message in

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00:57:31,329 --> 00:57:29,030

thinking small and how it relates to the

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00:57:33,279 --> 00:57:31,339

things we've been talking about today

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00:57:36,130 --> 00:57:33,289

I teach at Northwestern and I've got a

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00:57:38,919 --> 00:57:36,140

lot of students here who you know are

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00:57:41,380 --> 00:57:38,929

really well-intentioned and one thing

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00:57:43,269 --> 00:57:41,390

that they often want to do is join the

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00:57:45,699 --> 00:57:43,279

Peace Corps you know go out and work

1600

00:57:47,620 --> 00:57:45,709

with poor people in villages and I get

1601

00:57:49,059 --> 00:57:47,630

it like it's such a tempting thing from

1602

00:57:50,799 --> 00:57:49,069

the perspective of these students you

1603

00:57:52,419 --> 00:57:50,809

know there are poor people I want to

1604

00:57:53,979 --> 00:57:52,429

help I want to know that world you know

1605

00:57:56,589 --> 00:57:53,989

I want to share whatever expertise I

1606

00:57:58,899 --> 00:57:56,599

have with them and I guess two things I

1607

00:58:00,099 --> 00:57:58,909

mean one is the book talks a lot about

1608

00:58:01,749 --> 00:58:00,109

the history of that including the

1609

00:58:03,370 --> 00:58:01,759

history of the Peace Corps but with all

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00:58:04,569 --> 00:58:03,380

these other predecessors so that where

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00:58:06,789 --> 00:58:04,579

the United States we try to resolve

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00:58:08,859 --> 00:58:06,799

poverty by sending out some

1613

00:58:10,359 --> 00:58:08,869

well-intentioned men and women who are

1614

00:58:11,979 --> 00:58:10,369

willing to roll up their sleeves and get

1615

00:58:14,550 --> 00:58:11,989

their knees muddy and you know help

1616

00:58:16,440 --> 00:58:14,560

build a hut or something like that

1617

00:58:19,230 --> 00:58:16,450

first of all I mean I still see that as

1618

00:58:21,000 --> 00:58:19,240

a kind of form of hubris right yeah why

1619

00:58:22,680 --> 00:58:21,010

would you think that you know sending a

1620

00:58:24,360 --> 00:58:22,690

Dartmouth graduate I think you know what

1621

00:58:26,280 --> 00:58:24,370

to some Kenyan just gonna really help

1622

00:58:27,750 --> 00:58:26,290

matters wouldn't a Kenyan person be a

1623

00:58:29,640 --> 00:58:27,760

better expert yes on how to deal with

1624

00:58:31,140 --> 00:58:29,650

Kenya especially when they don't speak

1625

00:58:34,230 --> 00:58:31,150

the language which is often true so

1626
00:58:36,330 --> 00:58:34,240
that's one thing but more importantly is

1627
00:58:38,550 --> 00:58:36,340
is it's so tempting right because we

1628
00:58:41,070 --> 00:58:38,560
love communities you know we think that

1629
00:58:42,690 --> 00:58:41,080
the modern world has gotten too big and

1630
00:58:44,700 --> 00:58:42,700
you know we have genetically modified

1631
00:58:46,170 --> 00:58:44,710
food and know these like office parks

1632
00:58:48,360 --> 00:58:46,180
and suburbs and we used to just live in

1633
00:58:50,100 --> 00:58:48,370
small communities and you know this

1634
00:58:53,070 --> 00:58:50,110
focus on the small and the obsession

1635
00:58:55,260 --> 00:58:53,080
with this grass roots as a way of fixing

1636
00:58:57,150 --> 00:58:55,270
everything I think often shifts the

1637
00:58:58,140 --> 00:58:57,160
blame because if you go to a village and

1638
00:59:00,030 --> 00:58:58,150

you're like okay well what are the

1639

00:59:02,730 --> 00:59:00,040

problems you're gonna see village size

1640

00:59:04,050 --> 00:59:02,740

problems okay well we should put a

1641

00:59:06,090 --> 00:59:04,060

drinking well there and that would help

1642

00:59:08,220 --> 00:59:06,100

and you know drinking wells are cool

1643

00:59:10,920 --> 00:59:08,230

that's great but if you want to know why

1644

00:59:12,210 --> 00:59:10,930

people are poor it's not usually that

1645

00:59:14,130 --> 00:59:12,220

there's not a drinking well right there

1646

00:59:16,320 --> 00:59:14,140

it's usually that there's a large global

1647

00:59:18,420 --> 00:59:16,330

system that is drastically unfair that

1648

00:59:20,670 --> 00:59:18,430

transmits benefits to some people and

1649

00:59:22,230 --> 00:59:20,680

deprive others of them that seals

1650

00:59:23,760 --> 00:59:22,240

borders against people who would very

1651
00:59:25,440 --> 00:59:23,770
much like to move to areas that are a

1652
00:59:27,900 --> 00:59:25,450
little more profitable than others and

1653
00:59:29,370 --> 00:59:27,910
that is at this time heating up the

1654
00:59:31,020 --> 00:59:29,380
planet to the point where anyone is you

1655
00:59:33,030 --> 00:59:31,030
know living outside of those privileged

1656
00:59:35,370 --> 00:59:33,040
parts he's gonna have a more and more

1657
00:59:36,750 --> 00:59:35,380
difficult time just subsisting and

1658
00:59:38,160 --> 00:59:36,760
living and there's gonna be more

1659
00:59:41,040 --> 00:59:38,170
conflict and there's gonna be a less

1660
00:59:43,530 --> 00:59:41,050
water those strike me is the real issues

1661
00:59:45,540 --> 00:59:43,540
and a rather than this just like should

1662
00:59:47,280 --> 00:59:45,550
there be a well here you know rather

1663
00:59:49,620 --> 00:59:47,290

than asking when you know confronting

1664

00:59:50,400 --> 00:59:49,630

the problem of poverty how can we help

1665

00:59:52,620 --> 00:59:50,410

these people

1666

00:59:54,490 --> 00:59:52,630

you might ask what have we been doing to

1667

00:59:56,230 --> 00:59:54,500

these people

1668

00:59:58,390 --> 00:59:56,240

and so to the degree that how to have an

1669

01:00:00,820 --> 00:59:58,400

empire my new book is about Empire it's

1670

01:00:02,590 --> 01:00:00,830

about kind of taking responsibility in

1671

01:00:04,270 --> 01:00:02,600

this case of the United States for the

1672

01:00:05,590 --> 01:00:04,280

effects of its actions and that other

1673

01:00:07,330 --> 01:00:05,600

book thinking small is trying to do the

1674

01:00:08,950 --> 01:00:07,340

same thing right asking people in the

1675

01:00:10,930 --> 01:00:08,960

United States to look at global poverty

1676
01:00:12,880 --> 01:00:10,940
and not just see you know an occasion

1677
01:00:14,590 --> 01:00:12,890
for help and building a CV line but as

1678
01:00:16,930 --> 01:00:14,600
an occasion to think deeply about the

1679
01:00:18,190 --> 01:00:16,940
larger forces that privilege you know

1680
01:00:20,440 --> 01:00:18,200
and often intentionally so that

1681
01:00:21,940 --> 01:00:20,450
privilege the United States and that you

1682
01:00:27,000 --> 01:00:21,950
know helps mark other places into

1683
01:00:29,320 --> 01:00:27,010
poverty Amen man yes it is kind of a

1684
01:00:31,090 --> 01:00:29,330
condescending thing to hear about a

1685
01:00:33,490 --> 01:00:31,100
small and justice and then immediately

1686
01:00:35,410 --> 01:00:33,500
jump to well how can we help you know

1687
01:00:37,870 --> 01:00:35,420
there's a lot of white knights out there

1688
01:00:40,450 --> 01:00:37,880

and really sometimes the answer is just

1689

01:00:42,220 --> 01:00:40,460

back off or get the corporation's out of

1690

01:00:44,530 --> 01:00:42,230

here and we'll be fine

1691

01:00:46,750 --> 01:00:44,540

so I do I do like the synergy between

1692

01:00:48,990 --> 01:00:46,760

those two books and I thought that's an

1693

01:00:51,760 --> 01:00:49,000

important thing to throw in there and

1694

01:00:54,250 --> 01:00:51,770

write on this has been a lot of fun man

1695

01:00:56,140 --> 01:00:54,260

I mean super insightful how to hide an

1696

01:00:57,760 --> 01:00:56,150

empire should be on everyone's shelf

1697

01:00:59,680 --> 01:00:57,770

there's plenty of stuff in there we

1698

01:01:00,850 --> 01:00:59,690

didn't get to talk about before I really

1699

01:01:03,190 --> 01:01:00,860

cut you loose is there anything more to

1700

01:01:05,500 --> 01:01:03,200

tell the people about upcoming projects

1701

01:01:08,590 --> 01:01:05,510

or your website or social media

1702

01:01:10,750 --> 01:01:08,600

platforms that can find you on yeah I

1703

01:01:12,820 --> 01:01:10,760

was on Twitter briefly and then it got a

1704

01:01:15,070 --> 01:01:12,830

little much so I'm not active right now

1705

01:01:17,110 --> 01:01:15,080

but I've got a website and I do a lot of

1706

01:01:18,970 --> 01:01:17,120

writing that goes beyond this so I you

1707

01:01:20,800 --> 01:01:18,980

know I write for magazines and I had a

1708

01:01:22,720 --> 01:01:20,810

piece on Jared Diamond the author

1709

01:01:25,750 --> 01:01:22,730

recently I turned out to be a little

1710

01:01:27,850 --> 01:01:25,760

critical of him so yeah the book is the

1711

01:01:29,050 --> 01:01:27,860

main thing how do I hide an empire but

1712

01:01:30,940 --> 01:01:29,060

I've got a lot of other stuff on the

1713

01:01:33,880 --> 01:01:30,950

website and anyone's welcome to visit it

1714

01:01:35,650 --> 01:01:33,890

and see what they see very cool well it

1715

01:01:37,660 --> 01:01:35,660

has been a real pleasure talking to you

1716

01:01:39,520 --> 01:01:37,670

today man I know it's a marathon session

1717

01:01:40,810 --> 01:01:39,530

around here so thanks for your time keep

1718

01:01:43,950 --> 01:01:40,820

doing what you do and take care out

1719

01:01:46,680 --> 01:01:43,960

there pleasure thanks for having me on

1720

01:01:49,620 --> 01:01:46,690

and

1721

01:01:53,640 --> 01:01:49,630

goes the dynamite dear people Daniel

1722

01:01:56,460 --> 01:01:53,650

ever var droppin a unique kind of

1723

01:01:58,770 --> 01:01:56,470

knowledge another one that I knew would

1724

01:02:01,380 --> 01:01:58,780

be well-received and was excited to

1725

01:02:04,020 --> 01:02:01,390

release and I'm sure you guys have

1726

01:02:07,110 --> 01:02:04,030

picked up on my desire over the last

1727

01:02:09,930 --> 01:02:07,120

couple of months to cover this sort of

1728

01:02:13,230 --> 01:02:09,940

space a little bit better we circle

1729

01:02:15,390 --> 01:02:13,240

around it a little with Natalia 40 and

1730

01:02:18,210 --> 01:02:15,400

again with Whitney Webb before her

1731

01:02:21,600 --> 01:02:18,220

obscene coverage but when I saw this

1732

01:02:25,620 --> 01:02:21,610

book was coming out I was really really

1733

01:02:29,400 --> 01:02:25,630

hoping that THC didn't scare them off

1734

01:02:32,310 --> 01:02:29,410

and here we are so kudos to him for his

1735

01:02:34,830 --> 01:02:32,320

willingness because if we really care

1736

01:02:37,590 --> 01:02:34,840

about the disenfranchised and the

1737

01:02:39,450 --> 01:02:37,600

voiceless victims of empire we should

1738

01:02:43,350 --> 01:02:39,460

highlight these stories because they

1739

01:02:44,910 --> 01:02:43,360

definitely help make our case more so

1740

01:02:47,910 --> 01:02:44,920

than most things that you're going to

1741

01:02:51,450 --> 01:02:47,920

talk about within the American bubble or

1742

01:02:53,400 --> 01:02:51,460

should I say American blob but we have a

1743

01:02:56,340 --> 01:02:53,410

lot of people out there friends and

1744

01:02:57,840 --> 01:02:56,350

family who might still blindly trust the

1745

01:02:59,340 --> 01:02:57,850

system or think that it's there to

1746

01:03:02,370 --> 01:02:59,350

protect them or to make their lives

1747

01:03:06,750 --> 01:03:02,380

easier that the game isn't rigged that

1748

01:03:09,090 --> 01:03:06,760

the system isn't that corrupt hmm well

1749

01:03:11,400 --> 01:03:09,100

it's harder for someone to drink the

1750

01:03:13,800 --> 01:03:11,410

kool-aid with this plan at the party you

1751

01:03:16,590 --> 01:03:13,810

know what I'm saying to hear these

1752

01:03:19,110 --> 01:03:16,600

chapters of hidden history or suppress

1753

01:03:21,750 --> 01:03:19,120

history should be pretty high opening

1754

01:03:24,450 --> 01:03:21,760

and it's also not something you have to

1755

01:03:26,700 --> 01:03:24,460

debate with someone I doubt the

1756

01:03:29,430 --> 01:03:26,710

conversations you'd have around this

1757

01:03:32,970 --> 01:03:29,440

episode would contain as much well that

1758

01:03:36,540 --> 01:03:32,980

didn't happen as the ones based around

1759

01:03:39,840 --> 01:03:36,550

the more hot-button topics might

1760

01:03:42,810 --> 01:03:39,850

and I want to refrain from going too far

1761

01:03:45,600 --> 01:03:42,820

outside the parameters of today's

1762

01:03:46,620 --> 01:03:45,610

episode out of respect for our guests

1763

01:03:48,240 --> 01:03:46,630

because I don't want him to feel

1764

01:03:50,010 --> 01:03:48,250

uncomfortable with how I'm kind of

1765

01:03:52,710 --> 01:03:50,020

extrapolating out from what we heard

1766

01:03:56,480 --> 01:03:52,720

today because I would guess that he

1767

01:04:01,170 --> 01:03:56,490

might say that I take things too far

1768

01:04:03,180 --> 01:04:01,180

guilty but there is this sentiment that

1769

01:04:06,150 --> 01:04:03,190

I talk with my buddy Darrell about quite

1770

01:04:09,270 --> 01:04:06,160

often that if you want to summarize what

1771

01:04:11,730 --> 01:04:09,280

white privilege is it's drinking the

1772

01:04:14,310 --> 01:04:11,740

kool-aid that politicians care and

1773

01:04:15,960 --> 01:04:14,320

government is there to serve you that

1774

01:04:17,790 --> 01:04:15,970

they're doing the best they can and

1775

01:04:19,830 --> 01:04:17,800

corruption couldn't be as deep as I

1776

01:04:23,580 --> 01:04:19,840

might say it is or we'd hear about it on

1777

01:04:26,940 --> 01:04:23,590

the news just believing the whole

1778

01:04:29,940 --> 01:04:26,950

illusion that's pretty much all naive

1779

01:04:31,980 --> 01:04:29,950

white people [h__h] because the rest of

1780

01:04:34,500 --> 01:04:31,990

the people out there have unfortunately

1781

01:04:37,230 --> 01:04:34,510

gotten a closer look at the true colors

1782

01:04:39,030 --> 01:04:37,240

of the big machine it's why when I

1783

01:04:40,980 --> 01:04:39,040

worked at the great American cookie in

1784

01:04:43,380 --> 01:04:40,990

the Columbia mall the guys that got

1785

01:04:45,960 --> 01:04:43,390

along with best were the workers at

1786

01:04:48,930 --> 01:04:45,970

footlocker and lady footlocker what do

1787

01:04:50,730 --> 01:04:48,940

you think we bonded over sports no we

1788

01:04:53,730 --> 01:04:50,740

got talking about politics and

1789

01:04:54,900 --> 01:04:53,740

corruption etc etc and they thought hey

1790

01:04:59,180 --> 01:04:54,910

he doesn't know anything about

1791

01:05:03,670 --> 01:05:00,710

I'm just saying if we don't consider

1792

01:05:07,520 --> 01:05:03,680

ourselves part of the human family first

1793

01:05:10,190 --> 01:05:07,530

then people like Cornelius Rhodes become

1794

01:05:14,240 --> 01:05:10,200

tolerable because what he was doing was

1795

01:05:16,700 --> 01:05:14,250

in Puerto Rico and not Kansas and if you

1796

01:05:20,200 --> 01:05:16,710

want to talk about dark aspects of the

1797

01:05:22,329 --> 01:05:20,210

medical system there are other testing

1798

01:05:26,390 --> 01:05:22,339

microcosms we could talk about like the

1799

01:05:29,270 --> 01:05:26,400

Tuskegee syphilis experiments it's all

1800

01:05:30,680 --> 01:05:29,280

good history to know and like building a

1801
01:05:34,220 --> 01:05:30,690
case for some of the more extreme

1802
01:05:37,819 --> 01:05:34,230
opinions of our other guests you have to

1803
01:05:39,980 --> 01:05:37,829
as they say establish a pattern of

1804
01:05:42,470 --> 01:05:39,990
behavior

1805
01:05:43,520 --> 01:05:42,480
and the next time someone says well they

1806
01:05:46,310 --> 01:05:43,530
wouldn't do that

1807
01:05:50,150 --> 01:05:46,320
you can simply point out the things they

1808
01:05:53,180 --> 01:05:50,160
have done that nobody is debating and I

1809
01:05:56,780 --> 01:05:53,190
think those things alone will speak

1810
01:05:59,180 --> 01:05:56,790
volumes but I really did try to keep my

1811
01:06:01,730 --> 01:05:59,190
crazy in today because I care too much

1812
01:06:04,490 --> 01:06:01,740
about the actual content of the book

1813
01:06:07,930 --> 01:06:04,500

Daniel wrote and I also respect his path

1814

01:06:10,550 --> 01:06:07,940

in academia even if it hasn't been mine

1815

01:06:12,890 --> 01:06:10,560

the stuff about the Philippines and

1816

01:06:15,859 --> 01:06:12,900

Pearl Harbor was great and eye-opening

1817

01:06:18,440 --> 01:06:15,869

of course the reckless medical testing

1818

01:06:20,480 --> 01:06:18,450

in Puerto Rico was key and his own

1819

01:06:23,080 --> 01:06:20,490

personal family connection to some of

1820

01:06:26,140 --> 01:06:23,090

this was also surprising and interesting

1821

01:06:29,390 --> 01:06:26,150

but I think that was in the second hour

1822

01:06:31,760 --> 01:06:29,400

regardless you should all be very well

1823

01:06:34,880 --> 01:06:31,770

stuffed from all the food for thought

1824

01:06:38,830 --> 01:06:34,890

today and I just can't get over the fact

1825

01:06:41,900 --> 01:06:38,840

that Cornelius Rhodes he did what he did

1826

01:06:45,500 --> 01:06:41,910

he worked for the Rockefeller Institute

1827

01:06:47,470 --> 01:06:45,510

of medical research for a decade and was

1828

01:06:50,270 --> 01:06:47,480

the first director of the

1829

01:06:52,490 --> 01:06:50,280

sloan-kettering Institute and the first

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01:06:55,630 --> 01:06:52,500

director of the combined Memorial

1831

01:06:58,870 --> 01:06:55,640

sloan-kettering Cancer Center

1832

01:07:02,589 --> 01:06:58,880

plus the story of how chemotherapy was

1833

01:07:04,239 --> 01:07:02,599

derived is a bit troublesome but I'm not

1834

01:07:08,589 --> 01:07:04,249

really insinuating anything further

1835

01:07:11,680 --> 01:07:08,599

those are just facts and maybe he is an

1836

01:07:13,890 --> 01:07:11,690

isolated incident to some degree it's

1837

01:07:16,950 --> 01:07:13,900

not for me to say

1838

01:07:19,440 --> 01:07:16,960

but a huge appreciation to Daniel for

1839

01:07:21,870 --> 01:07:19,450

highlighting these pieces of history and

1840

01:07:24,180 --> 01:07:21,880

for writing his book

1841

01:07:26,100 --> 01:07:24,190

of course even just the first hour of

1842

01:07:28,470 --> 01:07:26,110

this interview is full of things that I

1843

01:07:31,620 --> 01:07:28,480

didn't know that I'm glad I know now and

1844

01:07:33,750 --> 01:07:31,630

that's also true right on through the

1845

01:07:36,390 --> 01:07:33,760

second hour as well we talked about

1846

01:07:40,770 --> 01:07:36,400

several other aspects of his book how to

1847

01:07:43,980 --> 01:07:40,780

hide an empire such as using colonies as

1848

01:07:45,900 --> 01:07:43,990

sacrifice zones the contentious

1849

01:07:47,880 --> 01:07:45,910

relationship between the founding

1850

01:07:51,060 --> 01:07:47,890

fathers and the frontiersman I thought

1851

01:07:54,300 --> 01:07:51,070

that was fascinating the lost history of

1852

01:07:56,280 --> 01:07:54,310

Sequoia and the integration of Cherokee

1853

01:07:58,410 --> 01:07:56,290

Nation did you know they even had their

1854

01:08:02,910 --> 01:07:58,420

own newspaper they were trying to play

1855

01:08:06,770 --> 01:08:02,920

ball they came to the game and sadly it

1856

01:08:09,200 --> 01:08:06,780

seems that the system just said no

1857

01:08:11,930 --> 01:08:09,210

we also talked about Daniels thoughts on

1858

01:08:15,650 --> 01:08:11,940

the intentionality behind the spread of

1859

01:08:18,440 --> 01:08:15,660

smallpox in the new world the effects of

1860

01:08:22,010 --> 01:08:18,450

Empire on Daniels own family tree as I

1861

01:08:24,289 --> 01:08:22,020

mentioned and the ever-important

1862

01:08:28,280 --> 01:08:24,299

underlined depth of the Godzilla

1863

01:08:31,010 --> 01:08:28,290

franchise lots of diverse material guano

1864

01:08:35,160 --> 01:08:31,020

islands as well that early America stuff

1865

01:08:37,620 --> 01:08:35,170

was also just some of my favorite

1866

01:08:39,720 --> 01:08:37,630

but anyway you know the drill we offer

1867

01:08:41,970 --> 01:08:39,730

the first hour with no strings or

1868

01:08:44,160 --> 01:08:41,980

sponsors attached and if you want to

1869

01:08:46,080 --> 01:08:44,170

support what I do if you see the value

1870

01:08:48,330 --> 01:08:46,090

and its continued existence in the

1871

01:08:51,090 --> 01:08:48,340

endless sea of options sign up for the

1872

01:08:55,790 --> 01:08:51,100

higher side chats + and get an extra

1873

01:08:59,630 --> 01:08:55,800

hour of our very deep and varied shows

1874

01:09:03,270 --> 01:08:59,640

including a long archive that goes

1875

01:09:05,370 --> 01:09:03,280

further back than you know and that set

1876

01:09:07,680 --> 01:09:05,380

in higher side news I think the joint

1877

01:09:11,640 --> 01:09:07,690

session this month is going to be on the

1878

01:09:14,340 --> 01:09:11,650

20th again 7 p.m. Pacific time I will

1879

01:09:17,040 --> 01:09:14,350

keep you reminded as we get closer to it

1880

01:09:20,430 --> 01:09:17,050

and with that I'm getting out of here

1881

01:09:23,100 --> 01:09:20,440

I've done my part your move pawns of

1882

01:09:31,310 --> 01:09:23,110

empire agents of the elite and gears of

1883

01:09:34,340 --> 01:09:31,320

the big machine your [h__\h] move oh no

1884

01:09:38,930 --> 01:09:34,350

you see

1885

01:09:43,720 --> 01:09:38,940

the world isn't random it's attached

1886

01:09:49,490 --> 01:09:43,730

above our strength control over

1887

01:09:56,189 --> 01:09:49,500

everything the 95 is trying to steal

1888

01:10:02,040 --> 01:09:56,199

yeah now don't that job seem silly hello

1889

01:10:06,209 --> 01:10:02,050

here I should I play back recordings

1890

01:10:07,240 --> 01:10:06,219

from some spy agency which we were

1891

01:10:10,609 --> 01:10:07,250

younger

1892

01:10:16,020 --> 01:10:10,619

[Music]

1893

01:10:24,479 --> 01:10:16,030

I'll be thankful when it's exposed and

1894

01:10:32,370 --> 01:10:24,489

see such a difference between in the

1895

01:11:30,640 --> 01:10:40,240

[Music]

1896

01:11:35,439 --> 01:11:30,650

oh no they're cartoons it's so typical

1897

01:11:43,919 --> 01:11:35,449

of me to talk about this stuff I'm sorry

1898

01:11:48,130 --> 01:11:43,929

that's good and well did you ever hear

1899

01:11:50,340 --> 01:11:48,140

argument the nothing really happens it's

1900

01:11:53,740 --> 01:11:50,350

no secret

1901

01:11:56,400 --> 01:11:53,750

and the best

1902

01:12:06,960 --> 01:11:56,410

it's done

1903

01:12:57,390 --> 01:12:16,190

[Music]

1904

01:13:33,450 --> 01:12:57,400

[Applause]