

A close-up portrait of a woman with shoulder-length, wavy brown hair. She is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The background is a plain, light-colored wall. The image is framed by a black border.

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welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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hello and welcome to the skeptic zone

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Richard Saunders here with you once

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again sex sex sex sex sex now that I've

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got your attention coming up on the show

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Kylie Sturgis interviews sex researcher

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dr. Petra boyington from the UK about

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and that'll be followed by a special

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00:00:56,950 --> 00:00:54,560
doctor Rachel reports updating us all on

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00:01:00,610 --> 00:00:56,960
the current situation and the good news

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00:01:02,170 --> 00:01:00,620
with Simon Singh also in the UK and to

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round off the show we have the think

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tank with dr. H again Joe Benna mu and

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myself those people in the wollongong

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area why not join dr. Chrissie Wilson

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dr. Rachel Dunlop and myself as we give

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a talk at skeptics in the breeze and now

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the website is meetup.com / Wollongong

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hyphen skeptics or if you just google

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skeptics in the breeze we're speaking

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00:01:33,580 --> 00:01:31,130

this sunday sunday afternoon on the 18th

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of april and that's kicking off around

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00:01:39,899 --> 00:01:36,860

two o'clock check it out and come and

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00:01:43,980 --> 00:01:39,909

say hello and enjoy three talks on

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00:01:46,930 --> 00:01:43,990
Sunday afternoon so sit back grab that

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00:02:04,930 --> 00:01:46,940
vodka martini shaken not stirred and

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00:02:11,240 --> 00:02:08,870
I'm Carly Sturgis and I'm talking to dr.

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00:02:13,070 --> 00:02:11,250
Petra Boynton dr. Petra Boynton is a

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00:02:15,320 --> 00:02:13,080
lecturer in International Health

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00:02:18,230 --> 00:02:15,330
Services Research at a London University

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where she teaches doctors nurses and

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00:02:21,920 --> 00:02:20,040
other health professionals at a

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00:02:24,140 --> 00:02:21,930
postgraduate level she regularly

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00:02:26,300 --> 00:02:24,150
presents a conferences in the UK and

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00:02:29,060 --> 00:02:26,310
internationally and completes research

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and training within the area of sex and

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relationships health she has presented

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earlier this year at the westminster

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skeptics on sex and the media to begin

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this interview I simply asked dr. Petra

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what is sexology well most people if you

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ask them what they think sexology is

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usually don't have any idea they they

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00:02:53,630 --> 00:02:51,060

don't know what term means it's not

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00:02:55,610 --> 00:02:53,640

familiar to them but I think for anyone

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who doesn't know what a sexologist is or

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even a sex researcher it's the study of

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sex but it could include a whole variety

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of areas so it could be through say

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00:03:09,410 --> 00:03:07,230
sociology or psychology medicine it

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00:03:12,320 --> 00:03:09,420
could be through history or anthropology

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00:03:14,060 --> 00:03:12,330
it can be very biomedical in nature it

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00:03:17,630 --> 00:03:14,070
can be very much in the sort of zoology

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00:03:19,280 --> 00:03:17,640
biology areas sometimes I'm even until

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00:03:20,900 --> 00:03:19,290
they've been doing physics and sex and

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I'm not quite sure what that involves

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but it most is a thing but most

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disciplines that study sex would come

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under a sort of an umbrella of sexology

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you're very active on your doctor petrol

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co uk website and on twitter with a

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00:03:40,820 --> 00:03:38,040

number of links to media releases on sex

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00:03:43,759 --> 00:03:40,830

and sexuality like Facebook will give

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00:03:44,690 --> 00:03:43,769

you syphilis story for example how do

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you deal with that sort of

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misinformation and it seems to be

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never-ending is it really that bad yeah

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00:03:54,350 --> 00:03:51,930

I think I think it's one of those things

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00:03:58,699 --> 00:03:54,360

that when you start looking at it you

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00:04:01,850 --> 00:03:58,709

find more awful things so I started off

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00:04:03,259 --> 00:04:01,860

blogging to try and um I suppose have a

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00:04:06,559 --> 00:04:03,269

platform to share more accurate

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00:04:08,690 --> 00:04:06,569

information and to challenge initially

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00:04:11,150 --> 00:04:08,700

stuff that I'd been misquoted on but it

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00:04:12,470 --> 00:04:11,160

quickly spread to actually

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00:04:14,150 --> 00:04:12,480

really being a lot to do with what I've

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00:04:18,890 --> 00:04:14,160

been misquoted on but a lot more about

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poor media coverage generally and I mean

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I could spend pretty much all my time

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00:04:26,750 --> 00:04:23,070

criticizing because there's lots of

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00:04:30,070 --> 00:04:26,760

stuff that's not very good but I think I

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tried to limit myself to things that are

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really awful so their Facebook give you

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syphilis top story was just such a bad

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piece of reporting but also bad practice

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from people involved in health care in

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the UK they they claim that the face

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well they didn't say face but they said

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social networking sites gave me syphilis

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I'm forward related to it but it's it's

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00:04:57,560 --> 00:04:54,780

things like that where I see it going

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kind of global that I usually will try

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and write something because a lot of

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stuff is is very localized it's not very

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good but you know maybe hardly anyone

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00:05:09,410 --> 00:05:07,650

sees it and my worry is if sometimes I

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write about it and it gets a lot of

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attention I've kind of made it worse

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giving it more more credit than it needs

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so most of the stuff I do tends to focus

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around really large scale pieces of

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research or things that have become very

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popular in the media internationally

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recently you wrote on your blog about

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00:05:31,850 --> 00:05:30,150
the need for reliable UK sex education

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00:05:34,130 --> 00:05:31,860
and the difficulties of making it

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00:05:36,290 --> 00:05:34,140
compulsory in schools but people think

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we've had sex education in schools for a

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very long time and in fact a lot of

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00:05:44,120 --> 00:05:41,600
faith-based groups point to our rising

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00:05:46,130 --> 00:05:44,130
rates of sexually transmitted infections

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00:05:48,470 --> 00:05:46,140

and pregnancy and young people and they

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00:05:50,360 --> 00:05:48,480

say that's happened because of sex

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00:05:52,100 --> 00:05:50,370

education that you know you teach it and

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they all rush out and try and have set

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in truth we actually haven't got very

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good sex education in the UK in the in a

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lot of places it doesn't happen at all

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or it does but it's only talk within the

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curriculum which is basic biology so

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reproduction some schools are fabulous

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and they bring in outside speakers they

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00:06:13,670 --> 00:06:11,580

have great school nurses who are

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specifically trained to talk about sex

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00:06:17,750 --> 00:06:15,810
other schools bring in people who talk

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00:06:20,270 --> 00:06:17,760
about abstinence some schools don't

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00:06:23,540 --> 00:06:20,280
bring in anybody at all and so we have a

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00:06:24,740 --> 00:06:23,550
real model in the UK of inconsistent

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teaching it's unreliable

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be taught and it's not to say that those

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doing the teaching are well-meaning or

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00:06:32,510 --> 00:06:30,270
I'll trying i think you know there's a

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danger of suggesting that and that's not

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what I'm saying but if you look at this

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growing body of research from young

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people studies and young people shown

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00:06:43,100 --> 00:06:40,410

time and time again then saying look

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okay yeah teaching us about condoms and

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teaching us about contraception and

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sti's and all the rest of it is useful

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but what about feelings and emotions and

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managing a relationship and knowing when

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someone sees you and when to say yes and

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when to say no and all the things that

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we all want to know as adults and as

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young people there was clearly you need

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to do something in fairness or

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Department of families children and

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skills they basically our families and

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00:07:12,560 --> 00:07:11,340
kids Department really felt that that

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something needed to be done there was a

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big Youth Parliament study that said

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thousands of kids wanted it and felt it

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00:07:20,750 --> 00:07:18,840
was there right and so a couple of years

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00:07:23,600 --> 00:07:20,760
ago they said okay we are we are going

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00:07:25,970 --> 00:07:23,610
to make this compulsory and there was a

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huge outcry in the press about how very

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young children children as young as five

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we're going to be made to watch why I

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00:07:32,719 --> 00:07:31,320
don't know what they were going to be

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made to do but there was a whole sort of

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backlash in the right-wing press about

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sort of corruption of children with even

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the allegations that anyone who wanted

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to teach edgy sex education somehow had

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a an unhealthy interest in children

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which is obviously a very very damaging

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and patient have rose but that kind of

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blew over and there was a consultation

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and lots of people said they didn't want

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it but most people did and most parents

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did we then saw not not too long ago

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that they did a bit of a u-turn where

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they said okay we're going to let faith

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groups decide what could be taught now

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this is quite interesting because what

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what they also said was that we will

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make their parents opt their children

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out of sex education until the child is

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15 so that would mean that you'd have at

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least one year of compulsory sex

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education but up until that time your

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parents could remove you obviously you

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know but that's just ridiculous because

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you need to have the education much

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younger if you're having it at 15 you

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know you're at risk from a teenage

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pregnancy you'll probably be a mum by

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then it's just dark so is that backtrack

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and then there was this faith backtrack

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where they said okay they're going to

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don't have to teach the standard

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curriculum this new curriculum but they

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can say what they want about their faith

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on top of it so it might be in a

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Catholic school they would teach

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everything about termination but they

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would then say it was wrong or in a

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school where maybe many of the children

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were Muslim they might say well there is

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differences in sexuality but being gay

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is wrong and then just the other week

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they basically were trying to get this

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new sex education statutory into schools

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and the Conservatives opposed and

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wouldn't support it and basically

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because they were trying to get other

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things on on the new Children and

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Families bill through they dropped it so

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what that means in a very long-winded

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reply is that having had all this

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consultation and support and and and

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sort of growth and parents saying yes we

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need this help because most of us didn't

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get good sex education so you know

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please help us what we ended up with now

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is that there will be still in the same

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position that some schools will be doing

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great but a lot of schools won't and

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it's really going to be a kind of a

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lottery to what you get but this is

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bearing in mind you know people living

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in a in a very different climate now

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that it's not that you know young people

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20 30 50 60 years ago weren't interested

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in dating and relationships and having

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sex but nowadays there are very

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different expectations upon young people

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and pressures that we would really need

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sex education to help explain and it is

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really unclear now what is going to

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happen we really don't know and that's a

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worry one of the things that keeps

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coming up again and again is this tale

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about launch culture and how the

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sexualization of young women is a huge

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concern you even linked on twitter to a

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salon com article about how films like

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juno didn't seem to be really

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encouraging teen pregnancy so is this

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sexualization as bigger concerned as the

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media seems to make it the majority of

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the reports have been on Donald

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sexualization I think are not

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particularly helpful because they all

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work from the premise of saying well

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there's this thing called sexualisation

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we don't quite know what it is but we're

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going to act as though we do know what

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it is and now talk about how all

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is and will bring in for evidence we can

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find you know to support our cause and

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so terrible certainly some things have

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have undone t be changed new

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technologies have made things different

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the Internet's make things different

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mobile phones that make things different

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I mean I think you know for a lot of us

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when we were at school you know we might

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00:11:12,999 --> 00:11:11,389
have picked on a girl who was perceived

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00:11:16,119 --> 00:11:13,009
to be sexual we might have called her

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00:11:17,889 --> 00:11:16,129

nasty names we may have tormented her on

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00:11:19,869 --> 00:11:17,899

the way home from school but we wouldn't

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00:11:22,449 --> 00:11:19,879

have been able to go home and then go on

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00:11:24,100 --> 00:11:22,459

to you know the internet and corner

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names or go on facebook and stop me

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00:11:29,259 --> 00:11:27,709

being mean or texting or all its so if i

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00:11:31,090 --> 00:11:29,269

don't believe that these these

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technologies have somehow made this

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00:11:36,429 --> 00:11:34,100

suddenly start but they do enable things

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00:11:37,929 --> 00:11:36,439

that are problematic to go on they also

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00:11:39,879 --> 00:11:37,939

enable things that are very good to

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00:11:41,829 --> 00:11:39,889

happen I mean they offer opportunities

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00:11:44,949 --> 00:11:41,839

for young people to learn a lot and to

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00:11:46,749 --> 00:11:44,959

share and connects but there is the

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00:11:49,150 --> 00:11:46,759

downside and I think the difficulty

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00:11:50,799 --> 00:11:49,160

we've got is is having a calm and recent

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00:11:52,840 --> 00:11:50,809

discussion about it because it gets

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00:11:54,850 --> 00:11:52,850

caught up with the media with

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00:11:56,919 --> 00:11:54,860

politicians and it's very easy to make

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00:11:58,689 --> 00:11:56,929

these blanket statements but the thing

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00:12:00,909 --> 00:11:58,699

that I think is worrying about a lot of

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00:12:03,400 --> 00:12:00,919

the sexualisation debates is that it

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00:12:05,439 --> 00:12:03,410

becomes very reductionist if this idea

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00:12:07,629 --> 00:12:05,449

that young people have no sense of

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00:12:09,819 --> 00:12:07,639

awareness or agency that if they happen

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00:12:11,470 --> 00:12:09,829

to see dunno then they'll go and get

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00:12:13,419 --> 00:12:11,480

pregnant or if they watch a rap video

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00:12:15,699 --> 00:12:13,429

the next minute they'll be just wearing

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00:12:18,999 --> 00:12:15,709

hot pants and dancing in the high street

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00:12:20,769 --> 00:12:19,009

or if they are in any way exposed to

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00:12:23,169 --> 00:12:20,779

sort of sexual messages they'll go off

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00:12:25,030 --> 00:12:23,179

and try them and I think a lot of the

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00:12:27,249 --> 00:12:25,040

research with young people shows that

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00:12:29,439 --> 00:12:27,259

they're quite savvy they don't all want

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00:12:31,539 --> 00:12:29,449

to do this they can interpret it they

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00:12:34,150 --> 00:12:31,549

may choose to do it and often quite

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00:12:35,769 --> 00:12:34,160

knowingly but they may also decide that

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00:12:37,419 --> 00:12:35,779

they don't like it particularly or it

301
00:12:39,159 --> 00:12:37,429
doesn't appeal to them or they can take

302
00:12:41,319 --> 00:12:39,169
it or leave it and certainly give it

303
00:12:44,199 --> 00:12:41,329
some sensible thought it seems sometimes

304
00:12:46,239 --> 00:12:44,209
that people have this notion in their

305
00:12:47,979 --> 00:12:46,249
mind that young women are just passive

306
00:12:49,960 --> 00:12:47,989
that they just sort of taking these

307
00:12:52,659 --> 00:12:49,970
things on that they're not being

308
00:12:54,999 --> 00:12:52,669
encouraged to question it does is that

309
00:12:56,739 --> 00:12:55,009
really as true as it seems to be I mean

310
00:12:58,659 --> 00:12:56,749
it's so difficult it's now I think that

311
00:13:00,639 --> 00:12:58,669
that certainly there are some women

312
00:13:02,379 --> 00:13:00,649
who've had negative experiences but I

313
00:13:03,660 --> 00:13:02,389

think the general approach to sort of

314

00:13:06,920 --> 00:13:03,670

suggesting that your women

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00:13:09,030 --> 00:13:06,930

victims and young men are all sort of

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00:13:10,470 --> 00:13:09,040

aggression are a assumes everyone's

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00:13:13,200 --> 00:13:10,480

hetosexual which of course they are

318

00:13:15,120 --> 00:13:13,210

yeah and be all young people are

319

00:13:16,860 --> 00:13:15,130

internet savvy and connected which a lot

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00:13:19,170 --> 00:13:16,870

of the moment and that they're all

321

00:13:20,700 --> 00:13:19,180

somehow or other part of this i mean you

322

00:13:22,080 --> 00:13:20,710

know a lot of youth culture is about

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00:13:23,850 --> 00:13:22,090

doing things that are baffling and

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00:13:25,290 --> 00:13:23,860

offensive to adults I mean that's the

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00:13:27,090 --> 00:13:25,300

point you don't you don't want to be

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00:13:30,000 --> 00:13:27,100

doing what your parents agree with and

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00:13:31,620 --> 00:13:30,010

you know that and and I think also part

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00:13:33,270 --> 00:13:31,630

of being a parent from from the other

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00:13:36,600 --> 00:13:33,280

side is that you see things very

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00:13:39,420 --> 00:13:36,610

differently as an adult and and so a lot

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00:13:41,910 --> 00:13:39,430

of its is about us being afraid for our

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00:13:44,580 --> 00:13:41,920

children and we should worry about young

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00:13:46,680 --> 00:13:44,590

people but it then the thing that

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00:13:48,630 --> 00:13:46,690

bothers me about a lot of these such

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00:13:50,730 --> 00:13:48,640

discussions in the media and there's

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00:13:53,730 --> 00:13:50,740

been a few books written recently about

337

00:13:55,860 --> 00:13:53,740

this so-called Raj culture and how

338

00:13:58,260 --> 00:13:55,870

somehow it's the demise of feminism

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00:14:00,870 --> 00:13:58,270

that's led to it and a problem at scales

340

00:14:02,760 --> 00:14:00,880

rather than boys and it what it ends up

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00:14:04,710 --> 00:14:02,770

with eventually is still a sort of

342

00:14:07,140 --> 00:14:04,720

narrative about bills behaving

343

00:14:08,850 --> 00:14:07,150

themselves so it kind of talks about

344

00:14:11,240 --> 00:14:08,860

awful it is that girls are better

345

00:14:13,770 --> 00:14:11,250

portrayed in a sexual way and yet

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00:14:15,540 --> 00:14:13,780

critiques and attacks those girls who do

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00:14:18,120 --> 00:14:15,550

it or make something they need their

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00:14:20,280 --> 00:14:18,130

victims or the baby somehow deluded or

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00:14:22,350 --> 00:14:20,290

they don't know their own minds or that

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00:14:24,630 --> 00:14:22,360

they can't possibly have any agency or

351

00:14:26,790 --> 00:14:24,640

choice that this is being sort of this

352

00:14:28,710 --> 00:14:26,800

sexualisation is sort of dumped upon

353

00:14:31,440 --> 00:14:28,720

them you know as though they don't think

354

00:14:33,240 --> 00:14:31,450

about it and I think what we're

355

00:14:34,950 --> 00:14:33,250

realizing for more sensitive work with

356

00:14:38,220 --> 00:14:34,960

young people is that yes they actually

357

00:14:40,530 --> 00:14:38,230

do think about this young men have a lot

358

00:14:42,000 --> 00:14:40,540

to say and there is some sensitive work

359

00:14:43,560 --> 00:14:42,010

to be done with young men i mean the

360

00:14:45,450 --> 00:14:43,570

difficulty i think with young men is

361

00:14:47,880 --> 00:14:45,460

that within the sexualisation debate

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00:14:50,250 --> 00:14:47,890

they tend to be given questions that

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00:14:51,960 --> 00:14:50,260

will only make them look dreadful so you

364

00:14:53,400 --> 00:14:51,970

also you know you see a lot of studies

365

00:14:55,290 --> 00:14:53,410

where they say have you looked at

366

00:14:57,810 --> 00:14:55,300

pornography and they say yes they have

367

00:14:59,520 --> 00:14:57,820

and then they said you do do what you

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00:15:01,830 --> 00:14:59,530

think about women and they get to say

369

00:15:04,290 --> 00:15:01,840

you know how negatively they view women

370

00:15:05,820 --> 00:15:04,300

but I think if you don't give young boys

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00:15:07,740 --> 00:15:05,830

those cues and just getting to talk

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00:15:09,960 --> 00:15:07,750

about relationships generally yes they

373

00:15:13,410 --> 00:15:09,970

can be incredibly judgment about women

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00:15:14,850 --> 00:15:13,420

but you can challenge that and it

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00:15:17,130 --> 00:15:14,860

doesn't mean to say that I'll tell they

376

00:15:17,430 --> 00:15:17,140

actually behave all the time I mean I

377

00:15:19,590 --> 00:15:17,440

think

378

00:15:22,080 --> 00:15:19,600

certainly a lot of issues around sexism

379

00:15:24,420 --> 00:15:22,090

is an issue and we need to challenge it

380

00:15:26,400 --> 00:15:24,430

but for me I think the point when we're

381

00:15:29,100 --> 00:15:26,410

only talking about sexualization and

382

00:15:31,880 --> 00:15:29,110

victims and oppressors is we miss this

383

00:15:34,470 --> 00:15:31,890

is actually a lot more about

384

00:15:36,740 --> 00:15:34,480

commercialization and aspirational

385

00:15:39,690 --> 00:15:36,750

messages that we're getting all the time

386

00:15:41,900 --> 00:15:39,700

about how you should act and leave and

387

00:15:44,610 --> 00:15:41,910

have great sex and all of the rest of it

388

00:15:46,140 --> 00:15:44,620

and it seems strange that the media on

389

00:15:48,600 --> 00:15:46,150

the one hand says how all form

390

00:15:51,120 --> 00:15:48,610

sexualisation is and yet is saying you

391

00:15:53,010 --> 00:15:51,130

know two pages later how to please your

392

00:15:55,050 --> 00:15:53,020

partner or here's to buy these great

393

00:15:56,850 --> 00:15:55,060

blog way that will boost your sex life

394

00:15:58,770 --> 00:15:56,860

or you know all these sort of message is

395

00:16:02,160 --> 00:15:58,780

constantly of sex is something to

396

00:16:04,080 --> 00:16:02,170

achieve and to perfect and to perform

397

00:16:06,660 --> 00:16:04,090

there's nothing about pleasure or

398

00:16:09,180 --> 00:16:06,670

teasing or adventure or exploration or

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00:16:11,250 --> 00:16:09,190

just not doing it you know that's not an

400

00:16:13,380 --> 00:16:11,260

option and so I think we look to

401
00:16:15,120 --> 00:16:13,390
pornography and and we look to all sorts

402
00:16:16,980 --> 00:16:15,130
of things like you know playboy bunny

403
00:16:19,470 --> 00:16:16,990
t-shirts and makeup for young children

404
00:16:22,440 --> 00:16:19,480
and get upset about that and we miss

405
00:16:24,630 --> 00:16:22,450
these very commercialized messages young

406
00:16:27,180 --> 00:16:24,640
people are getting all the time really

407
00:16:30,630 --> 00:16:27,190
many people might be wondering why am I

408
00:16:32,940 --> 00:16:30,640
talking to you on a skeptic show but

409
00:16:35,190 --> 00:16:32,950
there has been a recent development that

410
00:16:37,200 --> 00:16:35,200
seems to be very much looking at

411
00:16:40,140 --> 00:16:37,210
paranormal and pseudo scientific beliefs

412
00:16:43,380 --> 00:16:40,150
in regards to critter aid in Africa and

413
00:16:46,920 --> 00:16:43,390

the pro alien group called the Raelian

414

00:16:50,520 --> 00:16:46,930

movement how on earth could clitoris

415

00:16:54,390 --> 00:16:50,530

Africa and the idea that we're all alien

416

00:16:56,370 --> 00:16:54,400

be joined together well I mean yes it is

417

00:16:59,490 --> 00:16:56,380

just a rather baffling John but I will

418

00:17:01,710 --> 00:16:59,500

hopefully hopefully explain it because I

419

00:17:03,540 --> 00:17:01,720

am taking away and I still can't figure

420

00:17:06,030 --> 00:17:03,550

it out who's like where did these people

421

00:17:07,860 --> 00:17:06,040

it is well but I think we come from

422

00:17:10,079 --> 00:17:07,870

other planets is the answer but I don't

423

00:17:12,929 --> 00:17:10,089

know I mean it's all it's all very very

424

00:17:14,550 --> 00:17:12,939

peculiar I mean basically some people

425

00:17:16,980 --> 00:17:14,560

may have actually seen this in that what

426
00:17:18,960 --> 00:17:16,990
actually happened a few weeks ago was

427
00:17:21,720 --> 00:17:18,970
that that we a lot of people had

428
00:17:23,819 --> 00:17:21,730
invitations on Twitter to a doctor

429
00:17:25,350 --> 00:17:23,829
clitoris and a lot of people are

430
00:17:27,600 --> 00:17:25,360
actually I like the sound of that you

431
00:17:29,520 --> 00:17:27,610
know pleasure helping women regain their

432
00:17:31,020 --> 00:17:29,530
bodies and and and reconstructive

433
00:17:33,060 --> 00:17:31,030
surgery you know I'll sign off

434
00:17:34,500 --> 00:17:33,070
yeah I have new tonight why not yeah

435
00:17:36,240 --> 00:17:34,510
yeah exactly you know people thought it

436
00:17:38,010 --> 00:17:36,250
was a good idea and very well-meaning

437
00:17:40,710 --> 00:17:38,020
and all the rest of it and I went had a

438
00:17:43,290 --> 00:17:40,720

look at the website and the first thing

439

00:17:45,660 --> 00:17:43,300

that I thought was a bit peculiar about

440

00:17:47,790 --> 00:17:45,670

it was that it said it was run by these

441

00:17:49,830 --> 00:17:47,800

very rarely an organization which I have

442

00:17:51,570 --> 00:17:49,840

to say I didn't really know much about I

443

00:17:53,370 --> 00:17:51,580

don't mean they weren't someone I was

444

00:17:55,920 --> 00:17:53,380

familiar with so I did a bit of digging

445

00:17:57,900 --> 00:17:55,930

until actually you know they do have

446

00:18:01,230 --> 00:17:57,910

some slightly peculiar beliefs around

447

00:18:04,140 --> 00:18:01,240

subcloning and intelligent design and

448

00:18:06,720 --> 00:18:04,150

and sidim I don't know it just made me

449

00:18:08,490 --> 00:18:06,730

feel slightly uncomfortable um but I

450

00:18:11,160 --> 00:18:08,500

thought well I'll still keep an open

451
00:18:14,010 --> 00:18:11,170
mind because a lot of faith groups do do

452
00:18:16,590 --> 00:18:14,020
work in in all over the world and and do

453
00:18:18,630 --> 00:18:16,600
a good job at it and so I didn't want to

454
00:18:21,060 --> 00:18:18,640
say no this is awful straightaway but I

455
00:18:23,340 --> 00:18:21,070
just had these alarm bells ringing that

456
00:18:26,190 --> 00:18:23,350
this this was just not quite right so I

457
00:18:28,020 --> 00:18:26,200
emailed the organization and said you

458
00:18:30,090 --> 00:18:28,030
know what what are you actually doing

459
00:18:31,830 --> 00:18:30,100
because it wasn't really clear from

460
00:18:33,420 --> 00:18:31,840
their website and their brochures it

461
00:18:35,100 --> 00:18:33,430
said that they were doing reconstructive

462
00:18:37,800 --> 00:18:35,110
surgery so basically afterwards had a

463
00:18:40,220 --> 00:18:37,810

clitoris removed you can do some repair

464

00:18:43,350 --> 00:18:40,230

that actually helps her to sort of

465

00:18:45,320 --> 00:18:43,360

reattach know anything so she can regain

466

00:18:48,120 --> 00:18:45,330

the feeling and an experienced a

467

00:18:50,850 --> 00:18:48,130

clitoral orgasm but we don't know how

468

00:18:53,070 --> 00:18:50,860

often or how effective it is and I

469

00:18:55,140 --> 00:18:53,080

couldn't really work out from Cliff Road

470

00:18:56,670 --> 00:18:55,150

you know where were they involved and

471

00:18:58,890 --> 00:18:56,680

did people have to join their

472

00:19:01,230 --> 00:18:58,900

organization to have the surgery were

473

00:19:04,350 --> 00:19:01,240

they offering other both you know

474

00:19:06,300 --> 00:19:04,360

they're sort of faith-based views along

475

00:19:08,310 --> 00:19:06,310

side the surgery how were they working

476

00:19:09,780 --> 00:19:08,320

in communities and particularly how

477

00:19:11,220 --> 00:19:09,790

collaborative was it were they just

478

00:19:13,530 --> 00:19:11,230

turning up and telling people what they

479

00:19:15,840 --> 00:19:13,540

had to do or were they engaging because

480

00:19:17,730 --> 00:19:15,850

a lot of my works in international

481

00:19:20,040 --> 00:19:17,740

health and we're very mindful that

482

00:19:22,620 --> 00:19:20,050

there's a long history of a well-meaning

483

00:19:24,810 --> 00:19:22,630

but often very oppressive people who

484

00:19:27,780 --> 00:19:24,820

have a great idea that worked in in

485

00:19:29,930 --> 00:19:27,790

Manhattan or in in Boston or in London

486

00:19:33,300 --> 00:19:29,940

and so they think what this will work in

487

00:19:35,430 --> 00:19:33,310

you know Botswana so here we are and the

488

00:19:38,100 --> 00:19:35,440

community may be too polite or two

489

00:19:40,620 --> 00:19:38,110

oppressed or just need something and so

490

00:19:42,000 --> 00:19:40,630

won't say no I kind of was a bit

491

00:19:43,650 --> 00:19:42,010

bothered about their approaches they

492

00:19:44,880 --> 00:19:43,660

didn't really reply to me I didn't get

493

00:19:46,650 --> 00:19:44,890

anything from them

494

00:19:48,720 --> 00:19:46,660

colleagues did and they weren't very

495

00:19:50,850 --> 00:19:48,730

clear on what it was they were actually

496

00:19:52,020 --> 00:19:50,860

doing and they they've not measured I

497

00:19:53,790 --> 00:19:52,030

mean this is a hospital doing

498

00:19:55,350 --> 00:19:53,800

reconstructive surgery but they can't

499

00:19:56,520 --> 00:19:55,360

tell you how many surgeries they've

500

00:19:59,280 --> 00:19:56,530

carried out or whether they were

501
00:20:00,930 --> 00:19:59,290
successful or not which is worrying and

502
00:20:02,640 --> 00:20:00,940
they said they're going to publish

503
00:20:05,100 --> 00:20:02,650
something but but they haven't got any

504
00:20:06,930 --> 00:20:05,110
data and you know the weird be there

505
00:20:10,140 --> 00:20:06,940
signing off their emails from their

506
00:20:11,520 --> 00:20:10,150
hospital with this join another group of

507
00:20:14,190 --> 00:20:11,530
theirs which is to give women the right

508
00:20:15,480 --> 00:20:14,200
to go topless which you know you know

509
00:20:18,000 --> 00:20:15,490
fair enough if you want to go topics but

510
00:20:19,800 --> 00:20:18,010
it seems slightly flippant alongside of

511
00:20:21,690 --> 00:20:19,810
campaign against female genital

512
00:20:24,240 --> 00:20:21,700
mutilation you know it's all a bit

513
00:20:26,790 --> 00:20:24,250

peculiar so there's been a whole issue

514

00:20:29,460 --> 00:20:26,800

around sort of critter aid and who they

515

00:20:32,430 --> 00:20:29,470

are and how much money they've gotten I

516

00:20:34,920 --> 00:20:32,440

had an email from a somebody who works

517

00:20:37,560 --> 00:20:34,930

in in the porn industry he'd said you

518

00:20:39,660 --> 00:20:37,570

know I actually saw these guys coming to

519

00:20:42,360 --> 00:20:39,670

a conference an adult conference and

520

00:20:44,550 --> 00:20:42,370

entertainment conference back in 2007

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00:20:46,950 --> 00:20:44,560

and they were collecting them for this

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00:20:49,200 --> 00:20:46,960

hospital and people were stuffing you

523

00:20:52,080 --> 00:20:49,210

know lots of money into their collection

524

00:20:54,120 --> 00:20:52,090

boxes because they they play on what I

525

00:20:56,190 --> 00:20:54,130

think some people have called orgasm

526
00:20:58,590 --> 00:20:56,200
guilt you know I'm here having this sexy

527
00:21:02,340 --> 00:20:58,600
time therefore I'm going to help these

528
00:21:04,740 --> 00:21:02,350
other people have a sexy time and yet

529
00:21:06,450 --> 00:21:04,750
this hospital is you know the calls just

530
00:21:08,280 --> 00:21:06,460
to adopt a clitoris are still to build

531
00:21:10,920 --> 00:21:08,290
this hospital and I impeach I appreciate

532
00:21:12,570 --> 00:21:10,930
hospitals cost money but it just seems

533
00:21:14,970 --> 00:21:12,580
this has been going on for a long while

534
00:21:16,530 --> 00:21:14,980
and nobody can really see what they're

535
00:21:18,810 --> 00:21:16,540
doing or where they've got with this

536
00:21:21,150 --> 00:21:18,820
program and the other thing apart from

537
00:21:23,040 --> 00:21:21,160
this sort of i suppose imposition of a

538
00:21:25,080 --> 00:21:23,050

program on a community which may or may

539

00:21:27,000 --> 00:21:25,090

not be welcome is there doesn't seem to

540

00:21:29,190 --> 00:21:27,010

be any local checking they claim that

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00:21:30,930 --> 00:21:29,200

nobody else offers this service in

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00:21:32,760 --> 00:21:30,940

burkina faso where when they're offering

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00:21:34,890 --> 00:21:32,770

it and yet actually where people have

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00:21:37,200 --> 00:21:34,900

investigated it there's plenty of people

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00:21:39,510 --> 00:21:37,210

in burkina faso offering free

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00:21:41,910 --> 00:21:39,520

reconstructive surgery you know yeah

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00:21:43,860 --> 00:21:41,920

they don't have a lot of money but why

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00:21:45,510 --> 00:21:43,870

is is clutter aid and the Raelians

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00:21:47,550 --> 00:21:45,520

building their own hospital when

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00:21:50,070 --> 00:21:47,560

existing hospitals are doing this and

551
00:21:52,110 --> 00:21:50,080
just need a bit more cash to to pay for

552
00:21:54,600 --> 00:21:52,120
it so there's that elements are sort of

553
00:21:56,160 --> 00:21:54,610
imposing not only your idea that you're

554
00:21:58,320 --> 00:21:56,170
going to build a hospital but not lazing

555
00:22:01,710 --> 00:21:58,330
with services that are already

556
00:22:03,180 --> 00:22:01,720
doing what needs to be done so I mean

557
00:22:06,060 --> 00:22:03,190
you know I think the thing the thing

558
00:22:07,590 --> 00:22:06,070
that has made a lot of people feel

559
00:22:09,509 --> 00:22:07,600
uncomfortable as well as is not only

560
00:22:12,659 --> 00:22:09,519
that you know these services already

561
00:22:14,639 --> 00:22:12,669
exist so it's not like you know closer

562
00:22:16,049 --> 00:22:14,649
80 right when they say you know nobody

563
00:22:17,960 --> 00:22:16,059

else is doing this but they don't seem

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00:22:20,159 --> 00:22:17,970

to have consulted with anybody else

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00:22:22,279 --> 00:22:20,169

offering this service which you would

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00:22:24,930 --> 00:22:22,289

normally do in an international context

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00:22:27,360 --> 00:22:24,940

but but more than that I think there's

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00:22:30,779 --> 00:22:27,370

this additional problem of the call to

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00:22:32,310 --> 00:22:30,789

adopt a woman's clitoris which you know

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00:22:34,379 --> 00:22:32,320

I think a lot of people have found

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00:22:36,210 --> 00:22:34,389

distasteful because it's saying you know

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00:22:38,039 --> 00:22:36,220

go and adopt an african woman's clitoris

573

00:22:40,460 --> 00:22:38,049

and you're wondering what it would it

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00:22:44,100 --> 00:22:40,470

work if we said why don't we adopt a

575

00:22:46,620 --> 00:22:44,110

Frenchman's testicle Laura an Icelandic

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00:22:48,450 --> 00:22:46,630

woman's nipple or something I mean you

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00:22:50,669 --> 00:22:48,460

know does it carry with particular of

578

00:22:53,399 --> 00:22:50,679

connotations of sort of ownership and

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00:22:56,220 --> 00:22:53,409

and sort of appropriation that would

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00:22:58,200 --> 00:22:56,230

understandably cause offence and even

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00:23:00,000 --> 00:22:58,210

though I think a lot of people have been

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00:23:03,409 --> 00:23:00,010

incredibly well meaning in their support

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00:23:05,669 --> 00:23:03,419

of this campaign and it's not been

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00:23:07,289 --> 00:23:05,679

something that they thought about and I

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00:23:10,080 --> 00:23:07,299

think it's been actually quite telling

586

00:23:11,879 --> 00:23:10,090

case study for people involved in in sex

587

00:23:14,730 --> 00:23:11,889

education and in science because I've

588

00:23:16,620 --> 00:23:14,740

seen a lot of scientists talk about we

589

00:23:18,090 --> 00:23:16,630

know we must do something about this and

590

00:23:20,310 --> 00:23:18,100

a lot of people involved in sex

591

00:23:21,960 --> 00:23:20,320

education and research saying come and

592

00:23:24,120 --> 00:23:21,970

support this this venture support

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00:23:25,560 --> 00:23:24,130

clitter aid and a doctor clitoris and I

594

00:23:27,690 --> 00:23:25,570

think it's because you know female

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00:23:30,590 --> 00:23:27,700

genital mutilation and cutting is so

596

00:23:33,360 --> 00:23:30,600

upsetting and such an awful thing that

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00:23:35,789 --> 00:23:33,370

people don't want to question it and

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00:23:38,340 --> 00:23:35,799

because giving women pleasure is such a

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00:23:40,500 --> 00:23:38,350

powerful thing nobody wants to be the

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00:23:42,570 --> 00:23:40,510

one that's the sort of spoils the party

601
00:23:44,460 --> 00:23:42,580
and so the difficult I thinking

602
00:23:46,669 --> 00:23:44,470
challenging this is that the people have

603
00:23:48,870 --> 00:23:46,679
you would normally be very critical

604
00:23:52,440 --> 00:23:48,880
people who normally be very skeptical

605
00:23:55,560 --> 00:23:52,450
have not applied they're skeptical lens

606
00:23:58,769 --> 00:23:55,570
on this occasion because I think the

607
00:24:00,690 --> 00:23:58,779
overall area is something that is so

608
00:24:02,700 --> 00:24:00,700
problematic they they want to be seen to

609
00:24:03,570 --> 00:24:02,710
do something and not question it's

610
00:24:05,070 --> 00:24:03,580
something that they wouldn't even

611
00:24:08,279 --> 00:24:05,080
question it because they think well this

612
00:24:10,649 --> 00:24:08,289
is this is obviously a good cause and if

613
00:24:12,659 --> 00:24:10,659

I've had some people say you know

614

00:24:15,029 --> 00:24:12,669

okay it's run by the Raelians and it is

615

00:24:16,919 --> 00:24:15,039

a cult and it is you know we don't

616

00:24:19,499 --> 00:24:16,929

really know much about it to me the test

617

00:24:21,210 --> 00:24:19,509

got this you know awful dr. clitoris

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00:24:23,519 --> 00:24:21,220

thing that goes with it but hey if it's

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00:24:26,729 --> 00:24:23,529

helping women we shouldn't really say

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00:24:28,200 --> 00:24:26,739

anything about it or some people said

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00:24:31,049 --> 00:24:28,210

you know that because I questioned it

622

00:24:33,119 --> 00:24:31,059

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

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00:24:34,919 --> 00:24:33,129

prudish and I want to deny African women

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00:24:37,529 --> 00:24:34,929

pleasure so by that token I'm also

625

00:24:40,049 --> 00:24:37,539

prudish and racist or that because I

626
00:24:42,509 --> 00:24:40,059
challenged female circumcision sorry

627
00:24:44,159 --> 00:24:42,519
female genital mutilation or I've got

628
00:24:46,799 --> 00:24:44,169
involved in debates around male and

629
00:24:50,399 --> 00:24:46,809
female circumcision which is sort of

630
00:24:54,269 --> 00:24:50,409
come with this that there's been a sort

631
00:24:56,460 --> 00:24:54,279
of a wider discussion about you know

632
00:24:59,159 --> 00:24:56,470
that this is your somehow condoning

633
00:25:02,279 --> 00:24:59,169
female genital mutilation and cutting by

634
00:25:05,549 --> 00:25:02,289
questioning this issue and and that I

635
00:25:07,409 --> 00:25:05,559
think is quite a sort of a good but

636
00:25:10,249 --> 00:25:07,419
upsetting case study for people who are

637
00:25:13,200 --> 00:25:10,259
skeptical to think about we're often

638
00:25:16,499 --> 00:25:13,210

good on certain issues immunization

639

00:25:19,229 --> 00:25:16,509

vaccinations homeopathy and various

640

00:25:20,609 --> 00:25:19,239

other things too quickly think ok I'm

641

00:25:23,039 --> 00:25:20,619

going to question this I'm going to go

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00:25:25,409 --> 00:25:23,049

and really research it but on this issue

643

00:25:27,719 --> 00:25:25,419

a lot of people have been like well I

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00:25:31,099 --> 00:25:27,729

don't think I'm going to question it

645

00:25:33,599 --> 00:25:31,109

because I don't want to be seen to be

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00:25:35,489 --> 00:25:33,609

you know condoning a practice I don't

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00:25:37,469 --> 00:25:35,499

agree with or it's just too

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00:25:39,119 --> 00:25:37,479

uncomfortable or maybe just I don't

649

00:25:40,529 --> 00:25:39,129

think I need to question it because I

650

00:25:41,969 --> 00:25:40,539

don't agree with female genital

651
00:25:43,440 --> 00:25:41,979
mutilation and therefore I will do

652
00:25:45,930 --> 00:25:43,450
anything to support you know

653
00:25:47,729 --> 00:25:45,940
organizations very little to show

654
00:25:50,129 --> 00:25:47,739
evidence of where the money is going on

655
00:25:52,979 --> 00:25:50,139
yet absolutely i mean you know there's

656
00:25:55,710 --> 00:25:52,989
we approach this as I I tend to approach

657
00:25:57,450 --> 00:25:55,720
most things which is okay I'd like this

658
00:25:59,310 --> 00:25:57,460
to be a really good venture you know I

659
00:26:00,599 --> 00:25:59,320
bear it no real will I would like it to

660
00:26:02,820 --> 00:26:00,609
be a good venture but the more I looked

661
00:26:04,619 --> 00:26:02,830
into it you know I can't work out what

662
00:26:06,690 --> 00:26:04,629
they're doing I can't work out why

663
00:26:09,269 --> 00:26:06,700

they're doing sort of treatment where

664

00:26:11,969 --> 00:26:09,279

it's already on offer I don't understand

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00:26:13,379 --> 00:26:11,979

why you know there is no real clear

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00:26:15,269 --> 00:26:13,389

evidence of what they've spent this

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00:26:18,239 --> 00:26:15,279

money on or how much they've got so far

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00:26:22,440 --> 00:26:18,249

since at least 2007 but possibly longer

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00:26:24,220 --> 00:26:22,450

as far as we know and again you know if

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00:26:25,750 --> 00:26:24,230

you are providing certain

671

00:26:27,640 --> 00:26:25,760

Karen you can't talk about how many

672

00:26:30,520 --> 00:26:27,650

people you've seen or what's happened

673

00:26:33,820 --> 00:26:30,530

their responses to say the own what

674

00:26:35,470 --> 00:26:33,830

evidence they count is women telling

675

00:26:39,430 --> 00:26:35,480

them they've had an orgasm for the first

676

00:26:41,590 --> 00:26:39,440

time which is wonderful but it's also

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00:26:43,030 --> 00:26:41,600

quite naive because it doesn't tell you

678

00:26:45,520 --> 00:26:43,040

about women you feel whom it may not

679

00:26:48,190 --> 00:26:45,530

have works and in a culture if you're in

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00:26:49,810 --> 00:26:48,200

a culture where you know woman's

681

00:26:53,200 --> 00:26:49,820

clitoris is a view to so threatening

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00:26:54,789 --> 00:26:53,210

they have to be cut away there is a

683

00:26:56,430 --> 00:26:54,799

whole question of if you start restoring

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00:26:59,200 --> 00:26:56,440

them but you don't do any wider

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00:27:02,590 --> 00:26:59,210

community working and education and

686

00:27:05,890 --> 00:27:02,600

practice that that she may be shunned or

687

00:27:08,710 --> 00:27:05,900

ostracized or researcher you know we cut

688

00:27:11,440 --> 00:27:08,720

or whatever so you know there's that

689

00:27:12,909 --> 00:27:11,450

whole problem there around I mean we

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00:27:16,060 --> 00:27:12,919

certainly know that we constructed

691

00:27:18,220 --> 00:27:16,070

surgery can work but the evidence

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00:27:19,960 --> 00:27:18,230

suggests that the surgery is really the

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00:27:22,060 --> 00:27:19,970

own the first bit of the puzzle it only

694

00:27:24,580 --> 00:27:22,070

works if you then do wider community

695

00:27:26,770 --> 00:27:24,590

work and building and particularly

696

00:27:30,070 --> 00:27:26,780

around gender inequalities and and and

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00:27:33,010 --> 00:27:30,080

interpersonal relationships and involve

698

00:27:34,870 --> 00:27:33,020

women and men in in what you do and and

699

00:27:37,900 --> 00:27:34,880

I haven't got any evidence that they've

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00:27:39,220 --> 00:27:37,910

done that either and it's unfortunate

701
00:27:41,110 --> 00:27:39,230
because it's got you know sort of

702
00:27:44,169 --> 00:27:41,120
commercial backing for a sex store and

703
00:27:45,850 --> 00:27:44,179
and it's all kind of resulting now in in

704
00:27:48,820 --> 00:27:45,860
sort of kind of fairly unpleasant

705
00:27:51,159 --> 00:27:48,830
discussions really about you know people

706
00:27:52,750 --> 00:27:51,169
getting involved and I think you know

707
00:27:54,820 --> 00:27:52,760
the best thing we can think about when

708
00:27:58,659 --> 00:27:54,830
anything like this comes along is is to

709
00:27:59,860 --> 00:27:58,669
try and be you know critical and and you

710
00:28:01,960 --> 00:27:59,870
know it doesn't mean say you're going to

711
00:28:03,730 --> 00:28:01,970
knock not support something but you're

712
00:28:06,400 --> 00:28:03,740
just going to ask a few questions first

713
00:28:09,100 --> 00:28:06,410

and and we do need to talk about that

714

00:28:11,110 --> 00:28:09,110

publicly even if it's uncomfortable and

715

00:28:12,820 --> 00:28:11,120

I think you know what's happened here is

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00:28:14,289 --> 00:28:12,830

a lot of people are running headfirst

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00:28:16,630 --> 00:28:14,299

wanting to supported and have done so

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00:28:18,430 --> 00:28:16,640

very publicly and as a result we've had

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00:28:19,840 --> 00:28:18,440

having questions and conversations in

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00:28:22,750 --> 00:28:19,850

public that perhaps would have been

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00:28:24,430 --> 00:28:22,760

better in private that they probably

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00:28:25,539 --> 00:28:24,440

could have had you know people that said

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00:28:27,990 --> 00:28:25,549

I think I might support this

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00:28:30,100 --> 00:28:28,000

organization what do you reckon

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00:28:31,360 --> 00:28:30,110

collaboratively working again we could

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00:28:33,430 --> 00:28:31,370

have probably found that lately work

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00:28:34,960 --> 00:28:33,440

right people to support but it's

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00:28:36,350 --> 00:28:34,970

interesting that people are still saying

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00:28:38,000 --> 00:28:36,360

well ok I might

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00:28:40,970 --> 00:28:38,010

not donate but I still think it's a good

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00:28:42,799 --> 00:28:40,980

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

732

00:28:44,450 --> 00:28:42,809

good idea I mean I I certainly

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00:28:46,280 --> 00:28:44,460

reconstructive surgery is not a bad idea

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00:28:48,220 --> 00:28:46,290

it's done appropriately and with

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00:28:51,710 --> 00:28:48,230

community involvement and a proper

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00:28:54,620 --> 00:28:51,720

support as certainly challenging female

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00:28:57,200 --> 00:28:54,630

genital mutilation is definitely a good

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00:28:59,530 --> 00:28:57,210

cause but this particular organization

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00:29:01,760 --> 00:28:59,540

of their approach I don't know you know

740

00:29:03,380 --> 00:29:01,770

what it's doing I mean they certainly

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00:29:05,630 --> 00:29:03,390

seem to have done some surgery so I

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00:29:08,539 --> 00:29:05,640

don't think it's you know a total scam

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00:29:10,580 --> 00:29:08,549

but I don't know quite what is going on

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00:29:13,250 --> 00:29:10,590

and I think the interesting thing about

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00:29:15,140 --> 00:29:13,260

the sponsorship ankle because they had

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00:29:17,750 --> 00:29:15,150

some sponsorship coming in from sort of

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00:29:19,760 --> 00:29:17,760

sex stores and the like is that you know

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00:29:22,760 --> 00:29:19,770

very often people working in sex

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00:29:24,950 --> 00:29:22,770

education and research like me you know

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00:29:27,169 --> 00:29:24,960

we want to do some good we want to help

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00:29:28,940 --> 00:29:27,179

people but it's it's often quite hard

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00:29:31,159 --> 00:29:28,950

some charities won't accept your money

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00:29:33,350 --> 00:29:31,169

because you're involved in insects or

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00:29:36,140 --> 00:29:33,360

areas of sex that they disapproval and

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00:29:38,060 --> 00:29:36,150

particularly around sexual pleasure I

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00:29:39,830 --> 00:29:38,070

mean I don't think a few years ago where

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00:29:42,140 --> 00:29:39,840

I was involved with some some friends of

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00:29:44,120 --> 00:29:42,150

mine who who were involved in dancing

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00:29:47,000 --> 00:29:44,130

erotic dancing and stripping and they

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00:29:49,130 --> 00:29:47,010

made a charity calendar and and they

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00:29:51,560 --> 00:29:49,140

found it very hard to find charities who

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00:29:53,419 --> 00:29:51,570

would accept their money they raised me

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00:29:54,710 --> 00:29:53,429

but people didn't want that money all

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00:29:57,530 --> 00:29:54,720

rather they didn't want to be associated

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00:29:59,390 --> 00:29:57,540

with this organization and it could

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00:30:01,340 --> 00:29:59,400

could play on that in a sense in that

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00:30:05,000 --> 00:30:01,350

they'll take cash because I'm let you

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00:30:06,580 --> 00:30:05,010

know other people won't and that that's

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00:30:09,110 --> 00:30:06,590

an issue I think we need to think about

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00:30:10,880 --> 00:30:09,120

and also again to sort of challenge this

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00:30:14,240 --> 00:30:10,890

notion that just because you've

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00:30:16,010 --> 00:30:14,250

questions this organization doesn't mean

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00:30:18,440 --> 00:30:16,020

to say that you think that the African

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00:30:20,659 --> 00:30:18,450

women aren't entitled to pleasure I mean

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00:30:22,549 --> 00:30:20,669

that that is a nonsense I guess it's

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00:30:25,159 --> 00:30:22,559

also one of those sticky things about

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00:30:26,630 --> 00:30:25,169

feminism altogether if you are you being

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00:30:28,340 --> 00:30:26,640

anti-feminist or are you being

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00:30:30,799 --> 00:30:28,350

pro-feminist because you care enough to

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00:30:34,760 --> 00:30:30,809

question absolutely and I think for me

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00:30:37,820 --> 00:30:34,770

it's it's it's years ago I heard about

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00:30:40,039 --> 00:30:37,830

female genital mutilation cutting in the

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00:30:43,880 --> 00:30:40,049

early 90s actually and it was after

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00:30:45,620 --> 00:30:43,890

Alice Walker wrote bucum possessing the

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00:30:48,049 --> 00:30:45,630

secret of joy which which talked about

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00:30:48,920 --> 00:30:48,059

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

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00:30:50,510 --> 00:30:48,930

how and

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00:30:52,490 --> 00:30:50,520

got very interested in it and I started

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00:30:54,560 --> 00:30:52,500

to read up on it and make connections of

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00:30:55,970 --> 00:30:54,570

people working on the issue in the UK

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00:30:59,180 --> 00:30:55,980

and at the time I was a psychology

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00:31:03,110 --> 00:30:59,190

lecturer welcome an undergraduate sir

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00:31:04,760 --> 00:31:03,120

Knight I wanted it but like we had a

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00:31:07,460 --> 00:31:04,770

health court and I put it into the

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00:31:09,440 --> 00:31:07,470

health psychology course and I ended up

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00:31:11,060 --> 00:31:09,450

with all kinds of problems with you know

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00:31:12,620 --> 00:31:11,070

people saying well why are you teaching

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00:31:13,850 --> 00:31:12,630

this because this is just about African

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00:31:15,170 --> 00:31:13,860

when what's it got to do with us so

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00:31:17,180 --> 00:31:15,180

we're never going to meet anybody who's

801
00:31:18,920 --> 00:31:17,190
involved in this and you know it's it's

802
00:31:20,210 --> 00:31:18,930
you should just let cultures get on with

803
00:31:22,340 --> 00:31:20,220
it you're being raised is four saying

804
00:31:24,500 --> 00:31:22,350
they shouldn't do it and all sorts of

805
00:31:26,570 --> 00:31:24,510
backlash that sort of happened there and

806
00:31:28,820 --> 00:31:26,580
it's one of those areas that I think you

807
00:31:30,260 --> 00:31:28,830
know in this situation you've got got

808
00:31:33,230 --> 00:31:30,270
the sort of the female genital

809
00:31:35,810 --> 00:31:33,240
mutilation issue which always brings up

810
00:31:38,630 --> 00:31:35,820
did buy it you know around culture and

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00:31:42,190 --> 00:31:38,640
race and other areas and religion as

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00:31:45,320 --> 00:31:42,200
well and then because it's linked to

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00:31:47,360 --> 00:31:45,330

sort of feminism and and sex positive

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00:31:50,510 --> 00:31:47,370

feminism there's obviously the arguments

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00:31:52,370 --> 00:31:50,520

around feminist involvement there but I

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00:31:53,990 --> 00:31:52,380

suppose an added layer is also sort of

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00:31:55,250 --> 00:31:54,000

the international development level of

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00:31:57,410 --> 00:31:55,260

whether you should or shouldn't get

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00:32:00,470 --> 00:31:57,420

involved and all of the things to really

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00:32:01,850 --> 00:32:00,480

kind of get into a sticky an unpleasant

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00:32:03,440 --> 00:32:01,860

debate this will probably have the

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00:32:05,150 --> 00:32:03,450

hallmarks of all the things that they're

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00:32:07,220 --> 00:32:05,160

you know you're going to get you know

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00:32:08,570 --> 00:32:07,230

got up from all sides for saying and I

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00:32:10,070 --> 00:32:08,580

think that's why a lot of people have

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00:32:12,830 --> 00:32:10,080

said I just don't want to talk about

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00:32:14,690 --> 00:32:12,840

this publicly because it means you know

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00:32:16,100 --> 00:32:14,700

even if I can argue it from an

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00:32:18,020 --> 00:32:16,110

international development and the health

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00:32:19,520 --> 00:32:18,030

argument I'm still going to get got out

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00:32:22,490 --> 00:32:19,530

from feminist so I'm still going to be

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00:32:24,920 --> 00:32:22,500

got up from sex educators or you know

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00:32:26,870 --> 00:32:24,930

you kind of can't win and that's I think

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00:32:29,620 --> 00:32:26,880

for me one of the interesting things

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00:32:32,150 --> 00:32:29,630

about the sort of the journey of

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00:32:35,290 --> 00:32:32,160

skepticism in a sense is that how do you

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00:32:38,660 --> 00:32:35,300

find ways to try and raise these issues

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00:32:40,970 --> 00:32:38,670

firmly but gently that doesn't sort of

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00:32:42,740 --> 00:32:40,980

have to become a personal attack on

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00:32:45,350 --> 00:32:42,750

people even though it might feel like

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00:32:47,390 --> 00:32:45,360

that but that still makes us think you

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00:32:50,510 --> 00:32:47,400

know you know let's question it because

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00:32:52,310 --> 00:32:50,520

one of the things I really value from my

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00:32:54,020 --> 00:32:52,320

people I know who are critical thinkers

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00:32:56,330 --> 00:32:54,030

and and people who are very reflective

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00:33:02,030 --> 00:32:56,340

is that they make me think twice about

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00:33:03,830 --> 00:33:02,040

what I do and that really helps me make

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00:33:06,110 --> 00:33:03,840

decisions and it means that if I've made

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00:33:07,610 --> 00:33:06,120

the incorrect decision or perhaps I

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00:33:10,220 --> 00:33:07,620

could have done something better I can

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00:33:13,730 --> 00:33:10,230
hopefully find a way to express that or

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00:33:16,430 --> 00:33:13,740
setting right and I think when you get

853
00:33:19,250 --> 00:33:16,440
into something like this where it's it's

854
00:33:20,960 --> 00:33:19,260
got lots of gray areas in a sense and

855
00:33:22,490 --> 00:33:20,970
lots of areas where people might feel

856
00:33:24,770 --> 00:33:22,500
they're not sure so on the one hand yes

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00:33:26,000 --> 00:33:24,780
they want to be a sex positive person

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00:33:27,440 --> 00:33:26,010
and support pleasure but on the other

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00:33:29,840 --> 00:33:27,450
hand they don't agree with female

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00:33:31,700 --> 00:33:29,850
genital cutting and on the other hand

861
00:33:33,950 --> 00:33:31,710
they're not sure about the whole cult

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00:33:37,400 --> 00:33:33,960
thing and the rail lan movement but yet

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00:33:39,650 --> 00:33:37,410

they want to encourage development in in

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00:33:42,380 --> 00:33:39,660

Africa you know you'll kind of pulled

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00:33:44,180 --> 00:33:42,390

the whole time and I think that we very

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00:33:45,980 --> 00:33:44,190

often feel more comfortable I think as a

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00:33:47,870 --> 00:33:45,990

skeptic sometimes with with more black

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00:33:49,670 --> 00:33:47,880

and white debates you know that we can

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00:33:52,130 --> 00:33:49,680

say well this is wrong this is right or

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00:33:55,490 --> 00:33:52,140

we can get into quite concrete thinking

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00:33:57,500 --> 00:33:55,500

and instead of arguments that are are

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00:34:00,950 --> 00:33:57,510

quite static whereas a lot of this stuff

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00:34:03,440 --> 00:34:00,960

is fluid it's it's very very complex and

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00:34:05,360 --> 00:34:03,450

and it's not comfortable to talk about

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00:34:07,220 --> 00:34:05,370

and and because it makes people very

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00:34:09,919 --> 00:34:07,230

upset and angry it then tends to lead to

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00:34:11,240 --> 00:34:09,929

I mean I I talked about it a bit I tried

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00:34:13,340 --> 00:34:11,250

to talk about it a bit on the bad

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00:34:14,780 --> 00:34:13,350

science forums because I didn't know

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00:34:16,880 --> 00:34:14,790

much about the Raelians I knew a lot

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00:34:18,290 --> 00:34:16,890

about female genital cutting but I

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00:34:19,880 --> 00:34:18,300

didn't know much about the Raelians and

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00:34:21,470 --> 00:34:19,890

I wondered if anybody might know

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00:34:22,970 --> 00:34:21,480

something there and I asked and some

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00:34:24,950 --> 00:34:22,980

people were very helpful that a lot of

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00:34:27,409 --> 00:34:24,960

people be very helpful on this venture

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00:34:30,050 --> 00:34:27,419

but there is the inevitable backlash of

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00:34:31,880 --> 00:34:30,060

you know accusations of racism and

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00:34:33,980 --> 00:34:31,890

things like that that you kind of think

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00:34:37,610 --> 00:34:33,990

well this now makes it very difficult to

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00:34:39,680 --> 00:34:37,620

have a sensible conversation because

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00:34:41,450 --> 00:34:39,690

you're now firefighting those

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00:34:43,850 --> 00:34:41,460

accusations and that's I think the

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00:34:45,650 --> 00:34:43,860

problem in that what we really need with

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00:34:48,740 --> 00:34:45,660

these issues is to focus on the issues

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00:34:50,960 --> 00:34:48,750

and in a sense evidence is our friend

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00:34:52,940 --> 00:34:50,970

here because it lets us think about it I

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00:34:55,669 --> 00:34:52,950

wouldn't say dispassionately because

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00:34:59,240 --> 00:34:55,679

certainly I'm not but at least with a

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00:35:00,980 --> 00:34:59,250

kind of a I suppose a buffer there that

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00:35:02,900 --> 00:35:00,990
you can say well look you know I mean

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00:35:05,090 --> 00:35:02,910
and certainly the way I've approach

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00:35:08,600 --> 00:35:05,100
writing about Chris 'read is is not to

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00:35:10,700 --> 00:35:08,610
start sort of really a slanging match

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00:35:13,130 --> 00:35:10,710
with anyone who supported them it's more

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00:35:14,630 --> 00:35:13,140
to say look here's your way out look

907
00:35:15,420 --> 00:35:14,640
this is what I found out about this

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00:35:17,160 --> 00:35:15,430
organization

909
00:35:18,990 --> 00:35:17,170
makes me question what's happening and

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00:35:21,210 --> 00:35:19,000
I'm not sure about how it's been

911
00:35:23,220 --> 00:35:21,220
employed in this community and I really

912
00:35:24,990 --> 00:35:23,230
don't know how it's been sort of done it

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00:35:27,359 --> 00:35:25,000

it seems to be stepping on a lot of toes

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00:35:30,990 --> 00:35:27,369

so I think we should think about that

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00:35:34,290 --> 00:35:31,000

and you know part of being you know I

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00:35:37,049 --> 00:35:34,300

suppose a a critical thinker is that you

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00:35:40,410 --> 00:35:37,059

can say hang on i did this i supported

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00:35:42,540 --> 00:35:40,420

this but I actually think I'm I'm gonna

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00:35:45,359 --> 00:35:42,550

change my mind and yes why and I think

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00:35:46,859 --> 00:35:45,369

people and people respect you for that

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00:35:50,160 --> 00:35:46,869

you know I think people really do

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00:35:51,960 --> 00:35:50,170

respect you for that but um I've

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00:35:53,520 --> 00:35:51,970

certainly had a few people email me who

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00:35:55,140 --> 00:35:53,530

you weren't more in the sex education

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00:35:56,910 --> 00:35:55,150

side of things you've said look I are

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00:35:59,099 --> 00:35:56,920
permanently support this venture and I

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00:36:01,290 --> 00:35:59,109
kind of know feel I can't say I don't

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00:36:03,210 --> 00:36:01,300
support it anymore because people think

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00:36:05,339 --> 00:36:03,220
I'm a hypocrite you know this is a big

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00:36:07,290 --> 00:36:05,349
issue for a lot of people who talk about

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00:36:09,359 --> 00:36:07,300
and blog about and research and do

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00:36:10,980 --> 00:36:09,369
therapy insects that you're under such a

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00:36:12,000 --> 00:36:10,990
lot of criticism with the best of times

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00:36:13,829 --> 00:36:12,010
that you know you're not a proper

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00:36:15,540 --> 00:36:13,839
scientist if you research sex and you're

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00:36:17,010 --> 00:36:15,550
not a proper blog review right about sex

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00:36:19,020 --> 00:36:17,020
and you know you're not promised Tara

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00:36:20,400 --> 00:36:19,030

pissed if you do sex therapy that that

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00:36:21,900 --> 00:36:20,410

people don't want to give any more

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00:36:23,250 --> 00:36:21,910

ammunition that they might have changed

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00:36:26,069 --> 00:36:23,260

their mind because it will be used

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00:36:27,690 --> 00:36:26,079

against them and I can see that being a

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00:36:30,000 --> 00:36:27,700

big barrier for a lot of people are just

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00:36:33,329 --> 00:36:30,010

not knowing how to sort of find a way

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00:36:35,220 --> 00:36:33,339

through it I think we still have to say

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00:36:37,319 --> 00:36:35,230

things even if they're uncomfortable and

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00:36:38,940 --> 00:36:37,329

reflect I mean I'm still reflecting on

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00:36:40,650 --> 00:36:38,950

this now and if it turns out someone can

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00:36:42,240 --> 00:36:40,660

give me evidence to say that this

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00:36:44,370 --> 00:36:42,250

critter a thing is the best thing ever

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00:36:46,319 --> 00:36:44,380
and has helped transform a community

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00:36:48,089 --> 00:36:46,329
then I'm going to have to say that but

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00:36:50,400 --> 00:36:48,099
nobody has been able to say that to me

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00:36:52,049 --> 00:36:50,410
so far and if people want to check out

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00:36:54,660 --> 00:36:52,059
your work and check out your Twitter

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00:36:57,990 --> 00:36:54,670
stream they carried 200 on Twitter it's

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00:37:05,069 --> 00:36:58,000
at dr. Petra and which is just dr p e

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00:37:09,359 --> 00:37:05,079
tra and the website is [www petra co uk](http://www.petra.co.uk)

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00:37:11,609 --> 00:37:09,369
sets dr p ET Rho dot u K and it's a l

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00:37:12,900 --> 00:37:11,619
the blog is just some like it you just

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00:37:15,240 --> 00:37:12,910
go straight to it but if not it's

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00:37:17,760 --> 00:37:15,250
forward slash blog so have a look around

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00:37:19,410 --> 00:37:17,770

because um hopefully they'll find some

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00:37:21,559 --> 00:37:19,420

stuff in there that they kind of find

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00:37:23,760 --> 00:37:21,569

interesting and it sort of veers between

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00:37:25,260 --> 00:37:23,770

you know complaining about the media to

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00:37:27,270 --> 00:37:25,270

sort of unpacking pieces of research to

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00:37:28,890 --> 00:37:27,280

advise and there there is bits of advice

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00:37:30,180 --> 00:37:28,900

in there as well

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00:37:32,220 --> 00:37:30,190

right and will be wonderful to see you

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00:37:34,470 --> 00:37:32,230

more on the skeptics into a bit really

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00:37:36,180 --> 00:37:34,480

yeah I mean it's it's I've actually had a

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00:37:37,770 --> 00:37:36,190

very warm welcome and i think it's been

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00:37:39,720 --> 00:37:37,780

you know I've been doing stuff to do

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00:37:41,400 --> 00:37:39,730

through through science sort of

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00:37:43,530 --> 00:37:41,410
communication for a long while although

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00:37:46,080 --> 00:37:43,540
I certainly have issues about you know

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00:37:47,460 --> 00:37:46,090
what that always means and you know I

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00:37:49,170 --> 00:37:47,470
don't know that I would call myself as

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00:37:51,450 --> 00:37:49,180
like this but you know but I think

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00:37:52,740 --> 00:37:51,460
within sort of skepticism it's and it's

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00:37:54,690 --> 00:37:52,750
interesting actually colleagues of mine

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00:37:57,630 --> 00:37:54,700
he'd been working in sort of trying to

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00:37:59,340 --> 00:37:57,640
do research around people involved in

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00:38:01,110 --> 00:37:59,350
prostitution which is again a very

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00:38:02,550 --> 00:38:01,120
controversial area found that they they

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00:38:04,440 --> 00:38:02,560
had a lot of support from skeptics

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00:38:06,450 --> 00:38:04,450

around helping them kind of challenge

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00:38:08,730 --> 00:38:06,460

policy and practice and avoid the sort

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00:38:09,930 --> 00:38:08,740

of more hysterical side of our arguments

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00:38:12,870 --> 00:38:09,940

about it just to do some straightforward

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00:38:14,940 --> 00:38:12,880

talking that inevitably will be better

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00:38:17,730 --> 00:38:14,950

in terms of helping people involved in

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00:38:19,470 --> 00:38:17,740

in sec so if you want to add the exit it

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but also supporting those who are

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00:38:23,820 --> 00:38:21,910

currently involved to do so I think

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00:38:25,890 --> 00:38:23,830

that's been a very helpful move we're in

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00:38:29,940 --> 00:38:25,900

it well thank you very much dr. d'etre

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00:38:32,220 --> 00:38:29,950

you're welcome thank you upon completing

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00:38:36,410 --> 00:38:32,230

this interview more breaking news about

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00:38:52,540 --> 00:38:36,420
Pluto a has hit the internet so head to

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00:39:01,070 --> 00:38:55,910
now it's time for dr. Rachel reports

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00:39:03,410 --> 00:39:01,080
with dr. Rachel Dunlop hello listeners

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00:39:05,780 --> 00:39:03,420
i'm dr. rachy and welcome to this very

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00:39:09,200 --> 00:39:05,790
special roundup of recent events in The

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00:39:11,480 --> 00:39:09,210
Skeptical community has not been a busy

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00:39:14,089 --> 00:39:11,490
few weeks some people are saying that

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00:39:16,010 --> 00:39:14,099
2010 is going to be the year for science

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00:39:18,380 --> 00:39:16,020
and skepticism and it's certainly

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00:39:20,510 --> 00:39:18,390
starting to look that way so let me

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00:39:22,849 --> 00:39:20,520
start off by saying happy chiropractic

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00:39:24,800 --> 00:39:22,859
Awareness Week to everyone yes it is

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00:39:26,960 --> 00:39:24,810

chiropractic Awareness Week and it

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00:39:29,960 --> 00:39:26,970

overlaps with world homeopathy Awareness

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Week how convenient and what a great way

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00:39:34,760 --> 00:39:32,790

to start the week yesterday and after

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00:39:37,339 --> 00:39:34,770

two years of a long and drawn-out battle

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00:39:40,460 --> 00:39:37,349

the British chiropractic association or

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00:39:42,620 --> 00:39:40,470

BCA finally caved in and announced they

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00:39:45,680 --> 00:39:42,630

were withdrawing their liable against

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00:39:48,710 --> 00:39:45,690

dr. Simon seen Simon things lawyers were

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00:39:50,930 --> 00:39:48,720

advised after the BCA filed a notice of

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00:39:53,990 --> 00:39:50,940

discontinuation in the High Court in

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00:39:57,050 --> 00:39:54,000

London now to recap sing with food in

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April 2008 for a piece he wrote in the

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00:40:00,680 --> 00:39:59,310
Guardians comment pages where he

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00:40:02,990 --> 00:40:00,690
suggested there was a lack of evidence

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00:40:05,510 --> 00:40:03,000
for the claims some chiropractors made

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00:40:08,510 --> 00:40:05,520
on treating certain childhood conditions

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00:40:10,579 --> 00:40:08,520
and this included colic and asthma now

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00:40:12,620 --> 00:40:10,589
the BCA alleged that dr. Singh had

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00:40:15,109 --> 00:40:12,630
effectively accused its leaders of

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00:40:17,359 --> 00:40:15,119
knowingly supporting bogus treatments

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00:40:19,180 --> 00:40:17,369
after advising they were dropping the

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00:40:21,980 --> 00:40:19,190
court case in a statement they said

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00:40:23,510 --> 00:40:21,990
having carefully considered its position

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00:40:25,460 --> 00:40:23,520
in the light of the judgment of the

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00:40:28,670 --> 00:40:25,470

Court of Appeal on the first of april

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00:40:31,630 --> 00:40:28,680

2010 the BCA has decided to discontinue

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00:40:34,400 --> 00:40:31,640

its libel action against Simon Singh as

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00:40:36,200 --> 00:40:34,410

previously made clear the BCA brought

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the claim because it considered that

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00:40:41,420 --> 00:40:37,950

Simon Singh had made a serious

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00:40:43,910 --> 00:40:41,430

allegation against its reputation namely

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00:40:47,870 --> 00:40:43,920

that the BCA promoted treatments that

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00:40:50,030 --> 00:40:47,880

are new to be bogus the BCA now feels

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that the time is right for the matter to

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00:40:56,420 --> 00:40:53,520

draw to a close so as recently as April

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00:40:57,380 --> 00:40:56,430

the first 2010 Simon won the right to

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00:40:59,750 --> 00:40:57,390

appeal

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00:41:02,870 --> 00:40:59,760
the initial decision by Mr Justice ed

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00:41:05,750 --> 00:41:02,880
over the meaning of the word bogus Lord

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00:41:08,210 --> 00:41:05,760
Justice judge Lord Justice neuberger and

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00:41:11,510 --> 00:41:08,220
Lord Justice sadly ruled unanimously

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that Singh had the right to appeal that

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his article was opinion or comment they

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00:41:19,490 --> 00:41:17,760
said quote this litigation has almost

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00:41:21,620 --> 00:41:19,500
certainly had a chilling effect on

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public debate which might otherwise have

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00:41:26,390 --> 00:41:24,060
assisted potential patients to make

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00:41:29,870 --> 00:41:26,400
informed choices about the possible use

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00:41:31,610 --> 00:41:29,880
of chiropractic so before the case was

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00:41:34,190 --> 00:41:31,620

dropped Singh had stated that he would

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00:41:35,870 --> 00:41:34,200

continue to defend his position even

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though he expected the case would cost

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00:41:41,570 --> 00:41:39,240

him in excess of 1 million pounds he has

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00:41:44,990 --> 00:41:41,580

already spent more than 100,000 pounds

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00:41:46,790 --> 00:41:45,000

of his own money defending the case now

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00:41:49,550 --> 00:41:46,800

the action taken by the BCA has

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backfired to some extent and resulted in

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significant scrutiny of chiropractic

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treatment in the UK and in particular

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following complaints to the Advertising

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Standards Authority one in four

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00:42:03,320 --> 00:42:00,750

chiropractors in Britain are currently

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00:42:04,850 --> 00:42:03,330
under investigation for allegedly making

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00:42:07,480 --> 00:42:04,860
misleading claims in their

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00:42:10,430 --> 00:42:07,490
advertisements and in a related

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00:42:12,440 --> 00:42:10,440
defensive move another chiropractic body

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00:42:15,770 --> 00:42:12,450
called the MEC Timoney Association of

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00:42:18,320 --> 00:42:15,780
chiropractors or the MCA deleted their

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00:42:22,100 --> 00:42:18,330
website for fear of retribution and

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00:42:24,080 --> 00:42:22,110
advised its members to do the same in a

1084
00:42:28,070 --> 00:42:24,090
leaked email they told their members

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00:42:30,320 --> 00:42:28,080
this remove all the blue MCA patient

1086
00:42:32,270 --> 00:42:30,330
information leaflets or any patient

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00:42:35,900 --> 00:42:32,280
information leaflets of your own that

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00:42:38,330 --> 00:42:35,910

state you treat whiplash colic or other

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00:42:39,920 --> 00:42:38,340

childhood problems in your clinic or at

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00:42:42,050 --> 00:42:39,930

any other site where they might be

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00:42:44,390 --> 00:42:42,060

displayed with your contact details on

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00:42:47,450 --> 00:42:44,400

them do not use them until further

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00:42:49,370 --> 00:42:47,460

notice the MCA are working on an interim

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00:42:52,280 --> 00:42:49,380

replacement leaflet which will be sent

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00:42:54,740 --> 00:42:52,290

to you shortly well pretty amazing stuff

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00:42:56,420 --> 00:42:54,750

and even here in Australia we were not

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00:43:00,800 --> 00:42:56,430

immune from complaints by chiropractors

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00:43:02,390 --> 00:43:00,810

in October 2009 Australian skeptics had

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00:43:04,670 --> 00:43:02,400

a complaint lodged with the healthcare

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00:43:06,890 --> 00:43:04,680

Complaints Commission following the

1101
00:43:09,320 --> 00:43:06,900
publication of Singh's original guardian

1102
00:43:11,180 --> 00:43:09,330
article on our website it was

1103
00:43:12,890 --> 00:43:11,190
republished across the world

1104
00:43:14,660 --> 00:43:12,900
with the libelous statement removed on

1105
00:43:17,720 --> 00:43:14,670
the one-year anniversary of original

1106
00:43:19,609 --> 00:43:17,730
publication an Australian chiropractor

1107
00:43:22,190 --> 00:43:19,619
Joseph erano wrote a letter to

1108
00:43:24,470 --> 00:43:22,200
Australian skeptics with a detailed but

1109
00:43:26,480 --> 00:43:24,480
somewhat rambling rebuff of the article

1110
00:43:29,260 --> 00:43:26,490
and when he did not receive a response

1111
00:43:31,960 --> 00:43:29,270
to his liking he went to the H Triple C

1112
00:43:34,819 --> 00:43:31,970
the complaint was subsequently dismissed

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00:43:37,760 --> 00:43:34,829

now of the case being dropped against

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00:43:39,920 --> 00:43:37,770

him Simon Singh had this to say the case

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00:43:42,440 --> 00:43:39,930

is not quite over because we still have

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00:43:44,809 --> 00:43:42,450

to argue over costs having backed down

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00:43:46,849 --> 00:43:44,819

and dropped the case i expect the BCA to

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00:43:50,750 --> 00:43:46,859

pay my legal bills of approximately

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00:43:52,790 --> 00:43:50,760

200,000 pounds I fully expect the BCA to

1120

00:43:55,280 --> 00:43:52,800

argue that they should not pay all my

1121

00:43:57,230 --> 00:43:55,290

costs but I think this is the very least

1122

00:43:59,329 --> 00:43:57,240

that they should do because this entire

1123

00:44:03,230 --> 00:43:59,339

legal battle has been instigated by the

1124

00:44:05,809 --> 00:44:03,240

BCA he also told BBC News other

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00:44:08,359 --> 00:44:05,819

scientists science writers bloggers

1126
00:44:10,730 --> 00:44:08,369
investigative journalists human rights

1127
00:44:13,370 --> 00:44:10,740
activists all get threatened with these

1128
00:44:15,349 --> 00:44:13,380
libel suits and at the end of the day

1129
00:44:17,210 --> 00:44:15,359
the people who lose out are the general

1130
00:44:19,370 --> 00:44:17,220
public because we don't get to find out

1131
00:44:22,309 --> 00:44:19,380
the real truth because these libel suits

1132
00:44:23,990 --> 00:44:22,319
just stop good journalism so the

1133
00:44:27,290 --> 00:44:24,000
decision by the BCA to withdraw the

1134
00:44:29,390 --> 00:44:27,300
action despite being quote advised there

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00:44:31,819 --> 00:44:29,400
are strong grounds for appeal against

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00:44:34,760 --> 00:44:31,829
the Court of Appeal is a victory for

1137
00:44:36,800 --> 00:44:34,770
journalists and science writers Simon

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00:44:38,809 --> 00:44:36,810

Singh said he was hugely relieved but

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00:44:40,910 --> 00:44:38,819

expressed his annoyance that libel

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00:44:42,859 --> 00:44:40,920

actions continued to be used to block

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00:44:46,460 --> 00:44:42,869

what he viewed as legitimate scientific

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00:44:48,650 --> 00:44:46,470

inquiry and debate as of today the

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00:44:51,380 --> 00:44:48,660

Guardian has reposted Simon's original

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00:44:53,270 --> 00:44:51,390

article and comments are open so if

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00:44:56,180 --> 00:44:53,280

you'd like to read it and leave your

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00:45:00,079 --> 00:44:56,190

comments head to dub dub dub guardian co

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00:45:05,120 --> 00:45:00,089

uk forward slash comment is free forward

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00:45:08,569 --> 00:45:05,130

slash 2008 /a pralhad / 19 forward slash

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00:45:10,940 --> 00:45:08,579

controversies in science dash health you

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00:45:14,809 --> 00:45:10,950

can google it I had trouble finding it

1151
00:45:17,030 --> 00:45:14,819
sorry for the long URL now even though

1152
00:45:18,980 --> 00:45:17,040
Simon's case has now been dropped libel

1153
00:45:21,530 --> 00:45:18,990
reform is still desperately needed in

1154
00:45:23,780 --> 00:45:21,540
the UK so if you haven't yet signed the

1155
00:45:25,100 --> 00:45:23,790
petition please head to dub dub dub

1156
00:45:28,190 --> 00:45:25,110
libel reform

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00:45:30,320 --> 00:45:28,200
org forward slash sign and you don't

1158
00:45:33,740 --> 00:45:30,330
have to be a resident of the UK to sign

1159
00:45:35,870 --> 00:45:33,750
this petition and I also recommend for

1160
00:45:37,940 --> 00:45:35,880
up-to-date news and links to other media

1161
00:45:40,580 --> 00:45:37,950
coverage head over to sense about

1162
00:45:43,040 --> 00:45:40,590
science or if you're on twitter follow

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00:45:46,040 --> 00:45:43,050

at jack of kent who's been blogging this

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00:45:47,930 --> 00:45:46,050

case from day one so also as well

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00:45:50,210 --> 00:45:47,940

homeopathy awareness week draws to a

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00:45:53,000 --> 00:45:50,220

close I've written an article called

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00:45:57,350 --> 00:45:53,010

homeopathy there's nothing in it for the

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00:45:59,270 --> 00:45:57,360

blog called the punch Comte you it's my

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00:46:01,370 --> 00:45:59,280

first piece for them so please click on

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00:46:03,740 --> 00:46:01,380

over to increase my page views and leave

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00:46:05,360 --> 00:46:03,750

a comment if you feel like it if I get

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00:46:08,900 --> 00:46:05,370

lots of hint for lots of comments then

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00:46:11,840 --> 00:46:08,910

they might just ask me back and finally

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00:46:14,210 --> 00:46:11,850

for today on Thursday April the 22nd

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00:46:17,180 --> 00:46:14,220

we're calling on all skeptical bloggers

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00:46:19,730 --> 00:46:17,190

to post on you only like me because I'm

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00:46:21,440 --> 00:46:19,740

good in blog day on this day we're

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00:46:24,440 --> 00:46:21,450

asking bloggers to write about dealing

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00:46:26,420 --> 00:46:24,450

with blog post comments trolls how you

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00:46:28,280 --> 00:46:26,430

maintain your site and tips for those

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00:46:31,550 --> 00:46:28,290

who'd like to try starting to write a

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00:46:34,130 --> 00:46:31,560

skeptical blog and also our own Kylie

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00:46:36,500 --> 00:46:34,140

Sturgis on her token skeptic podcast

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00:46:38,660 --> 00:46:36,510

will feature audio from last year's

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00:46:42,920 --> 00:46:38,670

dragoncon blogging panel which also

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00:46:45,730 --> 00:46:42,930

features me so head to dub dub dub she

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00:46:48,170 --> 00:46:45,740

thought calm for more details and

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00:46:50,030 --> 00:46:48,180

actually coming up in this week's think

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00:46:51,500 --> 00:46:50,040

tank I talked a little bit about some of

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00:46:54,830 --> 00:46:51,510

the things that have been happening on

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00:46:56,840 --> 00:46:54,840

my blog skeptics book calm of late so to

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00:46:59,060 --> 00:46:56,850

all our listeners happy world homeopathy

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00:47:01,340 --> 00:46:59,070

awareness week and happy chiropractic

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00:47:13,170 --> 00:47:01,350

awareness week and until next time this

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00:47:26,320 --> 00:47:16,540

join us now for drinking skeptically in

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00:47:29,079 --> 00:47:26,330

the think tank I did it again i made a

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00:47:30,670 --> 00:47:29,089

laugh I love it welcome to the think

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00:47:32,800 --> 00:47:30,680

tank and i'd like to welcome our

1199

00:47:36,820 --> 00:47:32,810

favorite laughing looming girl joe

1200

00:47:41,920 --> 00:47:36,830

veteran thank you Richard and I love it

1201

00:47:43,839 --> 00:47:41,930

laughing not dr. agent hello oh well fed

1202

00:47:47,260 --> 00:47:43,849

I reckon we could do a whole podcast of

1203

00:47:49,270 --> 00:47:47,270

me and dr. heb going and you're probably

1204

00:47:50,829 --> 00:47:49,280

could actually I think I think you're

1205

00:47:54,730 --> 00:47:50,839

probably could I think anyone is one of

1206

00:47:56,740 --> 00:47:54,740

here acting nice to be back here in our

1207

00:47:59,890 --> 00:47:56,750

favorite club down the street where Joe

1208

00:48:02,560 --> 00:47:59,900

you had a lovely meal I did I did I know

1209

00:48:05,050 --> 00:48:02,570

I numbed hastily you did actually rach

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00:48:06,609 --> 00:48:05,060

and I nommed earlier today's who yeah

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00:48:09,520 --> 00:48:06,619

I'm actually not hungry i don't know why

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00:48:11,170 --> 00:48:09,530

but after that lunch but i wasn't a huge

1213

00:48:13,570 --> 00:48:11,180

lunch i didn't have breakfast so it

1214

00:48:15,849 --> 00:48:13,580

should have anyway so anyway I think I

1215

00:48:18,130 --> 00:48:15,859

let's just want to know how I know me

1216

00:48:20,589 --> 00:48:18,140

for the three of us thank you in fact

1217

00:48:22,030 --> 00:48:20,599

we're probably not hungry because you

1218

00:48:23,740 --> 00:48:22,040

didn't eat very much therefore you're

1219

00:48:26,680 --> 00:48:23,750

not hungry which is sort of like the

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00:48:29,140 --> 00:48:26,690

philosophy of homeopathy isn't it the

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00:48:30,880 --> 00:48:29,150

less you eat the less hungry you are how

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00:48:36,190 --> 00:48:30,890

does that work well how does homeopathy

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00:48:38,980 --> 00:48:36,200

work I mention this because of world

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00:48:41,500 --> 00:48:38,990

homeopathy awareness week or homeopathy

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00:48:43,960 --> 00:48:41,510

world awareness week or whatever they're

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00:48:46,030 --> 00:48:43,970

calling it they're going at wha wow we

1227

00:48:49,750 --> 00:48:46,040

are trying to come up with our own akron

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00:48:51,970 --> 00:48:49,760

ism or acronym acronym not agonism yeah

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00:48:52,329 --> 00:48:51,980

we just the awareness week power to to

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00:48:57,819 --> 00:48:52,339

be

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00:49:01,779 --> 00:48:57,829

oh yes I wish it was a load of a barrel

1232

00:49:04,390 --> 00:49:01,789

of laughs it's interesting a five years

1233

00:49:06,069 --> 00:49:04,400

ago they had world this world homeopathy

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00:49:10,180 --> 00:49:06,079

Awareness Week and they had a little

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00:49:11,979 --> 00:49:10,190

stand down here a little tense or lots

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00:49:13,630 --> 00:49:11,989

of tents set up down at Circular key

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00:49:16,630 --> 00:49:13,640

here in sitting in the little park in

1238

00:49:18,400 --> 00:49:16,640

circular key so I trotted down on us

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00:49:22,059 --> 00:49:18,410

have a look look look around and I

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00:49:24,249 --> 00:49:22,069

noticed that they were advertising that

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00:49:26,910 --> 00:49:24,259

they would appear or the New South Wales

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00:49:29,709 --> 00:49:26,920

homeopathy Association would appear

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00:49:33,130 --> 00:49:29,719

shortly thereafter at the babies and

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00:49:35,049 --> 00:49:33,140

children's Expo which I subsequently

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00:49:37,599 --> 00:49:35,059

went to with our friend Peter ratbag

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00:49:39,759 --> 00:49:37,609

bowditch and we went to the stand of the

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00:49:41,499 --> 00:49:39,769

homeopathy people and they told us that

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00:49:44,859 --> 00:49:41,509

yes you can use homeopathy for

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00:49:46,989 --> 00:49:44,869

immunization and we created a big stink

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00:49:49,200 --> 00:49:46,999

about it at the time if people want to

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00:49:53,200 --> 00:49:49,210

read that report simply Google

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00:49:55,239 --> 00:49:53,210

homeopathy exposed again and Saunders

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00:49:57,670 --> 00:49:55,249

all that in google and you'll find my

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00:49:59,469 --> 00:49:57,680

report from five years ago and at the

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00:50:01,890 --> 00:49:59,479

time we thought wow we've really busted

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00:50:04,989 --> 00:50:01,900

them here we are homeopathy homeopathy

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00:50:06,670 --> 00:50:04,999

advocating hung up traffic vaccine we've

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00:50:08,979 --> 00:50:06,680

got him you know they've sent it in

1259

00:50:10,989 --> 00:50:08,989

public well five years later they're

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00:50:13,239 --> 00:50:10,999

hardly making a secret of a doctor aging

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00:50:16,239 --> 00:50:13,249

well remember months a month ago Joe you

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00:50:19,630 --> 00:50:16,249

brought a paper from the London journal

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00:50:22,150 --> 00:50:19,640

of medicine from 1851 by dr. David

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00:50:24,130 --> 00:50:22,160

McCormack overly where he'd said in

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00:50:28,479 --> 00:50:24,140

quite flowery language that it was

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00:50:30,219 --> 00:50:28,489

and then Peter Bowditch found a

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00:50:34,390 --> 00:50:30,229

paper from I think four or five years

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00:50:37,269 --> 00:50:34,400

before that saying it was nonsense so on

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00:50:39,489 --> 00:50:37,279

the tenth of April earlier this week was

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00:50:42,670 --> 00:50:39,499

the birthday of Samuel Hahnemann happy

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00:50:47,279 --> 00:50:42,680

birth hey who you with actually where is

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00:50:51,520 --> 00:50:47,289

Samuel Hahnemann he's sick today hahaha

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00:50:55,930 --> 00:50:54,070

I just know and the thing is you know

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00:50:57,970 --> 00:50:55,940

five years ago the land such at that big

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00:51:00,100 --> 00:50:57,980

study where they basically came out and

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00:51:03,280 --> 00:51:00,110
said that it's nonsense there's nothing

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00:51:05,380 --> 00:51:03,290
in it it's just um you know it's a

1278
00:51:08,650 --> 00:51:05,390
fraudulent in some aspects it's

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00:51:11,560 --> 00:51:08,660
dangerous it's yes because the thing is

1280
00:51:15,790 --> 00:51:11,570
that you know like like so much of the

1281
00:51:19,140 --> 00:51:15,800
alt med dialogue it's been turned into

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00:51:21,670 --> 00:51:19,150
almost a postmodernist debate where

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00:51:27,340 --> 00:51:21,680
everything is equal and everything is on

1284
00:51:30,520 --> 00:51:27,350
the same sort of level so all ideas are

1285
00:51:32,260 --> 00:51:30,530
valid exactly so it almost seems like it

1286
00:51:35,590 --> 00:51:32,270
doesn't matter what you put in front of

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00:51:38,320 --> 00:51:35,600
them it doesn't change what's being said

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00:51:40,210 --> 00:51:38,330

it doesn't change the outcome they're

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00:51:43,660 --> 00:51:40,220

still you know I mean that study from

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00:51:45,760 --> 00:51:43,670

the Lancer that they're still waving

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00:51:47,260 --> 00:51:45,770

that in the air and saying you know that

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00:51:49,150 --> 00:51:47,270

actually showed that there was a benefit

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00:51:51,580 --> 00:51:49,160

to homeopathy it didn't show that at all

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

but in terms of how they read the

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00:51:54,460 --> 00:51:53,600

language they'll wave it in the areas

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00:51:57,220 --> 00:51:54,470

you could actually had a positive

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00:51:59,290 --> 00:51:57,230

outcome for when it didn't okay but i

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00:52:01,300 --> 00:51:59,300

think that reason raises a really

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00:52:05,410 --> 00:52:01,310

interesting point Joe and this also

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00:52:08,260 --> 00:52:05,420

leads onto a debate that Meryl Dory

1301
00:52:09,940 --> 00:52:08,270
wanted to conduct with somebody who is

1302
00:52:12,490 --> 00:52:09,950
an immunologist in australia this week

1303
00:52:14,620 --> 00:52:12,500
and that also turned into an argument

1304
00:52:16,330 --> 00:52:14,630
about well both sides are equal so let's

1305
00:52:17,680 --> 00:52:16,340
have a big song and dance public debate

1306
00:52:22,300 --> 00:52:17,690
which we might talk about a little bit

1307
00:52:24,370 --> 00:52:22,310
later but why I don't you know it

1308
00:52:25,690 --> 00:52:24,380
puzzles me at late at night at three

1309
00:52:28,360 --> 00:52:25,700
o'clock in the morning when I'm not

1310
00:52:31,180 --> 00:52:28,370
sleeping because I'm stressed or annoyed

1311
00:52:33,640 --> 00:52:31,190
usually annoyed actually I wonder about

1312
00:52:36,310 --> 00:52:33,650
that you know I wonder is it that these

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00:52:39,610 --> 00:52:36,320

people have a compartmentalized part in

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00:52:41,680 --> 00:52:39,620

their brain or is it is it that is it be

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00:52:44,560 --> 00:52:41,690

because I've not had any scientific

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00:52:45,520 --> 00:52:44,570

training I suspect that's a large part

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00:52:47,920 --> 00:52:45,530

of it

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00:52:49,540 --> 00:52:47,930

but I think you're right I think that's

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00:52:50,950 --> 00:52:49,550

a very low that's not but they don't

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00:52:52,720 --> 00:52:50,960

always clearly because there are a lot

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00:52:54,760 --> 00:52:52,730

of people how they could have had a very

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00:52:58,660 --> 00:52:54,770

good scientific training and is still

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00:53:01,420 --> 00:52:58,670

believe okay I mean as you know I mean I

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00:53:06,310 --> 00:53:01,430

suppose that we know as skeptics that

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00:53:09,340 --> 00:53:06,320

even we aren't immune from having weird

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00:53:12,370 --> 00:53:09,350
ideas about things but these people take

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00:53:15,880 --> 00:53:12,380
it to an extreme where their ideas are

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00:53:18,910 --> 00:53:15,890
so weird and and they can hold those

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00:53:22,360 --> 00:53:18,920
ideas despite having a good scientific

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00:53:25,990 --> 00:53:22,370
training in some cases unlike Merle dory

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00:53:27,460 --> 00:53:26,000
who as she says her brain but then you

1332
00:53:29,530 --> 00:53:27,470
know you're so right because Karen

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00:53:30,970 --> 00:53:29,540
Phelps is one of those people and and

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00:53:34,090 --> 00:53:30,980
listens you don't know Karen Phelps

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00:53:35,650 --> 00:53:34,100
she's a very highly trained medical

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00:53:38,440 --> 00:53:35,660
doctor in Australia she was the head of

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00:53:41,830 --> 00:53:38,450
the Australian Medical Association she's

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00:53:45,010 --> 00:53:41,840

a professor an academic professor and

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00:53:47,080 --> 00:53:45,020

she became very highly regarded in the

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00:53:49,750 --> 00:53:47,090

public eye in Australia for her role in

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00:53:53,260 --> 00:53:49,760

the AMA and then she brought into this

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00:53:55,240 --> 00:53:53,270

place called the you clinic which is a

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00:53:58,060 --> 00:53:55,250

clinic for complementary medicine and

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00:54:00,870 --> 00:53:58,070

now she goes on to places like morning

1345

00:54:04,030 --> 00:54:00,880

shows and talks about how autism can be

1346

00:54:05,410 --> 00:54:04,040

modified or potentially cured by

1347

00:54:07,420 --> 00:54:05,420

changing your diet and taking

1348

00:54:09,370 --> 00:54:07,430

supplements and that's the most

1349

00:54:12,490 --> 00:54:09,380

dangerous thing isn't it because you've

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00:54:17,140 --> 00:54:12,500

got it you've got a face on of good

1351
00:54:19,270 --> 00:54:17,150
medicine presenting yeah that's

1352
00:54:20,620 --> 00:54:19,280
right yeah really yeah and and that's

1353
00:54:22,130 --> 00:54:20,630
actually I think one of the worst things

1354
00:54:24,589 --> 00:54:22,140
is that

1355
00:54:27,440 --> 00:54:24,599
you know when there used to be a time

1356
00:54:31,160 --> 00:54:27,450
when this stuff existed separately from

1357
00:54:33,230 --> 00:54:31,170
from medicine and now as we're seeing in

1358
00:54:35,390 --> 00:54:33,240
a lot of cancer centers which are taking

1359
00:54:37,069 --> 00:54:35,400
on conventional which is sorry which are

1360
00:54:39,680 --> 00:54:37,079
taking on this integrated medicine

1361
00:54:43,160 --> 00:54:39,690
approach it's me it's bringing it into

1362
00:54:45,259 --> 00:54:43,170
the mainstream and making it I mean to

1363
00:54:49,579 --> 00:54:45,269

the person out there who isn't familiar

1364

00:54:51,470 --> 00:54:49,589

with the alternative medicine they are

1365

00:54:56,930 --> 00:54:51,480

they're coming into this with the idea

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00:54:59,809 --> 00:54:56,940

that well if my doctors are sharing

1367

00:55:02,059 --> 00:54:59,819

rooms with the naturopath and an

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00:55:04,970 --> 00:55:02,069

acupuncturist well then surely it must

1369

00:55:06,920 --> 00:55:04,980

be valid it gives it complete validity

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00:55:09,650 --> 00:55:06,930

this reminds me absolutely of the

1371

00:55:11,750 --> 00:55:09,660

pharmacy situation whether the one big

1372

00:55:13,579 --> 00:55:11,760

room with a pharmacy with a pharmacist

1373

00:55:15,460 --> 00:55:13,589

down the back and the little platform

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00:55:18,500 --> 00:55:15,470

their way stand up on a little platform

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00:55:21,589 --> 00:55:18,510

dispensing their prescriptions sharing

1376

00:55:24,109 --> 00:55:21,599

the same premises as magic and

1377

00:55:27,230 --> 00:55:24,119

witchcraft and in fact I am I just

1378

00:55:29,900 --> 00:55:27,240

finished reading a really good book by

1379

00:55:33,349 --> 00:55:29,910

Rose Shapiro which I've mentioned to you

1380

00:55:34,999 --> 00:55:33,359

before Rachel hmm and if anyone out

1381

00:55:37,329 --> 00:55:35,009

there hasn't read this i recommend you

1382

00:55:41,210 --> 00:55:37,339

know it's another book to add to the the

1383

00:55:44,749 --> 00:55:41,220

skeptics bible so to speak skeptics

1384

00:55:46,640 --> 00:55:44,759

encyclopedia called suckas 'how

1385

00:55:48,920 --> 00:55:46,650

alternative medicine makes fools of us

1386

00:55:50,269 --> 00:55:48,930

all heard about that it's a it's a

1387

00:55:53,269 --> 00:55:50,279

really really good book in it and it's

1388

00:55:56,569 --> 00:55:53,279

um it's written she I think she is

1389

00:55:58,339 --> 00:55:56,579

journalist and you know as I said to

1390

00:55:59,420 --> 00:55:58,349

Rachel you know I get to the point so

1391

00:56:01,279 --> 00:55:59,430

much with a lot of the stuff where I

1392

00:56:03,230 --> 00:56:01,289

think wow I think I really sort of

1393

00:56:04,910 --> 00:56:03,240

learnt you know I don't think I'm gonna

1394

00:56:05,779 --> 00:56:04,920

learn anything new about homeopathy or I

1395

00:56:08,120 --> 00:56:05,789

don't think I'm going to learn anything

1396

00:56:10,039 --> 00:56:08,130

new about chiropractic and the stuff

1397

00:56:12,170 --> 00:56:10,049

they get up to and and and the way they

1398

00:56:13,880 --> 00:56:12,180

sort of manipulate evidence and so on

1399

00:56:15,759 --> 00:56:13,890

and and I found reading this book that i

1400

00:56:18,319 --> 00:56:15,769

actually did learn a lot of new things

1401
00:56:19,849 --> 00:56:18,329
but one of the things that she comments

1402
00:56:23,269 --> 00:56:19,859
on which i think is really important is

1403
00:56:26,960 --> 00:56:23,279
this notion that for example in a cancer

1404
00:56:29,730 --> 00:56:26,970
center that you can still provide an

1405
00:56:32,880 --> 00:56:29,740
environment of nurturing and of

1406
00:56:35,160 --> 00:56:32,890
and healing so to speak without it being

1407
00:56:36,660 --> 00:56:35,170
tainted by you can still

1408
00:56:40,230 --> 00:56:36,670
provide an environment for people with

1409
00:56:43,410 --> 00:56:40,240
cancer that is relaxing and that is warm

1410
00:56:46,130 --> 00:56:43,420
and welcoming and will you know promote

1411
00:56:49,530 --> 00:56:46,140
healing without it being based on

1412
00:56:51,960 --> 00:56:49,540
dishonored dishonest idea of what that

1413
00:56:53,609 --> 00:56:51,970

means yeah well speaking of books Joe I

1414

00:56:58,020 --> 00:56:53,619

received an email this week from a

1415

00:57:00,240 --> 00:56:58,030

listener her name's Marie Longo and she

1416

00:57:02,790 --> 00:57:00,250

wrote me quite a long email and I have

1417

00:57:05,310 --> 00:57:02,800

to apologize to Marie because it took me

1418

00:57:07,380 --> 00:57:05,320

a little bit longer than I should have

1419

00:57:09,750 --> 00:57:07,390

to get back to her and in fact think she

1420

00:57:13,770 --> 00:57:09,760

emailed you in the meantime Richard I'm

1421

00:57:15,990 --> 00:57:13,780

sorry Maria I'm very busy but anyway um

1422

00:57:17,820 --> 00:57:16,000

she did send a very interesting email

1423

00:57:20,460 --> 00:57:17,830

and this is also about a book Joe but

1424

00:57:23,160 --> 00:57:20,470

it's not about a debunking book the

1425

00:57:27,570 --> 00:57:23,170

author Jodi Picoult I think that's how

1426
00:57:29,640 --> 00:57:27,580
you pronounce it here p i cou LT she's a

1427
00:57:32,130 --> 00:57:29,650
best-selling international author and

1428
00:57:36,120 --> 00:57:32,140
she's written her new bestseller which

1429
00:57:37,560 --> 00:57:36,130
is called house rules now Murray wrote

1430
00:57:40,410 --> 00:57:37,570
to me because she was particularly

1431
00:57:42,780 --> 00:57:40,420
concerned about some sections of this

1432
00:57:44,880 --> 00:57:42,790
book and that was in fact she has been

1433
00:57:47,550 --> 00:57:44,890
very specific she's actually cited the

1434
00:57:50,580 --> 00:57:47,560
page numbers in the paper bag but

1435
00:57:52,710 --> 00:57:50,590
specifically it's because the story

1436
00:57:55,500 --> 00:57:52,720
apparently centers around an 18 year old

1437
00:57:57,870 --> 00:57:55,510
boy who has Asperger's syndrome and he's

1438
00:57:59,450 --> 00:57:57,880

accused of murder and towards the

1439

00:58:01,800 --> 00:57:59,460

beginning of the book the author

1440

00:58:04,910 --> 00:58:01,810

discusses the connection between his

1441

00:58:07,859 --> 00:58:04,920

Asperger's and his vaccinations yeah

1442

00:58:10,680 --> 00:58:07,869

yeah I mean this is a it's a novel so

1443

00:58:12,330 --> 00:58:10,690

it's fiction but Murray writes that

1444

00:58:14,609 --> 00:58:12,340

although both sides of the argument are

1445

00:58:17,490 --> 00:58:14,619

presented it isn't particularly balanced

1446

00:58:19,080 --> 00:58:17,500

and she said it left the reader with the

1447

00:58:21,450 --> 00:58:19,090

impression that there must be a link

1448

00:58:27,240 --> 00:58:21,460

between that and she I just want to

1449

00:58:29,880 --> 00:58:27,250

quote from a section on page 498 where

1450

00:58:32,270 --> 00:58:29,890

the character says he was perfectly

1451

00:58:34,460 --> 00:58:32,280

happy baby Emma says

1452

00:58:36,440 --> 00:58:34,470

for a moment she can't speak and she

1453

00:58:38,270 --> 00:58:36,450

shakes her head we gave him his shots

1454

00:58:40,550 --> 00:58:38,280

and within a week this very loving

1455

00:58:43,040 --> 00:58:40,560

interactive verbal boy stopped being the

1456

00:58:45,260 --> 00:58:43,050

child I knew suddenly he was lying on

1457

00:58:46,940 --> 00:58:45,270

his side spinning the wheels of his toy

1458

00:58:49,430 --> 00:58:46,950

trucks instead of zooming them around

1459

00:58:50,450 --> 00:58:49,440

the living room now that sounds like

1460

00:58:52,040 --> 00:58:50,460

something straight out of the

1461

00:58:53,600 --> 00:58:52,050

anti-vaxxers handbook that sounds like

1462

00:58:57,380 --> 00:58:53,610

something straight out of Jenny McCarthy

1463

00:58:59,540 --> 00:58:57,390

yeah so she said Murray says that the

1464

00:59:02,120 --> 00:58:59,550

book is not primarily about autism or

1465

00:59:04,660 --> 00:59:02,130

vaccines but she said that for someone

1466

00:59:07,610 --> 00:59:04,670

who is not educated and doesn't know

1467

00:59:09,500 --> 00:59:07,620

they would come away thinking that there

1468

00:59:11,420 --> 00:59:09,510

must be a connection and apparently this

1469

00:59:13,160 --> 00:59:11,430

author I've not read her stuff before

1470

00:59:15,650 --> 00:59:13,170

but apparently she's got a reputation

1471

00:59:18,500 --> 00:59:15,660

for doing very precise and thorough

1472

00:59:21,230 --> 00:59:18,510

research before she writes a novel mmm I

1473

00:59:22,850 --> 00:59:21,240

think she I think she wrote that I could

1474

00:59:25,460 --> 00:59:22,860

be completely wrong here but I think she

1475

00:59:27,260 --> 00:59:25,470

wrote that book my sister's keeper which

1476
00:59:30,800 --> 00:59:27,270
that movie was based on recently just a

1477
00:59:33,470 --> 00:59:30,810
young girl with cancer okay if it's what

1478
00:59:34,820 --> 00:59:33,480
I'm thinking of I don't know don't know

1479
00:59:38,440 --> 00:59:34,830
this is the first time I've heard of her

1480
00:59:42,830 --> 00:59:38,450
stuff but um the funny thing is that

1481
00:59:45,230 --> 00:59:42,840
Murray said that she kind of was ranting

1482
00:59:47,570 --> 00:59:45,240
about it and you know somebody said to

1483
00:59:49,820 --> 00:59:47,580
her but it's only a book and she said

1484
00:59:51,740 --> 00:59:49,830
yeah but the average person gets the

1485
00:59:53,900 --> 00:59:51,750
information and it's really a shame

1486
00:59:56,600 --> 00:59:53,910
because in this instance Jodi Picoult

1487
00:59:58,550 --> 00:59:56,610
who is has a huge audience and

1488
01:00:02,600 --> 00:59:58,560

apparently a lot of women are just

1489

01:00:04,130 --> 01:00:02,610

absolutely she's because she um she's

1490

01:00:06,020 --> 01:00:04,140

probably one of those people who I mean

1491

01:00:08,480 --> 01:00:06,030

I don't know she's ever been an Oprah

1492

01:00:10,010 --> 01:00:08,490

Winfrey book club type book but she's

1493

01:00:12,560 --> 01:00:10,020

the sort of author who you'd find on

1494

01:00:14,480 --> 01:00:12,570

that kind of list which would really be

1495

01:00:18,050 --> 01:00:14,490

very heavily read by women who yeah

1496

01:00:20,180 --> 01:00:18,060

would you know would perhaps have you

1497

01:00:24,890 --> 01:00:20,190

influenced by them yes how do you have

1498

01:00:26,600 --> 01:00:24,900

children Nancy that was then go man yeah

1499

01:00:28,810 --> 01:00:26,610

so in that in that sense and it's really

1500

01:00:31,400 --> 01:00:28,820

disappointing that she didn't bother to

1501

01:00:33,230 --> 01:00:31,410

take a responsible position

1502

01:00:35,359 --> 01:00:33,240

particularly with respect to something

1503

01:00:36,740 --> 01:00:35,369

that's important I mean is I don't know

1504

01:00:38,359 --> 01:00:36,750

what I would say with that you didn't

1505

01:00:40,190 --> 01:00:38,369

bother to take responsible position I

1506

01:00:42,109 --> 01:00:40,200

wonder whether she knew what the

1507

01:00:44,569 --> 01:00:42,119

responsible position was because I mean

1508

01:00:46,190 --> 01:00:44,579

we don't know what her position is on

1509

01:00:49,339 --> 01:00:46,200

the issue and we don't know where she

1510

01:00:51,829 --> 01:00:49,349

got her information on so you know she

1511

01:00:53,299 --> 01:00:51,839

aight look I would I would be reluctant

1512

01:00:55,010 --> 01:00:53,309

to think that anyone would think the

1513

01:00:57,470 --> 01:00:55,020

responsible position on pax hands would

1514

01:01:00,440 --> 01:00:57,480

be to be you know erring on the side of

1515

01:01:02,500 --> 01:01:00,450

the anti-vaxxers views but we don't know

1516

01:01:05,150 --> 01:01:02,510

what her thinking was when she wrote it

1517

01:01:07,520 --> 01:01:05,160

but nevertheless the consequences are

1518

01:01:09,380 --> 01:01:07,530

that her readers would well this is true

1519

01:01:11,210 --> 01:01:09,390

I mean a plan succeed and in fact there

1520

01:01:13,940 --> 01:01:11,220

was a couple of responses today which I

1521

01:01:16,490 --> 01:01:13,950

found through Twitter and they were blog

1522

01:01:20,029 --> 01:01:16,500

posts from adults who have suffered from

1523

01:01:22,700 --> 01:01:20,039

a SD and they expressed the fact that

1524

01:01:24,200 --> 01:01:22,710

they loved her work and Marie says the

1525

01:01:26,539 --> 01:01:24,210

same thing she says it's a great read

1526

01:01:29,029 --> 01:01:26,549

but they were very concerned about the

1527

01:01:31,849 --> 01:01:29,039

way that she had represented autism and

1528

01:01:33,859 --> 01:01:31,859

ASD in this book so i SPECT that she

1529

01:01:38,000 --> 01:01:33,869

might get a bit of a backlash this is

1530

01:01:39,740 --> 01:01:38,010

possibly so um you have anything to know

1531

01:01:42,319 --> 01:01:39,750

if interesting to know whether she has

1532

01:01:44,120 --> 01:01:42,329

actually been approached about it was

1533

01:01:47,189 --> 01:01:44,130

she's commented on a roll

1534

01:01:50,099 --> 01:01:47,199

yeah I don't know I mean I received this

1535

01:01:52,919 --> 01:01:50,109

email on good friday from Murray which

1536

01:01:54,989 --> 01:01:52,929

was April the fourth wasn't it so a

1537

01:01:56,789 --> 01:01:54,999

little while ago but it was only today

1538

01:01:58,529 --> 01:01:56,799

that it started to appear on Twitter so

1539

01:02:02,699 --> 01:01:58,539

maybe it's people are just starting to

1540

01:02:07,049 --> 01:02:02,709

get to Paige 498 we're very excited here

1541

01:02:08,429 --> 01:02:07,059

what well no she's given me the specific

1542

01:02:11,099 --> 01:02:08,439

sections of the book so if you have a

1543

01:02:14,519 --> 01:02:11,109

copy of the paper bag please go to page

1544

01:02:16,769 --> 01:02:14,529

46 247 I was named the book once more

1545

01:02:20,519 --> 01:02:16,779

it's called house rules I was ruled by

1546

01:02:22,679 --> 01:02:20,529

jodi picoult page 235 and Paige 498

1547

01:02:25,979 --> 01:02:22,689

there you I men tear them from your book

1548

01:02:28,339 --> 01:02:25,989

and eat them well you and I spotted that

1549

01:02:31,469 --> 01:02:28,349

book when we were having we went for an

1550

01:02:34,019 --> 01:02:31,479

exercise walk actually yes and we walked

1551
01:02:40,469 --> 01:02:34,029
to the airport yeah and what did we do

1552
01:02:42,059 --> 01:02:40,479
there no we not nominated now we walked

1553
01:02:44,309 --> 01:02:42,069
all the way to the airport which was a

1554
01:02:46,589 --> 01:02:44,319
long walk what do we do here oh let's go

1555
01:02:48,900 --> 01:02:46,599
neat well we went shopping we went to

1556
01:02:50,519 --> 01:02:48,910
the duty free shops and we found a copy

1557
01:02:52,919 --> 01:02:50,529
of house rules but I couldn't remember

1558
01:02:55,709 --> 01:02:52,929
what page number to look at and then we

1559
01:02:58,380 --> 01:02:55,719
ate sushi you ended up walking 17

1560
01:03:00,299 --> 01:02:58,390
kilometers and I walk 20 killing me yeah

1561
01:03:02,279 --> 01:03:00,309
yeah that was matters worth it to go to

1562
01:03:04,109 --> 01:03:02,289
the airport that's right and we both

1563
01:03:08,009 --> 01:03:04,119

thought here we are at the airport when

1564

01:03:10,199 --> 01:03:08,019

we're not getting on a plane it's fun

1565

01:03:13,259 --> 01:03:10,209

it's fun yeah it is fun no Rachel it's

1566

01:03:14,819 --> 01:03:13,269

um something that you were chatting to

1567

01:03:16,140 --> 01:03:14,829

me about actually on our long walk to

1568

01:03:19,679 --> 01:03:16,150

the airport which I found really

1569

01:03:22,109 --> 01:03:19,689

interesting you've got a very successful

1570

01:03:24,749 --> 01:03:22,119

blog of course the skeptics book of poo

1571

01:03:27,779 --> 01:03:24,759

poo which is read by thousands of people

1572

01:03:29,729 --> 01:03:27,789

that's I'm really pleased how popular

1573

01:03:32,789 --> 01:03:29,739

your blog is but you've had an

1574

01:03:35,669 --> 01:03:32,799

interesting series of posts on there

1575

01:03:38,609 --> 01:03:35,679

recently and I'd really love you to tell

1576

01:03:41,299 --> 01:03:38,619

our listeners about that yeah well as I

1577

01:03:44,579 --> 01:03:41,309

said last week in dr. Richie reports i

1578

01:03:46,319 --> 01:03:44,589

blogged about the australian vaccination

1579

01:03:48,299 --> 01:03:46,329

network getting knocked back from paid

1580

01:03:50,309 --> 01:03:48,309

advertising in a babies and mothers

1581

01:03:51,929 --> 01:03:50,319

publication Sydney's child melbourne

1582

01:03:52,920 --> 01:03:51,939

Sydney's child melbourne chopra's Bin's

1583

01:03:55,920 --> 01:03:52,930

child yeah it's cry

1584

01:03:59,010 --> 01:03:55,930

and merrill very kindly copied and

1585

01:04:02,299 --> 01:03:59,020

pasted my entire blog into her

1586

01:04:06,480 --> 01:04:02,309

enewsletter including my url so

1587

01:04:09,150 --> 01:04:06,490

Streisand effect everyone yeah so I had

1588

01:04:11,940 --> 01:04:09,160

a huge increase in heads to my blog and

1589

01:04:13,859 --> 01:04:11,950

of course some of them were people that

1590

01:04:15,809 --> 01:04:13,869

weren't very impressed with my blog no I

1591

01:04:18,420 --> 01:04:15,819

really not and most of them were drive

1592

01:04:20,819 --> 01:04:18,430

by people which means they came by they

1593

01:04:23,640 --> 01:04:20,829

said you're awful i'm just going is that

1594

01:04:27,450 --> 01:04:23,650

the term is it drives by air really yeah

1595

01:04:31,140 --> 01:04:27,460

try by posting come past you say this

1596

01:04:32,609 --> 01:04:31,150

blog is awful and then yeah performances

1597

01:04:34,140 --> 01:04:32,619

of people I've been just standing on a

1598

01:04:36,210 --> 01:04:34,150

street corner and you get some who knew

1599

01:04:38,069 --> 01:04:36,220

drives past yelled something at you and

1600

01:04:39,720 --> 01:04:38,079

I love the fact that when they do it's

1601
01:04:45,990 --> 01:04:39,730
always completely unintelligible because

1602
01:04:57,030 --> 01:04:46,000
you hear the dis guy like your body

1603
01:04:59,069 --> 01:04:57,040
though something is on TV you know yes

1604
01:05:01,910 --> 01:04:59,079
sir I had I had one of these people drop

1605
01:05:06,150 --> 01:05:01,920
by they should call them Doppler troll

1606
01:05:08,039 --> 01:05:06,160
and um she actually said this blog this

1607
01:05:11,609 --> 01:05:08,049
is the most horrible horrible sight I've

1608
01:05:14,039 --> 01:05:11,619
ever seen Wow a couple of other things

1609
01:05:16,710 --> 01:05:14,049
as well but in fact she came back oh I

1610
01:05:20,730 --> 01:05:16,720
say she but I don't know because it was

1611
01:05:22,799 --> 01:05:20,740
an anonymous poster and then a

1612
01:05:25,260 --> 01:05:22,809
discussion ensued where this person

1613
01:05:27,210 --> 01:05:25,270

eventually in fact she put can i'll just

1614

01:05:30,359 --> 01:05:27,220

say she for the sake of class no but

1615

01:05:33,569 --> 01:05:30,369

yeah okay she came in it or he and

1616

01:05:35,339 --> 01:05:33,579

really I'm just gonna she she dropped by

1617

01:05:37,319 --> 01:05:35,349

she said this is horrible sight she went

1618

01:05:38,670 --> 01:05:37,329

away a day later she came back and said

1619

01:05:41,579 --> 01:05:38,680

oh I'm really sorry I shouldn't have

1620

01:05:44,309 --> 01:05:41,589

said that that was really mean and then

1621

01:05:46,380 --> 01:05:44,319

just began to sort of engage in

1622

01:05:49,799 --> 01:05:46,390

discussion with a few people on the blog

1623

01:05:51,780 --> 01:05:49,809

about her concerns about vaccines and

1624

01:05:53,520 --> 01:05:51,790

sort of stuff and then dropped a few

1625

01:05:54,920 --> 01:05:53,530

sort of anti vector bombs here and there

1626

01:05:58,339 --> 01:05:54,930

that

1627

01:06:00,500 --> 01:05:58,349

you know things like things like I've

1628

01:06:03,530 --> 01:06:00,510

heard that vaccines are made with beef

1629

01:06:06,020 --> 01:06:03,540

embryos and monkeys livers and live

1630

01:06:09,230 --> 01:06:06,030

chicken blood what was the term you used

1631

01:06:11,870 --> 01:06:09,240

before concerned tall yes Oh Shawn the

1632

01:06:13,190 --> 01:06:11,880

blog and I suggested to me that we might

1633

01:06:15,410 --> 01:06:13,200

have on our hands what's known as a

1634

01:06:17,599 --> 01:06:15,420

concerned wrong do you know what that is

1635

01:06:19,549 --> 01:06:17,609

Jack I I know purely because i think

1636

01:06:22,490 --> 01:06:19,559

i've come across one who referred to me

1637

01:06:24,440 --> 01:06:22,500

on on it was on the skeptics and comment

1638

01:06:26,930 --> 01:06:24,450

section and on your blog as well as the

1639

01:06:28,819 --> 01:06:26,940

same person i see this would be a person

1640

01:06:31,160 --> 01:06:28,829

who comes in feigning great concern over

1641

01:06:34,400 --> 01:06:31,170

something so no you're absolutely right

1642

01:06:36,170 --> 01:06:34,410

Joe so concerned trolling is a form of

1643

01:06:37,760 --> 01:06:36,180

internet trolling in which someone

1644

01:06:39,170 --> 01:06:37,770

enters a discussion and they claim to be

1645

01:06:42,200 --> 01:06:39,180

concerned but then actually they're

1646

01:06:44,930 --> 01:06:42,210

really only there to sort of shift the

1647

01:06:46,579 --> 01:06:44,940

the focus of the discussion away from

1648

01:06:48,410 --> 01:06:46,589

the main problems and they're sort of to

1649

01:06:52,130 --> 01:06:48,420

derail it or to tie you up with

1650

01:06:54,020 --> 01:06:52,140

irrelevant season not so much that more

1651

01:06:57,160 --> 01:06:54,030

so to derail it but that can become it

1652

01:06:59,450 --> 01:06:57,170

to tie you up with the relevance ease

1653

01:07:01,880 --> 01:06:59,460

but the way that you spot a concern

1654

01:07:04,220 --> 01:07:01,890

troll is usually they'll be using a sock

1655

01:07:06,710 --> 01:07:04,230

puppet which means a false name and a

1656

01:07:08,359 --> 01:07:06,720

false account it's usually anonymous so

1657

01:07:11,150 --> 01:07:08,369

in this case we had an anonymous person

1658

01:07:14,390 --> 01:07:11,160

did that their name didn't link to

1659

01:07:17,319 --> 01:07:14,400

anywhere it was a gmail address so it

1660

01:07:21,770 --> 01:07:17,329

could be established five minutes ago

1661

01:07:24,559 --> 01:07:21,780

and usually they have been involved in

1662

01:07:26,900 --> 01:07:24,569

trying to sort of derail political

1663

01:07:29,809 --> 01:07:26,910

campaigns but they'll come on and say I

1664

01:07:32,569 --> 01:07:29,819

don't I whilst I agree with the core of

1665

01:07:35,210 --> 01:07:32,579

this political campaign is politician is

1666

01:07:36,680 --> 01:07:35,220

of concern because blah so when anyone

1667

01:07:39,200 --> 01:07:36,690

runs over there to the blood forgets

1668

01:07:41,599 --> 01:07:39,210

about interests the Ferguson yeah so

1669

01:07:43,339 --> 01:07:41,609

initially with this person some people

1670

01:07:44,870 --> 01:07:43,349

suggested it was Meryl Dory and they

1671

01:07:49,400 --> 01:07:44,880

asked them openly if they were Meryl

1672

01:07:52,940 --> 01:07:49,410

Dory and they said no but yes she the

1673

01:07:54,500 --> 01:07:52,950

sake of clarity she before she left she

1674

01:07:57,200 --> 01:07:54,510

was there for about three or four days

1675

01:08:00,440 --> 01:07:57,210

then yesterday she left in a stream of

1676

01:08:04,760 --> 01:08:00,450

abuse and that was including things that

1677

01:08:07,350 --> 01:08:04,770

I was a liar I was irresponsible for not

1678

01:08:09,720 --> 01:08:07,360

knowing what vaccines were about and

1679

01:08:12,150 --> 01:08:09,730

was because she said vaccines are made

1680

01:08:15,360 --> 01:08:12,160

with as i mentioned live chicken blood

1681

01:08:16,860 --> 01:08:15,370

monkey livers chicken eggs which they

1682

01:08:18,600 --> 01:08:16,870

are and i shall tell you how ladies a

1683

01:08:21,420 --> 01:08:18,610

clue as opposed to dead to you well

1684

01:08:26,720 --> 01:08:21,430

exactly but the funniest one was beef

1685

01:08:29,790 --> 01:08:26,730

embryos now at first i thought okay so

1686

01:08:31,710 --> 01:08:29,800

there's cows makes we beefin for milk

1687

01:08:34,920 --> 01:08:31,720

right so not the ones that have milk

1688

01:08:36,690 --> 01:08:34,930

that's not the kind of cow but then

1689

01:08:39,300 --> 01:08:36,700

someone suggested to me well no beef

1690

01:08:41,820 --> 01:08:39,310

really is like a steak right yeah so

1691

01:08:43,230 --> 01:08:41,830

something you cook on the ground so now

1692

01:08:47,130 --> 01:08:43,240

we're talking about steak sort of

1693

01:08:50,490 --> 01:08:47,140

breeding to make embryos so this was

1694

01:08:52,410 --> 01:08:50,500

just so illogical and I mean I I work

1695

01:08:55,740 --> 01:08:52,420

with I tried to explain to this person

1696

01:08:58,130 --> 01:08:55,750

that I think they said fetuses or

1697

01:09:00,510 --> 01:08:58,140

something human fetuses and I said well

1698

01:09:02,790 --> 01:09:00,520

sometimes cells are taken from human

1699

01:09:04,920 --> 01:09:02,800

fetuses and put into dishes and cultured

1700

01:09:07,860 --> 01:09:04,930

and for years and years immortalized

1701

01:09:10,950 --> 01:09:07,870

which means they never die and they used

1702

01:09:13,080 --> 01:09:10,960

in research now this is what's happened

1703

01:09:15,060 --> 01:09:13,090

with most cell lines in culture and I

1704

01:09:18,690 --> 01:09:15,070

work with one's commonly which are known

1705

01:09:20,910 --> 01:09:18,700

as mr c5's now these are originally

1706

01:09:23,280 --> 01:09:20,920

derived from human lung they're

1707

01:09:26,250 --> 01:09:23,290

fibroblasts that grow in your lungs so

1708

01:09:28,230 --> 01:09:26,260

by the logic of this concern troll that

1709

01:09:32,460 --> 01:09:28,240

means I use human lungs in my research

1710

01:09:35,010 --> 01:09:32,470

well no I don't and as the same as you

1711

01:09:36,660 --> 01:09:35,020

know Henrietta Lacks that the book has

1712

01:09:37,950 --> 01:09:36,670

just been published by Rebecca Skloot

1713

01:09:40,980 --> 01:09:37,960

called The Immortal Life of Henrietta

1714

01:09:43,380 --> 01:09:40,990

Lacks well lots of people use her cells

1715

01:09:44,820 --> 01:09:43,390

they're called heal ourselves it doesn't

1716

01:09:46,440 --> 01:09:44,830

mean we've got Henrietta Lacks as the

1717

01:09:48,900 --> 01:09:46,450

line it up in the lab we've got them in

1718

01:09:52,290 --> 01:09:48,910

a dish you know that's how illogical is

1719

01:09:55,350 --> 01:09:52,300

this one of your favorite little tricks

1720

01:09:57,000 --> 01:09:55,360

is to you know much like how we we love

1721

01:09:59,940 --> 01:09:57,010

to see how we can throw as many signs

1722

01:10:01,890 --> 01:09:59,950

see words in a in a box and string them

1723

01:10:04,020 --> 01:10:01,900

together to form some new route therapy

1724

01:10:07,350 --> 01:10:04,030

we love to throw as many scary sounding

1725

01:10:08,760 --> 01:10:07,360

chemicals and scary sounding words in a

1726

01:10:10,470 --> 01:10:08,770

box and pull them all out and tell

1727

01:10:12,570 --> 01:10:10,480

people that their ingredients in

1728

01:10:16,200 --> 01:10:12,580

in every vaccine and everything that's

1729

01:10:17,880 --> 01:10:16,210

being injected into them so you know

1730

01:10:23,160 --> 01:10:17,890

formaldehydes one of their favorite ones

1731

01:10:24,510 --> 01:10:23,170

but you know fetus fetus fetus you say

1732

01:10:28,950 --> 01:10:24,520

fetus enough time when everyone's going

1733

01:10:30,660 --> 01:10:28,960

to go the other one is it was percenter

1734

01:10:33,210 --> 01:10:30,670

but in the end what this person had done

1735

01:10:36,479 --> 01:10:33,220

was gone through the cdc publishes a

1736

01:10:39,260 --> 01:10:36,489

list of chemicals and components used in

1737

01:10:41,970 --> 01:10:39,270

the manufacture and in the culture of

1738

01:10:44,430 --> 01:10:41,980

vaccines and what they've done was pick

1739

01:10:46,229 --> 01:10:44,440

and choose scary sounding words which

1740

01:10:50,520 --> 01:10:46,239

actually when they presented them to me

1741

01:10:57,540 --> 01:10:50,530

was just laughable because it was bovine

1742

01:10:59,670 --> 01:10:57,550

serum albumin calf serum bovine protein

1743

01:11:01,800 --> 01:10:59,680

what I just said are the same things

1744

01:11:05,250 --> 01:11:01,810

that's three things are the same and

1745

01:11:08,550 --> 01:11:05,260

then here human serum now okay we've got

1746

01:11:11,880 --> 01:11:08,560

bovine which is calcium and then human

1747

01:11:13,020 --> 01:11:11,890

serum that's used in cell culture when

1748

01:11:14,729 --> 01:11:13,030

you make it when you're culturing the

1749

01:11:16,590 --> 01:11:14,739

cells to go then grow the vaccine and

1750

01:11:18,120 --> 01:11:16,600

then the vaccine is removed and purified

1751

01:11:20,960 --> 01:11:18,130

as i explained it's in words of one

1752

01:11:23,280 --> 01:11:20,970

syllable to this person and then

1753

01:11:25,560 --> 01:11:23,290

yesterday they came back and said you're

1754

01:11:27,630 --> 01:11:25,570

a liar you're a liar and we had a little

1755

01:11:29,010 --> 01:11:27,640

bit of a discussion amongst the three or

1756

01:11:32,490 --> 01:11:29,020

four of us that have been responding to

1757

01:11:34,650 --> 01:11:32,500

their posts and then lo and behold this

1758

01:11:36,720 --> 01:11:34,660

afternoon they came back and apologized

1759

01:11:39,900 --> 01:11:36,730

and retracted everything that they've

1760

01:11:43,170 --> 01:11:39,910

said and in particular apologized to me

1761

01:11:47,190 --> 01:11:43,180

specifically and said I accept all the

1762

01:11:50,580 --> 01:11:47,200

criticisms I was wrong i'm sorry what

1763

01:11:54,300 --> 01:11:50,590

and so we're now up to comment 142 on

1764

01:11:56,370 --> 01:11:54,310

this body so I'm not trying to figure

1765

01:11:59,010 --> 01:11:56,380

out if we have a concern troll or just a

1766

01:12:01,290 --> 01:11:59,020

troll or someone who genuinely was

1767

01:12:04,470 --> 01:12:01,300

misguided and thought they knew

1768

01:12:06,479 --> 01:12:04,480

everything but in fact well just I don't

1769

01:12:08,400 --> 01:12:06,489

know and on top of that she said this

1770

01:12:10,020 --> 01:12:08,410

afternoon I had a bad day when I got

1771

01:12:12,510 --> 01:12:10,030

home and I was really frustrated that

1772

01:12:15,149 --> 01:12:12,520

you guys didn't respond to my complaints

1773

01:12:16,739 --> 01:12:15,159

the way I wanted you to so I

1774

01:12:19,319 --> 01:12:16,749

sort of lashed out and I shouldn't have

1775

01:12:21,899 --> 01:12:19,329

and I apologized and blah blah blah well

1776

01:12:24,560 --> 01:12:21,909

there you go how unusual but I just

1777

01:12:27,629 --> 01:12:24,570

actually just on that note I wanted to

1778

01:12:30,959 --> 01:12:27,639

just bring up what's being proposed as

1779

01:12:36,750 --> 01:12:30,969

the bloggers code of conduct all this

1780

01:12:38,969 --> 01:12:36,760

was proposed by Tim O'Reilly now he was

1781

01:12:43,319 --> 01:12:38,979

refers reported on the BBC News some

1782

01:12:45,870 --> 01:12:43,329

years ago and he proposed seven ideas

1783

01:12:48,270 --> 01:12:45,880

for codes of conduct and that is that

1784

01:12:50,100 --> 01:12:48,280

you should take responsibility not just

1785

01:12:53,939 --> 01:12:50,110

for your own words but for the comments

1786

01:12:57,589 --> 01:12:53,949

you allow on your blog yeah yeah he says

1787

01:13:00,179 --> 01:12:57,599

consider eliminating anonymous comments

1788

01:13:03,949 --> 01:13:00,189

yeah it depends on the discussion I

1789

01:13:06,540 --> 01:13:03,959

suppose depends on the call me yeah yeah

1790

01:13:10,890 --> 01:13:06,550

label your tolerance level for abusive

1791

01:13:12,029 --> 01:13:10,900

comments so does that mean I suppose

1792

01:13:14,759 --> 01:13:12,039

maybe what he's saying is sort of

1793

01:13:17,129 --> 01:13:14,769

setting a setting a bar under which you

1794

01:13:18,839 --> 01:13:17,139

know for example you know calling

1795

01:13:21,600 --> 01:13:18,849

someone an idiot might be considered

1796

01:13:24,140 --> 01:13:21,610

acceptable but you know using expletives

1797

01:13:28,729 --> 01:13:24,150

and really tearing someone to shreds

1798

01:13:34,009 --> 01:13:32,089

yeah yeah exactly well I mean I had

1799

01:13:35,899 --> 01:13:34,019

libel potentially committed against me

1800

01:13:41,419 --> 01:13:35,909

last night by them saying you are a liar

1801

01:13:43,279 --> 01:13:41,429

yeah so ignore the trolls if you know

1802

01:13:46,069 --> 01:13:43,289

someone who is behaving badly tell them

1803

01:13:48,020 --> 01:13:46,079

so and importantly and finally don't say

1804

01:13:51,500 --> 01:13:48,030

anything online that you wouldn't say in

1805

01:13:53,720 --> 01:13:51,510

person now I think that's really a nice

1806

01:13:55,129 --> 01:13:53,730

thing to say and there's a genuine

1807

01:13:59,060 --> 01:13:55,139

sentiment in that but that's just

1808

01:14:02,359 --> 01:13:59,070

nonsense the internet with it was just

1809

01:14:03,709 --> 01:14:02,369

disappeared no I have to say anything no

1810

01:14:05,870 --> 01:14:03,719

I mean that's the thing about the

1811

01:14:08,509 --> 01:14:05,880

internet isn't it that people feel that

1812

01:14:09,799 --> 01:14:08,519

they are anonymous in a way so they can

1813

01:14:12,379 --> 01:14:09,809

say whatever the hell they like and they

1814

01:14:15,229 --> 01:14:12,389

do yeah yeah well it's like when you're

1815

01:14:18,620 --> 01:14:15,239

in chat rooms I'm i certainly remember

1816

01:14:22,009 --> 01:14:18,630

when Stefan and I originally got on to

1817

01:14:24,529 --> 01:14:22,019

the Internet in 1995 I was working with

1818

01:14:26,299 --> 01:14:24,539

Stefan at the time and we joined

1819

01:14:30,439 --> 01:14:26,309

something which was amazing called an

1820

01:14:32,689 --> 01:14:30,449

IRC and we were just going what is it

1821

01:14:34,580 --> 01:14:32,699

yeah we are talking to somebody here and

1822

01:14:36,649 --> 01:14:34,590

we're talking to somebody that freaked

1823

01:14:38,779 --> 01:14:36,659

us out but it occurred to me at the time

1824

01:14:43,790 --> 01:14:38,789

the people were coming on calling

1825

01:14:47,299 --> 01:14:43,800

themselves Kimber or Joe 62 anybody any

1826

01:14:50,500 --> 01:14:47,309

age so it was all was all like that now

1827

01:14:53,600 --> 01:14:50,510

I'm Rachel you and I had a fun evening

1828

01:14:58,339 --> 01:14:53,610

yesterday we went to the ABC the

1829

01:14:59,629 --> 01:14:58,349

australian broadcasting corporation the

1830

01:15:03,229 --> 01:14:59,639

television and radio people

1831

01:15:05,540 --> 01:15:03,239

government-run here in sydney and we saw

1832

01:15:09,649 --> 01:15:05,550

our good friend dr. carl cruise on

1833

01:15:12,859 --> 01:15:09,659

whiskey yep and adam spencer recording a

1834

01:15:15,439 --> 01:15:12,869

new series of their show sleek geeks it

1835

01:15:17,870 --> 01:15:15,449

is we did and their topic was the end of

1836

01:15:19,910 --> 01:15:17,880

the world why me very jealous very

1837

01:15:21,589 --> 01:15:19,920

jealous really well actually it was

1838

01:15:23,959 --> 01:15:21,599

really good fun it was me it was really

1839

01:15:25,549 --> 01:15:23,969

fun but I have to tell you and I looked

1840

01:15:28,250 --> 01:15:25,559

at you were several times during the

1841

01:15:31,850 --> 01:15:28,260

filming I felt like I was watching a

1842

01:15:33,680 --> 01:15:31,860

film plate lecture I think why the last

1843

01:15:35,479 --> 01:15:33,690

part I think I even mentioned that to

1844

01:15:37,219 --> 01:15:35,489

you wednesday yeah whispered in your ear

1845

01:15:38,730 --> 01:15:37,229

this is it this is like cool someone's

1846

01:15:40,770 --> 01:15:38,740

been reading death from the sky

1847

01:15:43,290 --> 01:15:40,780

someone's been eating dirt on the skies

1848

01:15:45,960 --> 01:15:43,300

so they would eat asteroid impact and

1849

01:15:48,090 --> 01:15:45,970

super nova and all that sort of stuff

1850

01:15:50,220 --> 01:15:48,100

but it was a good show was good fun it

1851
01:15:51,360 --> 01:15:50,230
was it was really good I mean that

1852
01:15:54,720 --> 01:15:51,370
wasn't all of it they talked about

1853
01:15:58,800 --> 01:15:54,730
nuclear apocalypse yeah as a potential

1854
01:16:01,500 --> 01:15:58,810
plague plagues yep hello we won't give

1855
01:16:03,810 --> 01:16:01,510
too much of the show way but snot and

1856
01:16:06,510 --> 01:16:03,820
Carl told us that sleek geeks the new

1857
01:16:07,890 --> 01:16:06,520
series will be on air sometime in the

1858
01:16:10,380 --> 01:16:07,900
next few months they don't know when

1859
01:16:11,730 --> 01:16:10,390
exactly but if the show we went to see

1860
01:16:13,680 --> 01:16:11,740
is any indication I think would be a

1861
01:16:15,960 --> 01:16:13,690
good fun series no it was great and

1862
01:16:19,740 --> 01:16:15,970
anyone who's heard dr. Carl and those of

1863
01:16:22,410 --> 01:16:19,750

our listeners in the UK he also does BBC

1864

01:16:24,690 --> 01:16:22,420

radio and of course it will be a speaker

1865

01:16:26,520 --> 01:16:24,700

tam Australia well he will be yeah

1866

01:16:28,350 --> 01:16:26,530

absolutely keeping some really good

1867

01:16:31,080 --> 01:16:28,360

science to be on in the last few weeks

1868

01:16:32,820 --> 01:16:31,090

and I have to just mention it purely I

1869

01:16:35,400 --> 01:16:32,830

think I might be coming to an end now

1870

01:16:39,330 --> 01:16:35,410

but for those people who can tolerate

1871

01:16:41,780 --> 01:16:39,340

the gory on SBS and we're not talking

1872

01:16:44,100 --> 01:16:41,790

about embarrassing illnesses here dr. aj

1873

01:16:47,010 --> 01:16:44,110

that's your favorite sure it is my

1874

01:16:50,580 --> 01:16:47,020

favorite joke what you're talking but on

1875

01:16:53,010 --> 01:16:50,590

SBS well well I don't know if I really

1876

01:16:54,540 --> 01:16:53,020

want to know Richard SBS for the last

1877

01:16:56,760 --> 01:16:54,550

few weeks is a to really really

1878

01:16:58,800 --> 01:16:56,770

interesting shows one of which is about

1879

01:17:00,810 --> 01:16:58,810

the history of surgery and the other one

1880

01:17:02,750 --> 01:17:00,820

is actually a fantastic show from I

1881

01:17:05,820 --> 01:17:02,760

think it's from channel 4 in the UK

1882

01:17:08,640 --> 01:17:05,830

which is a live live surgery of surgery

1883

01:17:11,970 --> 01:17:08,650

and um it's it's absolutely fabulous

1884

01:17:13,890 --> 01:17:11,980

because they've done a hernia a hiatus

1885

01:17:18,450 --> 01:17:13,900

hernia repair they've done brain surgery

1886

01:17:21,660 --> 01:17:18,460

and they have the surgeons miked up and

1887

01:17:23,730 --> 01:17:21,670

they've got the BBC at the channel 4

1888

01:17:26,280 --> 01:17:23,740

reporter and a whole panel of doctors

1889

01:17:27,870 --> 01:17:26,290

and an audience or watching and people

1890

01:17:29,250 --> 01:17:27,880

can ask questions and I think this is

1891

01:17:31,050 --> 01:17:29,260

fabulous because i think it's the sort

1892

01:17:32,880 --> 01:17:31,060

of thing which really can demystify a

1893

01:17:34,350 --> 01:17:32,890

lot of what goes on in medicine to

1894

01:17:36,600 --> 01:17:34,360

people out there who really are clueless

1895

01:17:38,670 --> 01:17:36,610

about their bodies and about how things

1896

01:17:40,230 --> 01:17:38,680

work reminds me of an episode of the

1897

01:17:42,990 --> 01:17:40,240

goodies where they were doing life

1898

01:17:44,570 --> 01:17:43,000

surgery in a bullring so the surgeon is

1899

01:17:46,340 --> 01:17:44,580

standing there like that

1900

01:17:48,550 --> 01:17:46,350

the patient was willed across now

1901

01:17:51,560 --> 01:17:48,560

sticking in the needles and I stayed

1902

01:17:55,310 --> 01:17:51,570

because that's what it's really like

1903

01:17:57,080 --> 01:17:55,320

isn't it Joe yeah that's exactly i think

1904

01:17:58,400 --> 01:17:57,090

i would i'd like to participate in

1905

01:18:01,400 --> 01:17:58,410

surgery like that i would be fine you do

1906

01:18:03,890 --> 01:18:01,410

have your nurses running across that

1907

01:18:06,020 --> 01:18:03,900

reminds me too i I thoroughly enjoyed

1908

01:18:07,580 --> 01:18:06,030

the the last episode of Mythbusters

1909

01:18:09,110 --> 01:18:07,590

which was shown here in Australia I

1910

01:18:10,880 --> 01:18:09,120

don't know if you saw a joke I was this

1911

01:18:13,370 --> 01:18:10,890

the other night with the diving diving

1912

01:18:15,650 --> 01:18:13,380

oh that was brilliant telling Rachel

1913

01:18:16,970 --> 01:18:15,660

about it our listeners haven't seen it i

1914

01:18:19,610 --> 01:18:16,980

won't give too much way but there's a

1915

01:18:21,500 --> 01:18:19,620

myth that the old fashioned deep-sea

1916

01:18:23,270 --> 01:18:21,510

divers were there they're heavy metal

1917

01:18:25,100 --> 01:18:23,280

helmets and they're pressurized suit if

1918

01:18:26,740 --> 01:18:25,110

they lost pressure under the ocean what

1919

01:18:29,060 --> 01:18:26,750

would happen and it was just hilarious

1920

01:18:30,560 --> 01:18:29,070

well I think we can say what the myth is

1921

01:18:32,620 --> 01:18:30,570

about giving to it well the myth the

1922

01:18:34,790 --> 01:18:32,630

myth is that the body would be crushed

1923

01:18:36,590 --> 01:18:34,800

basically the whole body would be sucked

1924

01:18:38,390 --> 01:18:36,600

up into the stock up a little so they

1925

01:18:40,160 --> 01:18:38,400

devised some really fabulous ways to

1926

01:18:43,060 --> 01:18:40,170

test this out if your episode of to see

1927

01:18:44,860 --> 01:18:43,070

at a higher Jamie and Adam and the gang

1928

01:18:48,770 --> 01:18:44,870

congratulations on that episode was

1929

01:18:50,600 --> 01:18:48,780

bloody glad it was a great episode well

1930

01:18:54,110 --> 01:18:50,610

look let me also mention while we're

1931

01:18:55,970 --> 01:18:54,120

talking about TV you lucky lucky viewers

1932

01:18:58,700 --> 01:18:55,980

in Australia in the past week it's over

1933

01:19:01,430 --> 01:18:58,710

now of course a two o'clock arm every

1934

01:19:04,610 --> 01:19:01,440

day this week the channel seven have

1935

01:19:07,280 --> 01:19:04,620

been repeating the one starring yours

1936

01:19:08,900 --> 01:19:07,290

truly high-quality drama and I know

1937

01:19:11,200 --> 01:19:08,910

they've been repeating it because people

1938

01:19:13,670 --> 01:19:11,210

are stopping me in the street saying

1939

01:19:17,150 --> 01:19:13,680

you're that you're that you kill that

1940

01:19:20,180 --> 01:19:17,160

guy mr. skeptic tell me this mr.

1941

01:19:22,790 --> 01:19:20,190

skipping where are ya they haven't they

1942

01:19:24,710 --> 01:19:22,800

haven't done that but they probably been

1943

01:19:26,420 --> 01:19:24,720

mentioning it actually it's been peering

1944

01:19:28,340 --> 01:19:26,430

on some in fact so much so that I find

1945

01:19:29,100 --> 01:19:28,350

the one who all the skeptics are sitting

1946

01:19:33,149 --> 01:19:29,110

around at home

1947

01:19:36,000 --> 01:19:33,159

tching daytime TV I realized to shine a

1948

01:19:39,330 --> 01:19:36,010

skeptic to sit at home and Twitter about

1949

01:19:43,140 --> 01:19:39,340

watching TV not not mentioning names

1950

01:19:45,720 --> 01:19:43,150

dread pirate Mick no no actually I think

1951

01:19:48,030 --> 01:19:45,730

I'm also just as guilty actually my

1952

01:19:49,800 --> 01:19:48,040

we're recording this on a wednesday i

1953

01:19:51,209 --> 01:19:49,810

might watch the next two episodes to see

1954

01:19:54,120 --> 01:19:51,219

if they actually should get it right no

1955

01:19:56,939 --> 01:19:54,130

it's all right but don't put yourself

1956

01:20:02,310 --> 01:19:56,949

through it I've seen it before a new to

1957

01:20:04,379 --> 01:20:02,320

you were there oh yeah I looked it out I

1958

01:20:07,200 --> 01:20:04,389

know I mention it from time to time but

1959

01:20:09,149 --> 01:20:07,210

the team really love to hear and I know

1960

01:20:10,979 --> 01:20:09,159

Iran's been getting emails individually

1961

01:20:14,700 --> 01:20:10,989

about what people do either listening to

1962

01:20:16,620 --> 01:20:14,710

the grain of salt so keep those emails

1963

01:20:19,140 --> 01:20:16,630

coming in we get a real kick out of

1964

01:20:22,770 --> 01:20:19,150

knowing what you're doing while

1965

01:20:24,870 --> 01:20:22,780

listening to this skeptic zone oh well

1966

01:20:26,879 --> 01:20:24,880

listen what a what a fun time we've had

1967

01:20:28,500 --> 01:20:26,889

a while we'll be sitting here half the

1968

01:20:30,090 --> 01:20:28,510

restaurant is cleared out I must say

1969

01:20:34,649 --> 01:20:30,100

it's interesting I Australian children

1970

01:20:37,410 --> 01:20:34,659

know what he's running up but thanks Joe

1971

01:20:41,129 --> 01:20:37,420

very much for coming all the way across

1972

01:20:44,220 --> 01:20:41,139

China I know it's a a big effort it is a

1973

01:20:46,680 --> 01:20:44,230

track it is and thank you dr. Richie of

1974

01:20:48,020 --> 01:20:46,690

course wonderful to have you as ever

1975

01:20:50,790 --> 01:20:48,030

part of the think tank and

1976

01:20:52,560 --> 01:20:50,800

congratulations and sincerely on the

1977

01:20:54,149 --> 01:20:52,570

fantastic work you do especially with

1978

01:20:56,490 --> 01:20:54,159

the skeptics book of poo poo I wasn't

1979

01:20:58,590 --> 01:20:56,500

joking before it is read by thousands of

1980

01:21:02,070 --> 01:20:58,600

people and a lot of people take notice

1981

01:21:04,830 --> 01:21:02,080

of that and the comments are flowing in

1982

01:21:06,660 --> 01:21:04,840

so listen is if you haven't caught up

1983

01:21:08,580 --> 01:21:06,670

with dr. a cheese blog and if you like

1984

01:21:10,680 --> 01:21:08,590

listening to dr. hu you'll love her blog

1985

01:21:12,270 --> 01:21:10,690

the skeptics book of poo poo or if you

1986

01:21:14,700 --> 01:21:12,280

just google the skeptics book it should

1987

01:21:17,040 --> 01:21:14,710

I with skeptics book calm with a CEO

1988

01:21:19,859 --> 01:21:17,050

with a que but I've also got some big

1989

01:21:21,209 --> 01:21:19,869

projects at my slave at the moment that

1990

01:21:24,359 --> 01:21:21,219

I should be able to talk about soon

1991

01:21:26,280 --> 01:21:24,369

which have sort of come out of the blog

1992

01:21:31,050 --> 01:21:26,290

and also the shorty awards which I don't

1993

01:21:32,250 --> 01:21:31,060

have yet where's my show live I've seen

1994

01:21:33,839 --> 01:21:32,260

I've seen this

1995

01:21:36,479 --> 01:21:33,849

post your certificate saying that it's

1996

01:21:39,060 --> 01:21:36,489

on its way so yeah in the mail it's been

1997

01:21:40,620 --> 01:21:39,070

attract on UPS apparently but but you

1998

01:21:43,319 --> 01:21:40,630

know when you track something on UPS and

1999

01:21:46,529 --> 01:21:43,329

it goes overseas then there's no cds no

2000

01:21:48,689 --> 01:21:46,539

over the public or whatever i shouldn't

2001

01:21:50,490 --> 01:21:48,699

away well when when it arrives we'll

2002

01:21:52,109 --> 01:21:50,500

have to take the photograph of you

2003

01:21:54,029 --> 01:21:52,119

holding a short in what will certainly

2004

01:21:57,450 --> 01:21:54,039

bring it to the think tank will bring it

2005

01:21:59,970 --> 01:21:57,460

together but just before we go just

2006

01:22:03,149 --> 01:21:59,980

before we go because we have had so many

2007

01:22:05,879 --> 01:22:03,159

inquiries about it Joe could you just

2008

01:22:08,459 --> 01:22:05,889

fill us in briefly on the latest Tam

2009

01:22:10,140 --> 01:22:08,469

Australian news yes absolutely Richard

2010

01:22:13,319 --> 01:22:10,150

so we've been getting lots of inquiries

2011

01:22:15,870 --> 01:22:13,329

and what I can tell people at the moment

2012

01:22:18,000 --> 01:22:15,880

is that you can read more about what's

2013

01:22:19,439 --> 01:22:18,010

happening with Tam australia on the

2014

01:22:22,979 --> 01:22:19,449

australian skeptics website which is

2015

01:22:24,450 --> 01:22:22,989

skeptics calm day you and at the moment

2016

01:22:27,359 --> 01:22:24,460

it looks like tickets will be going on

2017

01:22:30,720 --> 01:22:27,369

sale around about june with more details

2018

01:22:32,359 --> 01:22:30,730

to come so keep posted and check the

2019

01:22:36,029 --> 01:22:32,369

website and we'll keep you up to date

2020

01:22:38,009 --> 01:22:36,039

and we are planning to launch its own

2021

01:22:41,220 --> 01:22:38,019

website yes a specifically dedicated

2022

01:22:43,049 --> 01:22:41,230

team website very soon so at the moment

2023

01:22:45,000 --> 01:22:43,059

head to skeptics calm today you but

2024

01:22:46,950 --> 01:22:45,010

we'll keep you updated on there when

2025

01:22:48,779 --> 01:22:46,960

anything changes excellent well we

2026

01:22:51,509 --> 01:22:48,789

certainly look forward to that thank you

2027

01:22:53,220 --> 01:22:51,519

again and thank you listeners for tuning

2028

01:22:55,020 --> 01:22:53,230

in or downloading or whatever you do on

2029

01:22:57,359 --> 01:22:55,030

the internet to the think tank and to

2030

01:23:06,790 --> 01:22:57,369

the show this week thank you ladies and

2031

01:23:38,020 --> 01:23:08,840

you know what I really enjoyed was

2032

01:23:43,670 --> 01:23:41,000

well wasn't that a an interesting

2033

01:23:46,400 --> 01:23:43,680

episode of the skeptic zone thanks very

2034

01:23:48,770 --> 01:23:46,410

much for downloading and think at all

2035

01:23:51,260 --> 01:23:48,780

those people who continue to help us

2036

01:23:55,030 --> 01:23:51,270

produce the skeptic zone by donating or

2037

01:23:57,470 --> 01:23:55,040

even subscribing details at our website

2038

01:24:03,380 --> 01:23:57,480

until next week this is Richard Saunders

2039

01:24:05,780 --> 01:24:03,390

signing off from Sydney Australia you've

2040

01:24:10,370 --> 01:24:05,790

been listening to the skeptic zone visit

2041

01:24:12,860 --> 01:24:10,380

our website at www.skeptics.org on TV for

2042

01:24:15,020 --> 01:24:12,870

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