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Ben Radford
COVID-19 Conspiracy

Mandy-Lee Noble
Pete Evans update

Logical Fallacies with
Michelle Bijkersma
"The Middle Ground"

Newsletter from
Australian Skeptics



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00:00:11,860 --> 00:00:09,110
welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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00:00:13,940 --> 00:00:11,870
from Australia for science and reason

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00:00:16,830 --> 00:00:13,950
[Music]

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00:00:24,020 --> 00:00:16,840
[Applause]

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00:00:29,880 --> 00:00:26,340
yes it's the skeptics own podcast

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00:00:32,130 --> 00:00:29,890
episode number 604 for the 10th of May

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00:00:33,990 --> 00:00:32,140
2020 reach add cylinders here with you

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00:00:37,190 --> 00:00:34,000
from Sydney Australia and a quick note

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00:00:40,320 --> 00:00:37,200
last week I said the episode number was

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00:00:41,850 --> 00:00:40,330
306 ain't got it completely back to

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00:00:44,490 --> 00:00:41,860
front and thank you to the listeners who

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00:00:49,320 --> 00:00:44,500
caught me out know last week's episode

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00:00:50,940 --> 00:00:49,330

was actually 603 not 306 and a big

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00:00:53,189 --> 00:00:50,950

welcome to all the people listening for

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00:00:55,140 --> 00:00:53,199

the first time who have heard me on the

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00:00:57,060 --> 00:00:55,150

skeptics guide to the universe

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00:00:58,799 --> 00:00:57,070

I've been appearing on the skeptics

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00:01:01,740 --> 00:00:58,809

guide to the universe podcast now for

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00:01:04,740 --> 00:01:01,750

many many years or maybe once or twice a

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00:01:06,300 --> 00:01:04,750

year as a guest rogue I love doing it

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00:01:09,090 --> 00:01:06,310

it's always a wonderful time to catch up

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00:01:11,610 --> 00:01:09,100

even if it's virtually with the Rogues

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00:01:14,370 --> 00:01:11,620

and I certainly do appreciate them

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00:01:16,620 --> 00:01:14,380

giving me that opportunity coming up on

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00:01:19,020 --> 00:01:16,630

this week's show an interview with my

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00:01:21,360 --> 00:01:19,030
old friend and sceptical colleague Ben

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00:01:24,270 --> 00:01:21,370
Radford Ben is going to be discussing

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00:01:27,630 --> 00:01:24,280
some more covert 19 conspiracy theories

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00:01:30,090 --> 00:01:27,640
and skeptical investigations always a

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00:01:33,210 --> 00:01:30,100
great time chatting with Ben Radford and

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00:01:35,840 --> 00:01:33,220
what a wonderful time I had and was at

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00:01:38,940 --> 00:01:35,850
last year and my quick visit to

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00:01:41,180 --> 00:01:38,950
Albuquerque New Mexico and Ben even took

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00:01:43,530 --> 00:01:41,190
me to some filming locations for

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00:01:45,570 --> 00:01:43,540
Breaking Bad and better call Saul that

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00:01:47,400 --> 00:01:45,580
was pretty interesting after that it's

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00:01:49,440 --> 00:01:47,410
the diet skeptic report with Mandy Lee

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00:01:51,420 --> 00:01:49,450

Noble an update to the story she brought

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00:01:53,370 --> 00:01:51,430

us a couple of weeks ago about the

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00:01:56,820 --> 00:01:53,380

celebrity chef Pete Evans

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00:01:59,270 --> 00:01:56,830

selling his bio charger in this

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00:02:03,450 --> 00:01:59,280

ridiculous machine that looks like a

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00:02:06,480 --> 00:02:03,460

Dalek and a fax machine Pete Evans has

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00:02:09,240 --> 00:02:06,490

parted ways with the seven TV network or

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00:02:12,320 --> 00:02:09,250

maybe it's the other way around so we'll

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00:02:14,850 --> 00:02:12,330

find out about the latest on that story

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00:02:16,830 --> 00:02:14,860

after that it's Michelle because Marv

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00:02:18,930 --> 00:02:16,840

with the regular segment logical

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00:02:20,729 --> 00:02:18,940

fallacies this week Michelle's going to

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00:02:23,339 --> 00:02:20,739

be looking at the fallacy of the middle

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00:02:25,110 --> 00:02:23,349
ground bent around off the show news

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00:02:27,540 --> 00:02:25,120
updates from the Australian skeptics

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00:02:28,970 --> 00:02:27,550
some highlights from the recent

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00:02:30,980 --> 00:02:28,980
newsletter

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00:02:33,979 --> 00:02:30,990
stay tuned at the end of the show for

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00:02:35,809 --> 00:02:33,989
more announcements from me but now it's

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00:02:38,240 --> 00:02:35,819
time for me to run downstairs and I

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00:02:40,300 --> 00:02:38,250
think I'm going to indulge myself once

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00:02:44,900 --> 00:02:40,310
again with a bit of a mixture of

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00:02:48,290 --> 00:02:44,910
Australian lollies candies sweets I'm

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00:02:50,720 --> 00:02:48,300
going to have some mint teas some iced

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00:02:53,930 --> 00:02:50,730
Volvos do you remember those folks in

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00:02:55,940 --> 00:02:53,940

Australia iced Volvos I think they're

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00:02:58,699 --> 00:02:55,950

still around I'm going to look in my

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00:03:01,490 --> 00:02:58,709

cupboard and finish off with some black

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00:03:15,220 --> 00:03:01,500

licorice mm-hmm well I do that I hope

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00:03:15,230 --> 00:03:23,190

[Music]

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and joining me now on the line all the

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00:03:31,660 --> 00:03:29,030

way from beautiful Albuquerque New

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00:03:35,500 --> 00:03:31,670

Mexico it's been Radford hello there

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00:03:38,410 --> 00:03:35,510

hello been great to hear from you GI I

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00:03:39,820 --> 00:03:38,420

really miss the fact that at the moment

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I can't come and visit you in

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Albuquerque if only K I've been there

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the once but I had a wonderful time how

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is New Mexico going with the the

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lockdown and the virus well it's going

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00:03:55,540 --> 00:03:52,630

okay better than many states fortunately

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00:03:57,670 --> 00:03:55,550

it's due to a couple factors one is that

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00:04:00,699 --> 00:03:57,680

our governor was Ferdie yet was fairly

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proactive about about state home

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00:04:07,270 --> 00:04:03,320

requests than that and part of it is

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that like much of Australia much of New

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00:04:12,520 --> 00:04:09,440

Mexico as you know is a desert so we

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00:04:14,800 --> 00:04:12,530

have low population density throughout

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00:04:17,740 --> 00:04:14,810

much of the state with sort of a holding

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00:04:19,690 --> 00:04:17,750

handful of city centers including

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Albuquerque and Santa Fe and Cup others

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so part of it part of the part of the

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00:04:27,909 --> 00:04:25,730

good fortune is our geography yes yes I

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remember it very well it was it was

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fascinating for me to be in somewhere

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like the middle of New Mexico was very

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different to other parts of the States

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I'd been to but I'm pleased to hear

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00:04:40,690 --> 00:04:38,870

things aren't going too bad there

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00:04:43,300 --> 00:04:40,700

because I'm hearing reports and we get

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00:04:46,180 --> 00:04:43,310

reports here on the evening news about

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00:04:48,460 --> 00:04:46,190

other parts of the United States which

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00:04:50,590 --> 00:04:48,470

leads us into the first topic we're

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00:04:52,690 --> 00:04:50,600
going to discuss and that's something

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00:04:54,310 --> 00:04:52,700
that that you're passionate about of

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00:04:57,490 --> 00:04:54,320
course you've dedicated a lot of your

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00:04:59,440 --> 00:04:57,500
life to sort of urban myths or real

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00:05:03,700 --> 00:04:59,450
myths or can you have a real myth I

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00:05:05,530 --> 00:05:03,710
don't know and conspiracy theories it's

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00:05:07,600 --> 00:05:05,540
all wrapped up together isn't it it is

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00:05:10,840 --> 00:05:07,610
and of course we're seeing that more and

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00:05:13,930 --> 00:05:10,850
more with the the coronavirus you know

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00:05:15,969 --> 00:05:13,940
and it's it's it's this you know bizarre

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00:05:17,830 --> 00:05:15,979
ball of we've got accurate information

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00:05:20,950 --> 00:05:17,840
we've got misinformation we've got

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00:05:23,959 --> 00:05:20,960

information that is true but in many

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00:05:25,699 --> 00:05:23,969

cases irrelevant and then wrapped

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00:05:28,369 --> 00:05:25,709

and all this you've got conspiracies

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00:05:31,459 --> 00:05:28,379

that are everything ranging from the

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origins of the virus to who's who is

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00:05:38,659 --> 00:05:33,809

behind it using the air quotes of behind

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00:05:41,629 --> 00:05:38,669

it to to conspiracies about those who

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00:05:45,549 --> 00:05:41,639

are suggesting that the epidemic is in

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00:05:48,139 --> 00:05:45,559

some ways being exaggerated or

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00:05:52,579 --> 00:05:48,149

fabricated well this is interesting

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00:05:56,199 --> 00:05:52,589

because in the early days of the of the

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00:05:58,609 --> 00:05:56,209

lockdowns and the worry here probably in

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00:06:00,649 --> 00:05:58,619

late March early April

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00:06:02,539 --> 00:06:00,659

there were various conspiracy theories

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00:06:04,519 --> 00:06:02,549

going around in this country and I think

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00:06:08,389 --> 00:06:04,529

they were triggered from the US and one

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00:06:10,339 --> 00:06:08,399

was Merrill Dorian the one of the

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00:06:13,009 --> 00:06:10,349

leading anti-vaxxers in this country was

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00:06:16,309 --> 00:06:13,019

encouraging her followers on Facebook to

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00:06:19,309 --> 00:06:16,319

go in to hospitals to take snaps and it

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00:06:22,129 --> 00:06:19,319

would appear she was of the opinion that

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00:06:24,289 --> 00:06:22,139

this whole thing about emergency wards

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00:06:27,919 --> 00:06:24,299

getting ready or hospitals being overrun

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or something was simply a hoax now how

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00:06:32,269 --> 00:06:30,329

is that has that played out in the

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00:06:34,519 --> 00:06:32,279

United States yeah we're seeing some of

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that I mean you know part of it is that

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there is a legitimate concern among many

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people across the spectrum that the the

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measures that are being taken in

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00:06:49,059 --> 00:06:47,069

response to the pandemic including of

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course shutting on businesses and and

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00:06:55,009 --> 00:06:51,179

eliminating social gatherings and so on

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00:06:57,949 --> 00:06:55,019

are harming the the economy and social

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00:06:59,839 --> 00:06:57,959

structure and that's certainly true I

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00:07:02,899 --> 00:06:59,849

mean that's there's it's no there's no

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00:07:05,719 --> 00:07:02,909

denying that's that's an issue but what

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00:07:07,969 --> 00:07:05,729

you find is that you have people that

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00:07:11,719 --> 00:07:07,979
are sort of politicizing the the disease

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00:07:14,089 --> 00:07:11,729
insofar as they're sort of saying well

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00:07:15,649 --> 00:07:14,099
maybe you know they will look for

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00:07:18,229 --> 00:07:15,659
example at the early projections say

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00:07:20,089 --> 00:07:18,239
well these projections are wrong hmm and

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00:07:22,399 --> 00:07:20,099
I did an article on this a couple weeks

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00:07:25,689 --> 00:07:22,409
back for the Center for inquiry in which

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00:07:28,850 --> 00:07:25,699
I was explaining that that yes in fact

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00:07:31,159 --> 00:07:28,860
many projections are wrong that is not a

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00:07:33,469 --> 00:07:31,169
evidence of deception it's not evidence

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00:07:36,649 --> 00:07:33,479
of anything other than the fact that

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00:07:37,610 --> 00:07:36,659
it's hard to gather good epidemiological

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00:07:40,880 --> 00:07:37,620

data

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in the first stages and even in any

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stages of a pandemic so it is it is

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undeniably true that the earlier

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projections and ideas about what would

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happen were wrong on both sides of the

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offense in terms of exaggerating or

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under estimating it but again that's you

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know conspiracy theorists see in that

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some sort of deception some sort of

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intent to deceive the public and and

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inflate and exaggerated claims whereas

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in fact it's that's just that's how

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science works models are only as good as

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the data that goes into them and and one

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of the biggest problems with testing and

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just understanding the the virus all

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around the world is that to this day we

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00:08:32,180 --> 00:08:29,730

still have good high-quality repeatable

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tests we don't have we have tested or

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00:08:36,980 --> 00:08:34,170

faulty we have tests that testing that

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isn't being done uniformly there's

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reporting errors there's there's

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00:08:45,890 --> 00:08:42,690

different definitions of what counts as

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a as a as a death to two co-ed nineteen

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as opposed to death to some underlying

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comorbidity condition things like that

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hmm so again it's it's not that the the

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scientists and others in charge are are

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secretly making making efforts to scare

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the public into giving up their their

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guns or their their rights it's simply

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that scientists are doing the best they

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can with limited information that's

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available well imagine the scenario

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where in the early days of this the

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scientists came up with their

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predictions and their models and that is

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exactly what happened it's not going to

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happen that way at all I mean like in

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00:09:29,780 --> 00:09:27,720
the United States like the rest of us we

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00:09:31,730 --> 00:09:29,790
didn't know what the hell to really

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00:09:34,400 --> 00:09:31,740
expect or how it would play out or how

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government's would react or if social

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isolating to this extent what what it

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could possibly achieve or not achieve

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we're all pretty much in the dark

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exactly and you know again to to

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scientists and to skeptics who recognize

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00:09:51,460 --> 00:09:51,000
the frailty of confirmed knowledge in

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00:09:54,100 --> 00:09:51,470

the fal

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of knowledge this is to be expected it

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would be shocking if the as he said it

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would be shocking if they the initial

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projections were correct because there

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are so many variables yeah there's

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demographic variables there's there's

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lots of things we don't know about the

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virus we know the basics but there's

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lots of nuances that we simply don't

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know but again to the conspiracy mind

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they fill in the gaps that think well

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that know they really do know this and

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they're twisting it well that that's not

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likely

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you know certainly there are there are

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people that are that are exaggerating

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the severity of the of the crisis and

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there are people that are under playing

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it but neither one of those positions

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reflects the the mainstream scientific

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consensus about what's going on now you

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might agree with me I often thought that

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a good analogy here you know the

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expression if you're a hammer every

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problem is a nail if you're a conspiracy

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theorist

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everything that happens no matter what

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confirms your conspiracy exactly exactly

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it's a yeah any information that that it

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undermines or refutes you your position

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is part of the conspiracy yeah and so

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they and it was interesting I would I

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would get into discussions on Facebook

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it's a common affliction we share my I

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think so and and they were they would

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challenge like oh well you know the they

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00:11:23,200 --> 00:11:20,660

would they would begin by by challenging

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the so-called official story by the msn

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or the mainstream media and and I would

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say okay well I I I - I'm skeptical I'm

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not a confusion there's but I can it's

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understandable to be skeptical of

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certain things like you know we should

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all be skeptical of information I said

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so I that that in and of itself isn't a

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problem and of course that that easily

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transitions into the just asking

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questions we can get into that in a

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minute but I said okay well so if you if

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you doubt this set of data than water

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what are you using as a basis for your

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own conclusions hmm and they they would

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sometimes yeah they oftentimes they

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would sort of get flustered well no I'm

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just I'm just you know I'm just poking

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holes in your data yeah

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like that's not how that works that's

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00:12:10,560 --> 00:12:09,250

like you this but that's classic

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00:12:12,630 --> 00:12:10,570

conspiracy thinking right it's like

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00:12:15,540 --> 00:12:12,640

instead of offering their own valid data

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00:12:17,280 --> 00:12:15,550

and explaining why they're there the

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00:12:19,620 --> 00:12:17,290

wide the studies and the research and

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00:12:21,720 --> 00:12:19,630

the opinions they're quoting are any

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00:12:23,430 --> 00:12:21,730

more valid or accurate than the ones

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00:12:26,340 --> 00:12:23,440

they're refuting they don't want to go

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00:12:28,650 --> 00:12:26,350

down that path because number one either

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00:12:31,410 --> 00:12:28,660

either because they it would be clear

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00:12:33,360 --> 00:12:31,420

that that they're cherry-picking the the

282

00:12:35,730 --> 00:12:33,370

experts that they want to cite and the

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00:12:38,160 --> 00:12:35,740

studies in one site or it would be clear

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00:12:40,590 --> 00:12:38,170

that that they have that they haven't in

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00:12:43,050 --> 00:12:40,600

fact done the research they just you

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00:12:46,200 --> 00:12:43,060

know they just saw some some meme online

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00:12:50,070 --> 00:12:46,210

or some YouTube video that's purported

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00:12:53,700 --> 00:12:50,080

to to expose the truth and they haven't

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00:12:55,200 --> 00:12:53,710

dug into it it reminds me of them that

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00:12:56,790 --> 00:12:55,210

this whole idea about everything

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00:12:59,280 --> 00:12:56,800

confirms your you know belief is

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00:13:02,520 --> 00:12:59,290

something for example the homeopaths in

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00:13:04,950 --> 00:13:02,530

this country would do when they had

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00:13:07,040 --> 00:13:04,960

judgments made against them by the

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00:13:09,570 --> 00:13:07,050

government for example and they received

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00:13:10,830 --> 00:13:09,580

some music you know a big fine well

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00:13:13,050 --> 00:13:10,840

that's just part of the mainstream

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00:13:16,800 --> 00:13:13,060

establishment you know trying to hide

299

00:13:18,510 --> 00:13:16,810

the truth about homeopathy right it's

300

00:13:21,690 --> 00:13:18,520

it's not surprising that that would be

301
00:13:23,730 --> 00:13:21,700
the case now how many of these mmm

302
00:13:25,860 --> 00:13:23,740
conspiracy theories or the actions by

303
00:13:29,490 --> 00:13:25,870
them would you think are bordering on

304
00:13:31,020 --> 00:13:29,500
the dangerous well you know that's

305
00:13:33,090 --> 00:13:31,030
that's a good question it's sort of hard

306
00:13:37,110 --> 00:13:33,100
to know all right because because

307
00:13:38,700 --> 00:13:37,120
there's there's a there's a spectrum and

308
00:13:39,960 --> 00:13:38,710
it's important to remember and and and

309
00:13:41,640 --> 00:13:39,970
you know this and I'm sure your

310
00:13:43,980 --> 00:13:41,650
listeners do it as well is that is that

311
00:13:46,830 --> 00:13:43,990
conspiracy theories by themselves are

312
00:13:49,650 --> 00:13:46,840
fairly common many people believe in

313
00:13:52,560 --> 00:13:49,660

some form of conspiracy theory it's

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00:13:54,450 --> 00:13:52,570

people like to sort of picture these

315

00:13:57,540 --> 00:13:54,460

caricatures of these you know tinfoil

316

00:14:00,960 --> 00:13:57,550

had it you know raving drooling lunatic

317

00:14:03,630 --> 00:14:00,970

civilian conspiracies but the fact of

318

00:14:06,060 --> 00:14:03,640

the matter is that many otherwise fairly

319

00:14:08,640 --> 00:14:06,070

reasonable intelligent people endorse

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00:14:10,800 --> 00:14:08,650

conspiracy theories Mick West did a very

321

00:14:12,420 --> 00:14:10,810

good book your to back called escaping

322

00:14:14,460 --> 00:14:12,430

the rabbit hole oh yes indeed I have a

323

00:14:17,670 --> 00:14:14,470

copy right here and we had Mick as a

324

00:14:20,760 --> 00:14:17,680

guest on not so long ago absolutely yeah

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00:14:23,010 --> 00:14:20,770

and so and so the point here is that it

326

00:14:25,560 --> 00:14:23,020

doesn't in many cases that it doesn't do

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00:14:29,190 --> 00:14:25,570

any good and it's not not not not fair

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00:14:32,700 --> 00:14:29,200

to characterize the the conspiracy

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00:14:34,440 --> 00:14:32,710

theory promoters as being these crazy

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00:14:39,750 --> 00:14:34,450

lunatics who will believe anything in

331

00:14:43,110 --> 00:14:39,760

some cases that's true in many cases

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00:14:44,730 --> 00:14:43,120

it's people that sincerely they don't

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00:14:47,360 --> 00:14:44,740

know any better there they're not really

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00:14:51,000 --> 00:14:47,370

good thinkers they see something on

335

00:14:53,730 --> 00:14:51,010

Twitter on Facebook or routes and they

336

00:14:56,160 --> 00:14:53,740

see and it has a superficial possibility

337

00:14:57,840 --> 00:14:56,170

it says well you know what what about

338

00:15:00,449 --> 00:14:57,850

this contradiction what about this thing

339

00:15:02,760 --> 00:15:00,459

and people are like yeah you know when

340

00:15:06,810 --> 00:15:02,770

you when you frame it that way when you

341

00:15:09,329 --> 00:15:06,820

frame it as being a possible weird

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00:15:11,460 --> 00:15:09,339

contradiction then we'll hold on we're

343

00:15:14,070 --> 00:15:11,470

just asking questions now getting back

344

00:15:16,620 --> 00:15:14,080

to maybe more more of fun things been

345

00:15:18,090 --> 00:15:16,630

podcasting podcasting is a lot of fun we

346

00:15:19,590 --> 00:15:18,100

often talk about squaring the strange

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00:15:22,530 --> 00:15:19,600

here on the skeptic zone and a couple of

348

00:15:25,710 --> 00:15:22,540

weeks back Celestia Ward was a special

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00:15:29,329 --> 00:15:25,720

co-host on on the show and I must say I

350

00:15:33,269 --> 00:15:29,339

really did enjoy the site the recent

351
00:15:36,540 --> 00:15:33,279
psychic detective episodes you had with

352
00:15:40,079 --> 00:15:36,550
Kenny Biddle exploring very interesting

353
00:15:42,120 --> 00:15:40,089
case files yes thank you I was that was

354
00:15:44,310 --> 00:15:42,130
that was a fun project for us for those

355
00:15:47,670 --> 00:15:44,320
who didn't didn't hear the show in a

356
00:15:51,540 --> 00:15:47,680
nutshell I I had followed as you know

357
00:15:54,120 --> 00:15:51,550
Richard you one of one of my Bugaboos is

358
00:15:57,019 --> 00:15:54,130
a psychic detective this is this is a

359
00:15:59,820 --> 00:15:57,029
thorn are in our perpetual sides yeah

360
00:16:01,230 --> 00:15:59,830
and we've both done extensive work on it

361
00:16:03,780 --> 00:16:01,240
and one of the things I I do

362
00:16:06,500 --> 00:16:03,790
occasionally every few years is I will I

363
00:16:10,260 --> 00:16:06,510

will pay attention to a high-profile

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00:16:11,970 --> 00:16:10,270

missing-persons case somewhere and just

365

00:16:13,530 --> 00:16:11,980

sort of if it just catches my eye or

366

00:16:14,970 --> 00:16:13,540

something you know I will go out of my

367

00:16:16,740 --> 00:16:14,980

way to gather information on it

368

00:16:18,030 --> 00:16:16,750

particularly in the early stages to see

369

00:16:19,639 --> 00:16:18,040

you know there's this missing person

370

00:16:23,010 --> 00:16:19,649

than this missing boy whoever else and

371

00:16:24,300 --> 00:16:23,020

in in many cases as you know the

372

00:16:26,699 --> 00:16:24,310

psychics will come out of the woodwork

373

00:16:29,130 --> 00:16:26,709

especially if they're not found within

374

00:16:31,620 --> 00:16:29,140

within a few days

375

00:16:35,040 --> 00:16:31,630

I I like to follow these cases sort of

376

00:16:36,870 --> 00:16:35,050

in real-time there's lots of cases that

377

00:16:38,880 --> 00:16:36,880

you and I both investigated that are

378

00:16:43,259 --> 00:16:38,890

sort of cold psychic cases yeah where

379

00:16:44,819 --> 00:16:43,269

something happened in 1968 or 1982 but I

380

00:16:46,740 --> 00:16:44,829

think it's also instructive to pay

381

00:16:51,410 --> 00:16:46,750

attention to two cases as they're

382

00:16:54,540 --> 00:16:51,420

unfolding at the moment and to first see

383

00:16:56,130 --> 00:16:54,550

where is this leading because you don't

384

00:16:57,960 --> 00:16:56,140

know right I mean you and I have a

385

00:16:59,819 --> 00:16:57,970

pretty good idea based on our past

386

00:17:02,699 --> 00:16:59,829

experiences but it's it's always

387

00:17:05,220 --> 00:17:02,709

informative and instructive to me to to

388

00:17:06,929 --> 00:17:05,230

follow these cases as they happen and

389

00:17:09,000 --> 00:17:06,939

just sort of see all right well there's

390

00:17:11,189 --> 00:17:09,010

this missing persons case what was the

391

00:17:14,130 --> 00:17:11,199

result did a am i reading a headline

392

00:17:17,100 --> 00:17:14,140

that says psychic leads police to to

393

00:17:19,289 --> 00:17:17,110

body or am i reading a headline that

394

00:17:21,179 --> 00:17:19,299

says hiker finds person who's been

395

00:17:23,340 --> 00:17:21,189

missing for two weeks you know on a

396

00:17:25,409 --> 00:17:23,350

trail somewhere and the three of us

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00:17:28,130 --> 00:17:25,419

Kenny Biddle and slushy and I each

398

00:17:32,669 --> 00:17:28,140

picked the case and and followed up I

399

00:17:34,500 --> 00:17:32,679

get back to this thing I said before

400

00:17:36,720 --> 00:17:34,510

about the hammer and the nail when your

401
00:17:38,090 --> 00:17:36,730
hammer every problem is a nail when

402
00:17:40,560 --> 00:17:38,100
you're a psychic detective

403
00:17:44,520 --> 00:17:40,570
everything that happens validates your

404
00:17:47,700 --> 00:17:44,530
psychic insights yeah you know no matter

405
00:17:49,590 --> 00:17:47,710
what happens and this is what we have to

406
00:17:51,780 --> 00:17:49,600
deal with most of the times are people

407
00:17:54,110 --> 00:17:51,790
who think probably think they have real

408
00:17:57,480 --> 00:17:54,120
special magical psychic powers

409
00:18:00,570 --> 00:17:57,490
retrofitting things shoehorning things

410
00:18:03,750 --> 00:18:00,580
saying ah of course that's why I saw the

411
00:18:05,610 --> 00:18:03,760
body of water or the blue ribbon and it

412
00:18:09,630 --> 00:18:05,620
all makes sense to them in the end they

413
00:18:12,240 --> 00:18:09,640

all fit it together post the event yeah

414

00:18:15,180 --> 00:18:12,250

and as you know in in most of the cases

415

00:18:16,620 --> 00:18:15,190

they're they are sincere they genuinely

416

00:18:17,520 --> 00:18:16,630

believe they have these abilities and

417

00:18:19,140 --> 00:18:17,530

they generally believe that they're

418

00:18:21,150 --> 00:18:19,150

they're doing some good in the world and

419

00:18:22,620 --> 00:18:21,160

that's one thing that and I'm sure

420

00:18:25,320 --> 00:18:22,630

you've seen this as well is just it's

421

00:18:27,539 --> 00:18:25,330

very frustrating because when you try

422

00:18:30,240 --> 00:18:27,549

and challenge them even politely and

423

00:18:31,919 --> 00:18:30,250

diplomatically to say yeah but you

424

00:18:34,440 --> 00:18:31,929

didn't really solve the case you didn't

425

00:18:36,690 --> 00:18:34,450

really find the person they get offended

426

00:18:39,090 --> 00:18:36,700

because they you're attacking their

427

00:18:40,830 --> 00:18:39,100

identity instead of instead of just

428

00:18:42,660 --> 00:18:40,840

simply pointing out a factual statement

429

00:18:44,700 --> 00:18:42,670

yeah and again today

430

00:18:47,130 --> 00:18:44,710

to their way of thinking once it's all

431

00:18:49,710 --> 00:18:47,140

over and then in the neh you know

432

00:18:51,660 --> 00:18:49,720

retrofit things to make them to make it

433

00:18:53,550 --> 00:18:51,670

fit their predictions or their insights

434

00:18:55,320 --> 00:18:53,560

or whatever they're convinced they're

435

00:18:57,000 --> 00:18:55,330

absolutely convinced of course that's

436

00:18:59,280 --> 00:18:57,010

what I dreamt about now it all makes

437

00:19:01,050 --> 00:18:59,290

sense and use mr. skeptic you're saying

438

00:19:02,790 --> 00:19:01,060

that's not real this is you know how

439

00:19:05,430 --> 00:19:02,800

trager's how how can you possibly say

440

00:19:07,440 --> 00:19:05,440

that and and their followers for like a

441

00:19:08,970 --> 00:19:07,450

better word or their fans you know a lot

442

00:19:10,920 --> 00:19:08,980

of psychics especially in this country

443

00:19:14,090 --> 00:19:10,930

will have a follower base or a fan base

444

00:19:17,160 --> 00:19:14,100

or whatever will ya fall in line

445

00:19:19,380 --> 00:19:17,170

absolutely and say yes this is crazy she

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00:19:23,220 --> 00:19:19,390

or he obviously saw this and I'm still a

447

00:19:27,390 --> 00:19:23,230

firm believer yeah I saw the same thing

448

00:19:29,790 --> 00:19:27,400

in in recent weeks when I debunked

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00:19:31,650 --> 00:19:29,800

several Sylvia Browns claims about

450

00:19:34,590 --> 00:19:31,660

having her posthumous claims about

451
00:19:36,930 --> 00:19:34,600
having predicted the The Cove at 19 oh

452
00:19:38,250 --> 00:19:36,940
yeah that's right Oh would you talk

453
00:19:41,910 --> 00:19:38,260
about that for a moment please that was

454
00:19:45,330 --> 00:19:41,920
fascinating so so yeah absolutely so in

455
00:19:47,730 --> 00:19:45,340
March or so there were there was stories

456
00:19:52,080 --> 00:19:47,740
circulating around that quoted Sylvia

457
00:19:56,460 --> 00:19:52,090
Browne as as having correctly predicted

458
00:19:58,920 --> 00:19:56,470
the co19 outbreak and I had first come

459
00:20:02,100 --> 00:19:58,930
across a wonderful people had sent it to

460
00:20:03,980 --> 00:20:02,110
me and I sort of I didn't pay too much

461
00:20:07,070 --> 00:20:03,990
attention to it because it seemed silly

462
00:20:09,420 --> 00:20:07,080
until I saw that it had been tweeted by

463
00:20:13,350 --> 00:20:09,430

Kim Kardashian

464

00:20:18,690 --> 00:20:13,360

at that point I'm like uh-oh the dam is

465

00:20:20,430 --> 00:20:18,700

breaking Kim Kardashian is is is is on

466

00:20:22,350 --> 00:20:20,440

it so therefore this is going to be a

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00:20:26,010 --> 00:20:22,360

capital T thing

468

00:20:27,630 --> 00:20:26,020

in in in quotes of course and so I I

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00:20:29,430 --> 00:20:27,640

realized that at that point I did need

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00:20:30,990 --> 00:20:29,440

to go ahead and spend time and drop some

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00:20:33,420 --> 00:20:31,000

things and address it so I wrote a piece

472

00:20:35,970 --> 00:20:33,430

about basically debunking the idea that

473

00:20:41,220 --> 00:20:35,980

Sylvia Browne had predicted the this

474

00:20:44,490 --> 00:20:41,230

virus and then I got lots of hate mail

475

00:20:46,460 --> 00:20:44,500

from that so to this day we this is over

476

00:20:49,200 --> 00:20:46,470

a month later I still get occasional

477

00:20:52,110 --> 00:20:49,210

nasty emails reveal on Facebook and

478

00:20:55,770 --> 00:20:52,120

elsewhere that are just just indignant

479

00:20:57,570 --> 00:20:55,780

that I that I challenged

480

00:20:59,370 --> 00:20:57,580

the idea that Celia Brown had had

481

00:21:03,930 --> 00:20:59,380

accurately predicted the over nineteen

482

00:21:05,700 --> 00:21:03,940

outbreak how dare you yeah yeah well of

483

00:21:08,370 --> 00:21:05,710

course here in Australia we've had a

484

00:21:10,380 --> 00:21:08,380

psychic as well suddenly throw his hat

485

00:21:13,860 --> 00:21:10,390

into the ring of oh I predicted the

486

00:21:17,640 --> 00:21:13,870

coronavirus a psychic who goes by the

487

00:21:20,040 --> 00:21:17,650

stage name of Harry T and he's a he's a

488

00:21:22,410 --> 00:21:20,050

popular one on the morning TV shows and

489

00:21:24,090 --> 00:21:22,420

the radio shows and you know pop music

490

00:21:25,620 --> 00:21:24,100

stations will have him on for he is

491

00:21:28,500 --> 00:21:25,630

Harry what's your psychic predictions

492

00:21:31,680 --> 00:21:28,510

for the royal family that sort of thing

493

00:21:36,720 --> 00:21:31,690

you know celebrity predictions and some

494

00:21:38,670 --> 00:21:36,730

years back 2016 he wrote us down a

495

00:21:40,290 --> 00:21:38,680

series of visions which he's pieced

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00:21:43,170 --> 00:21:40,300

together now to say look I really did

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00:21:45,330 --> 00:21:43,180

predict the coronavirus and folks that

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00:21:46,950 --> 00:21:45,340

full report will appear in the next

499

00:21:49,350 --> 00:21:46,960

issue of the skeptic magazine the

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00:21:52,770 --> 00:21:49,360

journal from Australian skeptics getting

501
00:21:54,540 --> 00:21:52,780
back to the podcasting world Ben how are

502
00:21:56,190 --> 00:21:54,550
you enjoying it now you've been doing

503
00:21:59,370 --> 00:21:56,200
squaring the strange now for it for a

504
00:22:04,530 --> 00:21:59,380
few years do you still enjoy the process

505
00:22:07,380 --> 00:22:04,540
is it a good outlet for you I do I to be

506
00:22:09,300 --> 00:22:07,390
totally honest with you I I was not at

507
00:22:11,760 --> 00:22:09,310
all confident that we would last three

508
00:22:15,020 --> 00:22:11,770
years and we just passed our three year

509
00:22:17,940 --> 00:22:15,030
anniversary on April Fool's Day actually

510
00:22:20,910 --> 00:22:17,950
and you know it's just I'm just

511
00:22:23,130 --> 00:22:20,920
delighted that we've built a followers

512
00:22:26,400 --> 00:22:23,140
and listeners and fans do due in part to

513
00:22:28,320 --> 00:22:26,410

you and thank you and your discussions

514

00:22:29,850 --> 00:22:28,330

and mentions of us that's done a lot

515

00:22:34,110 --> 00:22:29,860

we've had some wonderful listeners in

516

00:22:35,310 --> 00:22:34,120

Australia and I just I'm glad that that

517

00:22:37,110 --> 00:22:35,320

there's an audience for this and the

518

00:22:40,500 --> 00:22:37,120

people are interested in The Skeptical

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00:22:43,410 --> 00:22:40,510

sign of things and you know when we

520

00:22:45,330 --> 00:22:43,420

first began doing it you know a [h__h]

521

00:22:48,600 --> 00:22:45,340

that's cool and I talked about it and I

522

00:22:49,680 --> 00:22:48,610

was like well you know are people going

523

00:22:51,240 --> 00:22:49,690

to be interested in what we're

524

00:22:54,150 --> 00:22:51,250

interested in I mean I I think it's

525

00:22:56,490 --> 00:22:54,160

interesting because but because that's

526

00:22:57,900 --> 00:22:56,500

what I do right that's so if I

527

00:22:59,040 --> 00:22:57,910

weren't interested than the then there

528

00:23:01,740 --> 00:22:59,050

wouldn't need an audience for it but

529

00:23:04,740 --> 00:23:01,750

sure enough we have lovely listeners

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00:23:07,260 --> 00:23:04,750

around the world and and I'm just just

531

00:23:08,669 --> 00:23:07,270

grateful to to to the listeners and also

532

00:23:12,210 --> 00:23:08,679

to Silesia and

533

00:23:13,830 --> 00:23:12,220

well they do wonderful job I can tell

534

00:23:16,320 --> 00:23:13,840

you right now that I certainly could not

535

00:23:18,869 --> 00:23:16,330

have done it without them and and I

536

00:23:21,149 --> 00:23:18,879

appreciate everybody listening and

537

00:23:22,830 --> 00:23:21,159

everybody's giving us some support yeah

538

00:23:24,480 --> 00:23:22,840

and I was just thinking about it it's

539

00:23:26,009 --> 00:23:24,490

really nice to have such a variety of

540

00:23:26,700 --> 00:23:26,019

skeptical shows out there and they're

541

00:23:29,009 --> 00:23:26,710

all different

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00:23:30,480 --> 00:23:29,019

I mean squaring the strange is different

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from the skeptics guide to the universe

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it's a it's different people and talking

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about different things the skeptic zone

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00:23:37,649 --> 00:23:35,830

is different to those two shows because

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00:23:40,169 --> 00:23:37,659

of our magazine style format and

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00:23:42,690 --> 00:23:40,179

interviews and reports and stuff stuff

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like that we've got skeptoid which is of

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course is the shortened you know 10 to

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00:23:49,889 --> 00:23:47,830
15 minutes on one topic the ESP which is

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00:23:53,009 --> 00:23:49,899
the European angle the skeptics with the

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00:23:55,200 --> 00:23:53,019
K from the the UK side of things it's

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00:23:57,690 --> 00:23:55,210
quite a selection of sceptical podcast

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00:23:58,999 --> 00:23:57,700
out there and we all seem to be hanging

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00:24:01,710 --> 00:23:59,009
in there I think

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00:24:03,690 --> 00:24:01,720
yeah and it's it's wonderful you know

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00:24:06,960 --> 00:24:03,700
everybody's doing their own niche there

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00:24:08,970 --> 00:24:06,970
is no real rivalry between I mean it's

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00:24:11,850 --> 00:24:08,980
uh we're all we're all doing good work

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00:24:13,259 --> 00:24:11,860
and trying to do good work and and it's

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00:24:15,210 --> 00:24:13,269
just wonderful that we have an audience

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00:24:17,940 --> 00:24:15,220

out there that that are supporting us

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00:24:20,220 --> 00:24:17,950

and I I think it's it's a it's a telling

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touch that a drop of a hat you can

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appear on my show I can appear on your

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00:24:26,730 --> 00:24:24,820

show somebody from the ESP will appear

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00:24:28,560 --> 00:24:26,740

on on this show that you know we're all

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00:24:31,769 --> 00:24:28,570

we're old friends and we're all in this

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00:24:33,899 --> 00:24:31,779

together and there's no sense of rivalry

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00:24:35,340 --> 00:24:33,909

the only thing I would say is if we

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listen to each other's shows we think

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all that sounds better than mine I have

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to improve my own show I know in the

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00:24:43,499 --> 00:24:41,919

case of squaring estranged I often think

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00:24:45,359 --> 00:24:43,509

now that's a good show why can't I do a

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00:24:46,680 --> 00:24:45,369

show like that boy one thing and I

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00:24:48,060 --> 00:24:46,690

probably shouldn't tell you this but one

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00:24:50,639 --> 00:24:48,070

thing that we do is on squaring the

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00:24:52,859 --> 00:24:50,649

strange sometimes we'll have a Skype

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00:24:55,139 --> 00:24:52,869

call between Celestia and Pasqual and I

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00:24:58,320 --> 00:24:55,149

and we'll just sit around thinking of

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00:25:01,980 --> 00:24:58,330

ways in which your show is superior to

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our show and there's so many well come

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up with you know five or six reasons and

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then

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you know Pascual say yeah but you know

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you don't have Richards accent oh well

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00:25:13,820 --> 00:25:11,520

yeah but you know it's it's all good I

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00:25:15,860 --> 00:25:13,830

tell you what I'll make it up to you

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00:25:21,830 --> 00:25:15,870

I'll send Maynard to you for a week how

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00:25:24,799 --> 00:25:21,840

about that I'm a big fan of eighties

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00:25:26,900 --> 00:25:24,809

music as you probably know and he is

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00:25:28,730 --> 00:25:26,910

just the the rubberface maniac that I

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00:25:38,750 --> 00:25:28,740

just want to squeeze could you imagine

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00:25:39,590 --> 00:25:38,760

a weekend with Maynard and Roswell let's

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00:25:41,600 --> 00:25:39,600

make that happen

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00:25:43,490 --> 00:25:41,610

been Redford thank you once again for

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your insights folks the podcast is

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called squaring the strange we often run

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00:25:50,510 --> 00:25:47,340
promotions for it here on the sceptic

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00:25:53,930 --> 00:25:50,520
zone it's a fascinating delve into

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00:25:56,120 --> 00:25:53,940
sometimes areas the skeptic zone doesn't

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00:25:59,120 --> 00:25:56,130
get a chance to cover and it's all

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00:26:02,450 --> 00:25:59,130
credit to you and pasquale and the

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00:26:04,940 --> 00:26:02,460
wonderful and talented Celestia Ward but

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00:26:07,830 --> 00:26:04,950
for now Ben Radford have another drink

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00:26:20,520 --> 00:26:07,840
thank you very much

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00:26:26,020 --> 00:26:23,890
hey fellow skeptics bedford here with

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00:26:28,030 --> 00:26:26,030
celeste reward your friendly host of

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00:26:29,919 --> 00:26:28,040
squaring the strange a podcast that

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00:26:33,160 --> 00:26:29,929
looks at topics ranging from legends

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panics and cryptids 80 myths psychology

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00:26:37,240 --> 00:26:35,120

and folklore breaking things down and

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00:26:39,430 --> 00:26:37,250

picking things apart as we skeptics do

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we bring a few different perspectives on

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things pleasure for example is a witty

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cartoonist and ben is a brilliant writer

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and long-time skeptical investigator we

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don't always agree but we have fun

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trying and we learn new things join us

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00:26:55,270 --> 00:26:52,940

for new topics every week or two or

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browse our backlog of evergreen episodes

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available on itunes and all your

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podcasts feeding troughs squaring the

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that looks good enough to eat

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or does it here's the diet skeptic

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mandelino ball hello skeptic

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signlessness mandalay noble here

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dietitian and skeptic reporting from

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brisbane welcome skeptic zone listeners

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to a mini update of the diet skeptic

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report you may recall that in a recent

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report on wellness Curry's cashing in on

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covert 19 I mentioned celebrity chef

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Peterman's who had been slapped with a

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\$25,000 fine by the Australian therapy

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dudes good administration the TTA issued

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the fine after receiving a number of

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complaints about evans speaking a

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glorified plasma lamp and making claims

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it would have an effect on Wuhan

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coronavirus this was a great win for

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Public Health in Australia but it left

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the question why was Evans a champion of

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anti vaccination and anti fluoride

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movements still being afforded a

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platform as co-host of a primetime

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television series on one of Australia's

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major free to air television networks

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that was until this week when the

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following news articles broke over to

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you Richard to fill us in on some of the

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headlines this report comes to us from

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news.com today you on the 8th of May

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twenty twenty feet evans and channel 7

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part ways after the TV chef was fined

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\$25,000 by the TGA controversial My

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Kitchen Rules judge Pete Evans has

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parted ways with channel 7 bringing to

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an end a decade-long working

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00:29:10,550 --> 00:29:07,890

relationship it goes on to say Evans who

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has appeared on every season of My

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Kitchen Rules since 2010 was rumoured to

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have been on a eight hundred thousand

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dollar contract with Channel seven

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Channel seven parted ways with Evans

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because there are currently no plans for

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another season of my Kitchen Rules a

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decision as to whether the reality

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program will return in 2021 will be made

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later this year

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Evans was recently slapped with a 25

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thousand dollar fine by the Therapeutic

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Goods Administration of a magical

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coronavirus eradication properties he

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claimed about a bio charger device in a

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facebook livestream promotion it goes on

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to say Evans a prominent Paleo diet

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advocate has attracted condemnation for

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a number of dubious health claims over

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the years he claimed it a Netflix

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documentary that the keto diet could

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assist people with autism asthma and

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even cancer last year he made headlines

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when he said that flu ride should not be

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put in the water supply fluoride is a

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known neurotoxin Evans told the

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herald-sun

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if people choose to add fluoride then it

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should be their choice to do so I cannot

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wait for it to be eliminated from being

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added to Australian water supplies in

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2016 Evans also sparked controversy with

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his views on sunscreen during a facebook

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Q&A he said the silly thing is people

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put on normal chemical sunscreen and lay

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out in the Sun for hours on end and

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think they are safe because they have

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covered themselves in poisonous

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chemicals which is a recipe for disaster

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as we are witnessing these days and in

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2015 a planned cookbook by Evans for

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mothers and babies was dropped from

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publication by the publisher over a baby

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broth recipe which contained 4.5 times

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the maximum vitamin a dose for a baby

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and we have another report that appeared

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in The Guardian at the Guardian calm

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Australian celebrity chef Pete Evans

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under fire for sharing views of UK

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conspiracy theorist David Icke the story

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says these celebrity chef Pete Evans has

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come under fresh

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criticism for promoting the coronavirus

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views of david icke the british

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conspiracy theorists previously accused

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of holocaust denial and barred from

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entering australia i also compares

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covered 19 distancing measures to Nazi

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Germany fascism in the interview that

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appears to have been recorded during the

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same week that Facebook and YouTube

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deleted his accounts for making claims

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about five G & coronavirus Evans social

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media post prompted the Labour MP Josh

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burns who was Jewish to write to the

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chef on Thursday warning him about Ike's

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long history of anti-semitism and

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cautioning him against promoting his

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views on social media it goes on I felt

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that it was important that you were

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aware of the offensive historical works

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by mr. David Icke Byrnes told Evans in

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the letters seen by the Guardian mr. Ike

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was denied a visa to Australia for a

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good reason his conspiracy theories

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incite hatred of Jewish people David

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lcke is not just controversial he is

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racist he espouses a dark and old form

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of anti-semitism that is personally

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offensive and there has no place in

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Australian society and that story once

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again comes from The Guardian comm and

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both these stories will be linked in

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this week's show notes thanks Richard

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well it is clear that covert 19 has had

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some devastating effects and it has had

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changed how we live and our values I'm

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hopeful that there may be some positive

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outcomes including a collective push

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against the anti science movements that

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have risked the gains made by successful

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public health interventions such as

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vaccination and fluoridation as for

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Evans well while he hasn't been directly

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commenting on the public axing by

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television network channel 7 evans was

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quick to post to his social media

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accounts in a post today he has thanked

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his followers and pointed to his success

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as a best-selling author on food and

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health Evans is also alluded to the

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industries and authorities who are

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conspiring to

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him down as a health care provider I

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look forward to seeing and hearing a lot

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less from Evans and hope that far fewer

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vulnerable Shane's will do too finally

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as I've said previously my thoughts are

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with everyone who has been affected by

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covert 19 I want to acknowledge the

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detrimental impact its had on

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communities here and abroad thank you to

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our heroes of science and medicine and

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thank you skeptics and listeners bye for

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[Applause]

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this is Brian Dunning from skeptoid here

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quarantine away in Central Oregon a few

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weeks ago I was supposed to speak at an

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academic conference on conspiracy

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theories in Miami but like all the

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world's other in-person conferences it

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was cancelled due to Cove in nineteen so

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I was asked to put my talk online it's

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called we are all conspiracy theorists

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and it's a complete survey of the whole

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phenomenon of conspiratorial thinking I

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hope you enjoy it and please share it

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to watch we are all conspiracy theorists

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now search YouTube for skeptoid media

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and click on our logo it's also easy to

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find on Facebook on the skeptoid media

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page we are all conspiracy theorists

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online now please enjoy

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logical fallacies

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what are logical fallacies and why is it

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important that critical thinkers should

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know about them

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a logical fallacy is an error we can

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make in reasoning but it usually crops

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up when we are discussing or arguing our

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point of view some people might even

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knowingly use them to try and score

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cheap points in an argument due to

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intellectual laziness

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they are traps we can fall into but if

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we know what to look out for we can spot

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them when they occur and stop ourselves

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from using them

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this time we'll look at the middle

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ground also known as the false

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compromise and the argument to

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moderation this is when it's asserted

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that the truth of the matter lies

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between two extremes and casts doubt on

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a well reasoned and evidence-based

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conclusion this fallacy can come across

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as being very fair-minded or democratic

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as it seems to appeal to an open-minded

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00:36:58,400 --> 00:36:55,830
approach but there are some issues and

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00:37:00,920 --> 00:36:58,410
topics where enough evidence has been

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gathered for us to be very sure of the

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premise some say climate change is real

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00:37:09,920 --> 00:37:07,320
and the earth is warming but others say

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00:37:12,200 --> 00:37:09,930
it's not happening or even if it is it's

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00:37:14,870 --> 00:37:12,210
just part of a natural cycle of the

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00:37:17,750 --> 00:37:14,880
planet until they all just make up their

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00:37:20,210 --> 00:37:17,760
mind I'm not going to commit one way or

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00:37:22,700 --> 00:37:20,220
the other it's good to weigh up the

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00:37:25,880 --> 00:37:22,710
arguments on any issue and listen to a

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wide range of opinions but if you're

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00:37:32,000 --> 00:37:28,290

waiting for everyone to make up their

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00:37:33,980 --> 00:37:32,010

minds you'll be waiting forever while it

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could be said that science never

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ultimately makes up its mind it does

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00:37:43,970 --> 00:37:40,310

reach firm if tentative conclusions

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00:37:45,829 --> 00:37:43,980

there is no longer any doubt that humans

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00:37:49,520 --> 00:37:45,839

contribute to global warming

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00:37:51,620 --> 00:37:49,530

however science continues to fine-tune

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our knowledge and understanding of the

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00:37:58,210 --> 00:37:55,470

phenomenon note too that the consensus

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on global warming isn't a middle ground

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negotiated between scientists but a

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00:38:07,339 --> 00:38:04,440

consensus of what the data shows and the

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evidence clearly rests on one side I

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know some scientists say the earth is

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billions of years old and we evolved

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from apes but other scientists say there

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is proof for biblical creation with the

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earth being only 6,000 years old

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don't you think it's best we teach

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children both points of view and let

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them decide here is a classic argument

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from the young earth creationists by

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saying there are scientists on both

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sides of the question implies that the

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established history of the earth and the

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fact of

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evolution are in doubt both are simply

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00:38:48,410 --> 00:38:45,690

not in doubt in the scientific community

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00:38:50,390 --> 00:38:48,420

but there always be those who use the

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false balance to push their point of

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view in this case creationism sometimes

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there is a concession to the religious

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doctrine by using a combination of

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creationism and evolution to reach a

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hybrid middle ground and this is also

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fallacious as the positions are

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diametrically opposed also remember that

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00:39:16,609 --> 00:39:13,650

no matter what the topic even if it's

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00:39:19,160 --> 00:39:16,619

ridiculous you'll always find someone

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calling themselves an expert to defend

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it I was watching a debate on TV about

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vaccinations they had a doctor talking

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about preventing whooping cough and

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measles with a vaccine but for balance

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they also had a naturopath to give the

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other side of the story again and again

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TV shows especially breakfast TV that

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00:39:44,269 --> 00:39:41,490

has maybe a five or six minute slot to

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fill will cover an issue by getting in

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00:39:51,230 --> 00:39:47,760

to people who represent quote both sides

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00:39:54,230 --> 00:39:51,240

of an issue and let them fight it out it

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00:39:56,089 --> 00:39:54,240

makes the good TV but leave the viewers

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00:39:58,609 --> 00:39:56,099

with a mistaken impression that there

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00:40:03,650 --> 00:39:58,619

are two equal sides to an issue in this

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case vaccination during the 2010 medical

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00:40:08,599 --> 00:40:06,150

scientists dr. Rachel Dunlop of the

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Australian skeptics took a strong stand

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00:40:14,510 --> 00:40:11,520

against this false balance and refused

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to be part of any TV or radio program

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that would have her appear next to an

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anti-vaxxer she did not want to give

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them undeserved credibility by appearing

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with her

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there are so many examples where a

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00:40:33,220 --> 00:40:30,890
middle ground simply does not exist you

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00:40:34,500 --> 00:40:33,230
cannot be half dead or a little bit

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00:40:37,030 --> 00:40:34,510
pregnant

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00:40:40,120 --> 00:40:37,040
despite this fallacy sounding so

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00:40:42,490 --> 00:40:40,130
reasonable as we've seen it is often

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00:40:44,590 --> 00:40:42,500
used by others with a fringe opinion to

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00:40:48,420 --> 00:40:44,600
try and cast doubt on the stronger

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00:40:50,700 --> 00:40:48,430
opinion or even on established fact

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knowing a logical fallacy when you hear

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one and even knowing its name is

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important when arguing your point of

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view however you may come across as

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arrogant and not get very far if you

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call it out by name to your opponent

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when you hear it being used if your

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opponent calls you out for using one

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it's time to stop and think about how

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you are making your case use your

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knowledge of logical fallacies wisely

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and remember that even if your point of

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view is right and you know all the

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pitfalls in arguing your case it doesn't

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00:41:37,660 --> 00:41:34,250

always mean you'll win on the day and a

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00:41:42,810 --> 00:41:37,670

skeptics we must also remember that we

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00:41:46,120 --> 00:41:42,820

too can be wrong at times I'm sure

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00:41:54,500 --> 00:41:46,130

because my from the VEX skeptics thanks

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seeking skeptical speakers for skeptics

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cafe the VIX skeptics are continuing

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their skeptics cafe every third Monday

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of the month via zoom meetings this

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month on the 18th of May they will be

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hosting their annual soapbox where

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people who feel passionate about a topic

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skeptical in nature can present an

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00:42:27,950 --> 00:42:25,230

online talk for around 15 minutes as one

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of four speakers so if you'd like to

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give it a try please contact the Vick

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skeptics at the IC @ skeptics comm

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dot-eu or send a message via the

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skeptics cafe Facebook page of course

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experienced speakers are welcome to

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apply to that's the Vick skeptics

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continuing their skeptics cafe every

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third Monday of the month via zoom

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meetings

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from the Australian skeptics we glanced

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at the Australian skeptics newsletter

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number 97 and this was sent out on the

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5th of May 2028 UM's covered our skeptic

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00:43:33,380 --> 00:43:31,140
on 2020 update the 36th Australian

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00:43:35,929 --> 00:43:33,390
skeptics National Convention skeptic on

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00:43:38,449 --> 00:43:35,939
2020 is due to be held at Surfers

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00:43:41,569 --> 00:43:38,459
Paradise on Queensland's Gold Coast from

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00:43:43,429 --> 00:43:41,579
October the 23rd to the 25th the

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00:43:46,519 --> 00:43:43,439
organisers are still planning for it to

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go ahead and as a face-to-face event

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if circumstances change or if government

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directions mean that such physical

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meetings are not allowed then decisions

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can be made about the status and format

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of the event for more information and

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the latest updates go to the skeptic on

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website and that website is sceptic

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on.org

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the next item says paleo Pete hit with

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TGA fine no sooner did we nominate paleo

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Pete Evans for the Australian skeptics

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bent spoon award for his bio charge of

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miracle technology then he gets hit with

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a twenty five thousand two hundred

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dollar fine by the TGA for promoting the

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product the appliance can apparently

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treat covered 19 among hundreds of other

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conditions it was selling for fifteen

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thousand Australian dollars although the

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US original also sells for \$15,000 so

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either people is offering a

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bargain-basement price or someone got

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their Australian and US dollars mixed up

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and don't forget to visit the website of

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Australian skeptic skeptics Conger au

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and check out this year's nominations

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for the bent spoon award you can also

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next item says anti-vaxxer party changes

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name despite objections the involuntary

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medical objectors vaccination fluoride

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party will now be known as the informed

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medical opinions party and change

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medical experts warned was an attempt to

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conceal the parties to agenda and appear

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more mainstream

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despite formal objections from the

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Australian Medical Association and

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federal Health Minister Greg Hunt the

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Australian Electoral Commission found

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the name change met the requirements of

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the Electoral Act but while the name may

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have changed it's still the same

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policies the original anti-vaxxer a

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fluoride conspiracy touting party were

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set up by Michael O'Neill founder

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secretary and leader of the fringe group

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he is the husband of the banned

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naturopath barber O'Neill

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Facebook criticized for pseudoscience ad

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targeting category Facebook has been

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removing content with quote false or

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conspiracy theories in quote relating to

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covert 19 since January including

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removing the pseudoscience category

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however an investigation by the US

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nonprofit Consumer Reports found that

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ads containing deliberate and dangerous

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misinformation relating to covert

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nineteen are slipping through Facebook's

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meanwhile david icke kicked off facebook

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Facebook has taken down the official

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page of conspiracy theorist David Icke

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for publishing quote health information

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that could cause physical harm end quote

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specifically false claims about

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coronavirus such as suggesting 5g mobile

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phone networks are linked to the spread

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of the virus in one video he suggests

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that a Jewish group was behind the virus

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following the band likes Twitter account

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00:47:31,890 --> 00:47:28,240
posted quote fascist Facebook deletes

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David Icke and the elite are terrified

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00:47:40,680 --> 00:47:37,450
end quote here we have one same people

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00:47:45,390 --> 00:47:40,690
behind climate denial and coronavirus

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pseudoscience not everyone of course but

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a new investigation from environmental

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publication and dismal shows quote the

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massive overlap between the climate

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science denial machine and the covert 19

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panic denial machine in quote using

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quote the same playbook they've used to

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try to discredit climate science and

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quote and a little note from me isn't

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that interesting this overlap between

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conspiracy theorists like that it sort

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of reminds me of the overlap between

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believers in the New Age and conspiracy

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theorists to quote as the virus spread

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so too did misinformation baseless

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predictions that the disease would not

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cause significant harm claims of miracle

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cures and conspiracy theories about the

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virus's origins unquote the project

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executive summary says quote that

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misinformation was often circulated by

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white-collar professionals including

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many who have a history of casting doubt

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on climate science or seeking to debate

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issues that were already laid to rest

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within the scientific community main

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question there is also what dr. Steve

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novella

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refers to as end quote unholy alliance

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in quote between cove at 19 and

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supermarkets crap dangerous conspiracy

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magazine and of course this is a story

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we covered on the show last week two of

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Australia's largest supermarkets have

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agreed to stop selling the

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anti-vaccination alternative medicine

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magazine and their checkouts and in

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their aisles after being called out by

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two jeebies Ben Fordham the magazine

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what doctors don't tell you is stacked

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page to page with conspiracies dangerous

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misinformation and dodgy medical advice

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needless to say the magazine has

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subjected the next item says science

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denial among the greatest risks to

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humanity the denial of science is among

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the top 10 risks to humanity according

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to a recent report by the fledgling

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Commission for the human future see HF

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this ranks such the nihilism alongside

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climate change nuclear war

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00:50:14,640 --> 00:50:11,619

overpopulation unregulated artificial

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00:50:17,370 --> 00:50:14,650

intelligence environmental decline and

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00:50:20,370 --> 00:50:17,380

extinction resource scarcity food

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00:50:22,890 --> 00:50:20,380

insecurity overpopulation Universal

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00:50:25,229 --> 00:50:22,900

pollution by chemicals and pandemic

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00:50:27,539 --> 00:50:25,239

disease that almost sounds like a rhyme

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00:50:31,109 --> 00:50:27,549

somehow doesn't it the Australian based

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00:50:33,690 --> 00:50:31,119

CHF believes influential members of the

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00:50:36,329 --> 00:50:33,700

political class have showed quote

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00:50:39,779 --> 00:50:36,339

disdain for scientific knowledge in

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00:50:43,229 --> 00:50:39,789

quote and says quote some were actively

1100

00:50:45,839 --> 00:50:43,239

hostile to it this has led to scientific

1101
00:50:48,180 --> 00:50:45,849
advice being ignored and scientific

1102
00:50:50,969 --> 00:50:48,190
investments cut because it does not suit

1103
00:50:54,450 --> 00:50:50,979
the short-term political agendas or

1104
00:50:57,900 --> 00:50:54,460
unfounded political beliefs end quote it

1105
00:51:00,930 --> 00:50:57,910
says in its surviving and thriving in

1106
00:51:04,800 --> 00:51:00,940
the 21st century reporting the report

1107
00:51:06,970 --> 00:51:04,810
does offer ways to deal with the issues

1108
00:51:09,280 --> 00:51:06,980
other stories reported in this

1109
00:51:12,280 --> 00:51:09,290
newsletter include I'm not saying it's

1110
00:51:15,310 --> 00:51:12,290
not aliens but it's not aliens Phil

1111
00:51:18,960 --> 00:51:15,320
Plait the bad astronomer on UFO videos

1112
00:51:24,760 --> 00:51:18,970
recently released by the Pentagon quote

1113
00:51:27,850 --> 00:51:24,770

but is any of this actually true yeah no

1114

00:51:31,690 --> 00:51:27,860

I mean sure the objects in the footage

1115

00:51:37,840 --> 00:51:31,700

are unidentified but something being a

1116

00:51:40,050 --> 00:51:37,850

UFO doesn't make it you know a UFO the

1117

00:51:42,730 --> 00:51:40,060

newsletter also reminds us the March

1118

00:51:44,680 --> 00:51:42,740

2020 issue of the skeptic the journal

1119

00:51:46,570 --> 00:51:44,690

from Australian skeptics is out with a

1120

00:51:48,820 --> 00:51:46,580

feature on science pseudoscience and

1121

00:51:51,400 --> 00:51:48,830

politicians not to mention science

1122

00:51:54,100 --> 00:51:51,410

pseudoscience business management our

1123

00:51:56,970 --> 00:51:54,110

good our paranormalist practices over

1124

00:51:59,620 --> 00:51:56,980

old-fashioned UFO cult and a lot more

1125

00:52:01,180 --> 00:51:59,630

lots of good information coming to us

1126

00:52:02,860 --> 00:52:01,190

there from Australian skeptics and if

1127

00:52:07,830 --> 00:52:02,870

you want to receive that newsletter for

1128

00:52:10,840 --> 00:52:07,840

yourself just go to WWF Descamps day you

1129

00:52:13,150 --> 00:52:10,850

scroll to the bottom of the page and

1130

00:52:16,680 --> 00:52:13,160

then you'll see the link or the little

1131

00:52:19,060 --> 00:52:16,690

box there for sign up to receive news

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00:52:22,000 --> 00:52:19,070

you can also follow the Australian

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00:52:27,240 --> 00:52:22,010

skeptics on Twitter and the Twitter

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00:52:41,640 --> 00:52:27,250

account is at a UST skeptics

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00:52:45,760 --> 00:52:43,990

thank you for listening to the skeptic

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00:52:47,530 --> 00:52:45,770

zone and thank you to all those people

1137

00:52:51,130 --> 00:52:47,540

around the world who have been updating

1138

00:52:53,140 --> 00:52:51,140

the site Korona conspiracy dot cloud

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00:52:55,540 --> 00:52:53,150

link in this week's show notes of course

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00:52:59,590 --> 00:52:55,550

now this is the place where if you find

1141

00:53:02,560 --> 00:52:59,600

a dodgy bit of medical advice or quack

1142

00:53:04,750 --> 00:53:02,570

advice with coronavirus suggesting you

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00:53:05,980 --> 00:53:04,760

all I don't know ingested bleach or

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00:53:10,590 --> 00:53:05,990

something know something crazy like

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00:53:13,840 --> 00:53:10,600

homeopathy or Reiki for coronavirus or

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00:53:15,760 --> 00:53:13,850

applied kinesiology if you go to corona

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00:53:17,890 --> 00:53:15,770

conspiracy dot cloud you can upload a

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00:53:19,840 --> 00:53:17,900

screen capture or a photograph that you

1149

00:53:22,840 --> 00:53:19,850

might have taken together with the

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00:53:25,570 --> 00:53:22,850

mother um notes and for the rest of us

1151
00:53:27,940 --> 00:53:25,580
you can go to that website and peruse

1152
00:53:30,820 --> 00:53:27,950
all the weird and wonderful claims

1153
00:53:34,660 --> 00:53:30,830
people have found when it comes to

1154
00:53:37,140 --> 00:53:34,670
quackery and coronavirus men speaking of

1155
00:53:39,430 --> 00:53:37,150
quackery and coronavirus one of the

1156
00:53:41,800 --> 00:53:39,440
mentions on that website is the

1157
00:53:45,160 --> 00:53:41,810
homeopathy plus outfit here in Australia

1158
00:53:46,960 --> 00:53:45,170
you have been recently advocating the

1159
00:53:47,410 --> 00:53:46,970
use of homeopathy for growing a virus of

1160
00:53:49,570 --> 00:53:47,420
course

1161
00:53:52,240 --> 00:53:49,580
no surprises there but they point to

1162
00:53:54,700 --> 00:53:52,250
India being a great success because they

1163
00:53:58,240 --> 00:53:54,710

use homeopathy well I've been having a

1164

00:54:02,020 --> 00:53:58,250

look at the statistics and the graph for

1165

00:54:04,600 --> 00:54:02,030

India is not looking good it's going up

1166

00:54:07,570 --> 00:54:04,610

and up and up

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00:54:11,560 --> 00:54:07,580

and I suspect because of the problems

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00:54:14,140 --> 00:54:11,570

they may well have in getting testing

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00:54:17,200 --> 00:54:14,150

done in such a vast population that the

1170

00:54:21,130 --> 00:54:17,210

numbers of those infected and those dead

1171

00:54:23,740 --> 00:54:21,140

are probably sadly much higher than what

1172

00:54:25,150 --> 00:54:23,750

the statistics show thank you to those

1173

00:54:28,030 --> 00:54:25,160

people who continue to support the

1174

00:54:30,640 --> 00:54:28,040

skeptic zone via patreon or PayPal and

1175

00:54:32,350 --> 00:54:30,650

you can do that at skeptic zone TV at

1176

00:54:32,890 --> 00:54:32,360

the moment this is my only source of

1177

00:54:36,370 --> 00:54:32,900

income

1178

00:54:38,110 --> 00:54:36,380

and I need I need every cent to keep

1179

00:54:40,330 --> 00:54:38,120

feeding the skeptic zone cats to be

1180

00:54:41,530 --> 00:54:40,340

quite honest very demanding in fact

1181

00:54:44,730 --> 00:54:41,540

there was one at the door a little while

1182

00:54:46,930 --> 00:54:44,740

ago it seemed to be gone maybe they're

1183

00:54:48,820 --> 00:54:46,940

running downstairs to eat their dinner

1184

00:54:50,290 --> 00:54:48,830

but no seriously thank you to all those

1185

00:54:52,500 --> 00:54:50,300

people who continue to support the

1186

00:54:55,380 --> 00:54:52,510

skeptic zone in these hard times

1187

00:54:57,840 --> 00:54:55,390

and if you feel so inclined \$5.00 a

1188

00:54:59,820 --> 00:54:57,850

month or \$10 a month would be greatly

1189

00:55:02,040 --> 00:54:59,830

appreciated at patreon and would

1190

00:55:05,010 --> 00:55:02,050

certainly help the show patreon.com

1191

00:55:07,580 --> 00:55:05,020

slash skeptic zone or just follow the

1192

00:55:10,170 --> 00:55:07,590

links on the skeptic zone homepage

1193

00:55:11,820 --> 00:55:10,180

coming up on next week's show we chat to

1194

00:55:13,740 --> 00:55:11,830

an old friend of mine a Linda Brown a

1195

00:55:15,870 --> 00:55:13,750

Linda was one of the committee members

1196

00:55:18,030 --> 00:55:15,880

of the Australian skeptics 20 years ago

1197

00:55:21,060 --> 00:55:18,040

almost 20 years ago when I joined and

1198

00:55:23,280 --> 00:55:21,070

she and I and some others had wonderful

1199

00:55:26,190 --> 00:55:23,290

Skeptical adventures where we'd go and

1200

00:55:29,190 --> 00:55:26,200

test psychics go to mind body wallet

1201

00:55:32,310 --> 00:55:29,200

festivals and a Linda and you'll hear

1202

00:55:36,950 --> 00:55:32,320

about this next week even once went to a

1203

00:55:41,940 --> 00:55:36,960

hypnotist who claimed she could make

1204

00:55:43,280 --> 00:55:41,950

breasts grow bigger by hypnotizing stem

1205

00:55:46,320 --> 00:55:43,290

cells

1206

00:55:49,140 --> 00:55:46,330

yeah skepticism is an interesting game I

1207

00:55:50,370 --> 00:55:49,150

tell you that hear about that next week

1208

00:55:52,770 --> 00:55:50,380

but for this week

1209

00:55:59,100 --> 00:55:52,780

this is Richard Saunders signing off

1210

00:56:01,140 --> 00:55:59,110

from Sydney Australia you've been

1211

00:56:08,070 --> 00:56:01,150

listening to the skeptic zone podcast

1212

00:56:10,530 --> 00:56:08,080

please visit our website at wwlp.com tax

1213

00:56:14,580 --> 00:56:10,540

and to access the bat catalog of

1214

00:56:16,290 --> 00:56:14,590

episodes going back to 2008 you can

1215

00:56:19,350 --> 00:56:16,300

follow the skeptic zone podcast on

1216

00:56:21,630 --> 00:56:19,360

twitter at skeptic zone visit our

1217

00:56:22,590 --> 00:56:21,640

facebook page or leave a review on

1218

00:56:25,200 --> 00:56:22,600

itunes

1219

00:56:28,590 --> 00:56:25,210

you can also support the skeptic zone

1220

00:56:31,980 --> 00:56:28,600

via patreon or PayPal the skeptic zone

1221

00:56:33,690 --> 00:56:31,990

podcast is an independent production the

1222

00:56:35,820 --> 00:56:33,700

views and opinions expressed on the

1223

00:56:38,160 --> 00:56:35,830

skeptic zone are not necessarily those

1224

00:56:43,420 --> 00:56:38,170

of Australian skeptics or any other

1225

00:56:43,430 --> 00:56:50,900

you

1226

00:56:54,959 --> 00:56:53,579

hello people who listen after the music

1227

00:56:56,759 --> 00:56:54,969

yes it's time once again for the dice

1228

00:57:00,959 --> 00:56:56,769

game now people who listened last week

1229

00:57:03,029 --> 00:57:00,969

will remember that I rolled a d20 now

1230

00:57:08,309 --> 00:57:03,039

rolled it three times and it came up ten

1231

00:57:09,989 --> 00:57:08,319

ten ten and I guess any combination of

1232

00:57:11,189 --> 00:57:09,999

three numbers has an equal chance of

1233

00:57:13,549 --> 00:57:11,199

coming up but there you go I thought

1234

00:57:17,219 --> 00:57:13,559

that was pretty amazing our special

1235

00:57:18,449 --> 00:57:17,229

guest predictor using his amazing

1236

00:57:21,539 --> 00:57:18,459

psychic powers this week has been

1237

00:57:23,009 --> 00:57:21,549

radford hello Ben now we're going to

1238

00:57:26,759 --> 00:57:23,019

play the dice game I'm gonna roll this

1239

00:57:28,739 --> 00:57:26,769

d20 three times and I want you to use

1240

00:57:30,419 --> 00:57:28,749

your special powers to see along with

1241

00:57:32,159 --> 00:57:30,429

the people at home or in their cars or

1242

00:57:34,319 --> 00:57:32,169

walking the dog or doing the dishes or

1243

00:57:36,120 --> 00:57:34,329

hiking or whatever they're doing if you

1244

00:57:38,429 --> 00:57:36,130

can guess the number coming up so here

1245

00:57:43,409 --> 00:57:38,439

we go I'm shaking it now it's well shook

1246

00:57:48,659 --> 00:57:43,419

Ben what's your prediction the answer is

1247

00:57:57,839 --> 00:57:48,669

17 ooh here we go holy mackerel it's

1248

00:58:00,689 --> 00:57:57,849

four okay well I thought four but but my

1249

00:58:02,329 --> 00:58:00,699

mouth said 17 damn it so I can see why

1250

00:58:08,939 --> 00:58:02,339

you might count that as a Miss all right

1251
00:58:11,779 --> 00:58:08,949
what's your next guess ten ten Oh like

1252
00:58:15,569 --> 00:58:11,789
last week here we go

1253
00:58:17,579 --> 00:58:15,579
three okay well that in that particular

1254
00:58:25,339 --> 00:58:17,589
case I really was thinking 10 so that

1255
00:58:31,979 --> 00:58:25,349
that is okay last go okay this one is

1256
00:58:36,179 --> 00:58:31,989
number six prisoner okay and the winning

1257
00:58:42,599 --> 00:58:36,189
number is four so well one out of three

1258
00:58:44,939 --> 00:58:42,609
isn't too bad so half of 103 well my

1259
00:58:46,890 --> 00:58:44,949
head I just I just said the wrong number

1260
00:58:50,989 --> 00:58:46,900
and for those of you playing at home

1261
00:58:54,839 --> 00:58:50,999
this week's winning numbers are 4 3 & 4

1262
00:58:56,640 --> 00:58:54,849
so that that's thing I showed you the

1263
00:58:59,099 --> 00:58:56,650

other day they got the the psychic here

1264

00:59:02,219 --> 00:58:59,109

who thinks he predicted the the virus

1265

00:59:04,260 --> 00:59:02,229

yeah yeah yeah yeah I wrote a big report

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00:59:06,810 --> 00:59:04,270

about them oh you saw that you

1267

00:59:09,210 --> 00:59:06,820

so the first draft I did yeah the second

1268

00:59:13,320 --> 00:59:09,220

first draft second draft has gone to the

1269

00:59:14,640 --> 00:59:13,330

editor and he's quite happy with it well

1270

00:59:16,380 --> 00:59:14,650

you are you are quite a good writer I

1271

00:59:17,820 --> 00:59:16,390

know that you're known for your dashing

1272

00:59:23,190 --> 00:59:17,830

good looks and your podcast but you're

1273

00:59:28,470 --> 00:59:23,200

actually a halfway decent writer I'll

1274

00:59:30,000 --> 00:59:28,480

keep trying Thank You Ben that might end