



WIKIPEDIA, WE HAVE A PROBLEM

ROME VIHARO

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00:00:12,230 --> 00:00:09,169
on this episode of skeptic Oh Alex talks

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00:00:15,140 --> 00:00:12,240
with Roma haro about his experience with

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00:00:17,210 --> 00:00:15,150
Wikipedia harassment so all I was trying

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00:00:19,790 --> 00:00:17,220
to do was really just change the lead

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00:00:21,890 --> 00:00:19,800
section even just giving him his proper

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00:00:23,590 --> 00:00:21,900
credentials academically right Cambridge

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00:00:26,210 --> 00:00:23,600
University refers to him as a biologist

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00:00:28,700 --> 00:00:26,220
there's a there's so many scientific

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00:00:31,910 --> 00:00:28,710
publications that referred him as a

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00:00:34,940 --> 00:00:31,920
biologist well it's absurd he has dozens

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00:00:37,549 --> 00:00:34,950
and dozens of scholarly peer review

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00:00:39,229 --> 00:00:37,559
papers in scientific journals I think

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00:00:41,600 --> 00:00:39,239

he's published in Nature if I remember

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00:00:47,569 --> 00:00:41,610

correctly and take blind to from the

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00:00:50,510 --> 00:00:47,579

wikipedia entry from 1967 to 1973 he was

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00:00:53,000 --> 00:00:50,520

a biochemist and cell biologist at

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00:00:55,189 --> 00:00:53,010

Cambridge University well what happened

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00:00:57,500 --> 00:00:55,199

after that he stopped being a biochemist

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00:00:59,930 --> 00:00:57,510

he stopped being a biologist it's just

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00:01:14,660 --> 00:00:59,940

absurd it's like something from a Monty

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00:01:18,660 --> 00:01:16,920

welcome to skeptic oh where we explore

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00:01:21,029 --> 00:01:18,670

controversial science with leading

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00:01:23,819 --> 00:01:21,039

researchers thinkers and their critics

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00:01:26,279 --> 00:01:23,829

i'm your host Alex Karras and on this

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00:01:28,260 --> 00:01:26,289

episode of skeptic oh we're going to dig

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00:01:29,969 --> 00:01:28,270

into a topic that I've touched on a

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00:01:33,109 --> 00:01:29,979

couple of times in the last few months

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00:01:36,389 --> 00:01:33,119

it has the do with the controversy on

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00:01:38,490 --> 00:01:36,399

Wikipedia over the bio page of dr.

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00:01:41,669 --> 00:01:38,500

Rupert Sheldrake and of course it's

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00:01:44,399 --> 00:01:41,679

about the larger problem with Wikipedia

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00:01:47,100 --> 00:01:44,409

and the strong bias that it shows in

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00:01:50,160 --> 00:01:47,110

certain areas now our guests for the

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00:01:52,529 --> 00:01:50,170

show Roma haro is someone who's been on

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00:01:55,649 --> 00:01:52,539

the front lines of this battle and

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00:01:58,559 --> 00:01:55,659

provides a very interesting perspective

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00:02:01,050 --> 00:01:58,569

on exactly well I guess there's no other

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00:02:03,749 --> 00:02:01,060

way of saying it how bad things really

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00:02:06,719 --> 00:02:03,759

are so I thought before getting to this

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00:02:09,419 --> 00:02:06,729

interview with Rome I would play a clip

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00:02:11,880 --> 00:02:09,429

from dr. Rupert Sheldrake in an

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00:02:14,430 --> 00:02:11,890

interview he gave to the BBC because I

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00:02:17,520 --> 00:02:14,440

think he sums up the situation quite

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00:02:19,890 --> 00:02:17,530

nice and provides a little lead in to

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00:02:23,130 --> 00:02:19,900

what's going on and then we'll get right

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00:02:24,960 --> 00:02:23,140

to the interview here's that clip for

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00:02:27,300 --> 00:02:24,970

many Wikipedia the collaborative online

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00:02:30,150 --> 00:02:27,310

encyclopedia is the first place to go

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00:02:32,340 --> 00:02:30,160

looking for someone or something but can

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00:02:34,920 --> 00:02:32,350

you rely on it well not really says

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00:02:37,890 --> 00:02:34,930
scientist Rupert Sheldrake he came in to

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00:02:40,440 --> 00:02:37,900
explain Wikipedia is open to anyone to

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00:02:43,650 --> 00:02:40,450
edit and it's a wonderful idea but

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00:02:46,259 --> 00:02:43,660
because it's so widely used it makes it

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00:02:47,970 --> 00:02:46,269
attractive to people with an agenda to

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00:02:50,879 --> 00:02:47,980
push their own agenda by becoming

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00:02:53,550 --> 00:02:50,889
editors and I drew attention to a group

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00:02:56,280 --> 00:02:53,560
called guerilla skeptics on Wikipedia in

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00:02:58,140 --> 00:02:56,290
a blog that I rationally summed a group of

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00:02:59,610 --> 00:02:58,150
people who have a very strong agenda

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00:03:02,009 --> 00:02:59,620
they want to prove that things like

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00:03:04,590 --> 00:03:02,019
telepathy alternative and complementary

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00:03:06,090 --> 00:03:04,600

medicine and so on a rubbish well they

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00:03:07,680 --> 00:03:06,100

don't want to prove it they believe that

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00:03:09,960 --> 00:03:07,690

and they want everyone else to believe

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00:03:12,960 --> 00:03:09,970

it so I drew attention to their

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00:03:15,660 --> 00:03:12,970

activities and a few days later the

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00:03:18,210 --> 00:03:15,670

wikipedia page on me that was targeted

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00:03:20,069 --> 00:03:18,220

by a group of skeptics now I can't prove

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00:03:22,039 --> 00:03:20,079

that they're part of that organization

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00:03:24,569 --> 00:03:22,049

because people operate anonymously and

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00:03:24,900 --> 00:03:24,579

so what's happened to me since then is

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00:03:27,330 --> 00:03:24,910

that the

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00:03:29,820 --> 00:03:27,340

people as it were captured my biography

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00:03:32,190 --> 00:03:29,830

which I've never edited myself that's

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00:03:33,780 --> 00:03:32,200
not what you do on Wikipedia but they've

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00:03:36,300 --> 00:03:33,790
now systematically gone through the

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00:03:38,220 --> 00:03:36,310
biography quoting everything bad that

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00:03:40,800 --> 00:03:38,230
anyone's ever said about me for the last

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00:03:43,650 --> 00:03:40,810
30 years deleting anything good that

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00:03:45,870 --> 00:03:43,660
anyone said about me and then rewriting

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00:03:48,120 --> 00:03:45,880
like careers for example I was a fellow

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00:03:50,130 --> 00:03:48,130
of Clare College Cambridge and a

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00:03:52,020 --> 00:03:50,140
director of studies at Cambridge that's

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00:03:55,170 --> 00:03:52,030
been changed to I worked for a while as

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00:03:57,900 --> 00:03:55,180
a postdoc at Cambridge so basically a

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00:04:01,080 --> 00:03:57,910
group of dedicated ideologically

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00:04:03,030 --> 00:04:01,090

motivated people have not just my page I

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00:04:05,490 --> 00:04:03,040

mean if it was just me I wouldn't be so

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00:04:08,100 --> 00:04:05,500

worried it's a systematic attempt to

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00:04:10,980 --> 00:04:08,110

distort hundreds of pages on Wikipedia

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because your research pursues the idea

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00:04:16,680 --> 00:04:14,010

that mind is more than the physical that

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00:04:18,690 --> 00:04:16,690

people have beliefs they might have

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00:04:21,270 --> 00:04:18,700

something called soul there is telepathy

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00:04:24,450 --> 00:04:21,280

for example which needs to be explored

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00:04:26,520 --> 00:04:24,460

things are not purely material in the

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00:04:28,590 --> 00:04:26,530

way that humans experience them and

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00:04:29,970 --> 00:04:28,600

these people don't like that they think

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00:04:32,070 --> 00:04:29,980

it should be materialism and that's it

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00:04:34,710 --> 00:04:32,080
that's it they're committed materialists

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00:04:36,540 --> 00:04:34,720
and materialism is of philosophy is the

103
00:04:38,910 --> 00:04:36,550
belief that the mind is nothing but the

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00:04:42,090 --> 00:04:38,920
brain the activity of the brain so

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00:04:44,400 --> 00:04:42,100
things like telepathy or alternative

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00:04:47,010 --> 00:04:44,410
medicine are impossible there or even

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00:04:49,320 --> 00:04:47,020
belief in God oh yes that most of the

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00:04:51,780 --> 00:04:49,330
militant atheists I think that's really

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00:04:53,310 --> 00:04:51,790
where the emotional impetus comes from

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00:04:55,730 --> 00:04:53,320
from any of them they are kind of

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00:04:58,110 --> 00:04:55,740
proselytizing atheists they think that

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00:05:00,150 --> 00:04:58,120
phenomena like telepathy or impossible

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00:05:01,860 --> 00:05:00,160

I'm a scientist and I think that we

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00:05:03,600 --> 00:05:01,870

should investigate them I've done

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00:05:05,310 --> 00:05:03,610

Studies on dogs that know when their

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00:05:08,130 --> 00:05:05,320

owners are coming home which i think is

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00:05:09,480 --> 00:05:08,140

telepathic in many cases but you see

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00:05:11,490 --> 00:05:09,490

that for the from the point of view of

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00:05:13,290 --> 00:05:11,500

the gorillas skeptics anyone who

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00:05:15,480 --> 00:05:13,300

investigates these phenomena that they

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00:05:19,470 --> 00:05:15,490

don't like with is doing pseudoscience

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00:05:21,480 --> 00:05:19,480

if you change things back they as you

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00:05:23,100 --> 00:05:21,490

say they've changed your biography so

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00:05:24,840 --> 00:05:23,110

you change it back to what it was then

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00:05:27,300 --> 00:05:24,850

what happens there's been a series of

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00:05:30,240 --> 00:05:27,310

people who've gone into the edit the

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00:05:31,860 --> 00:05:30,250

page who've think that this is wrong and

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00:05:34,710 --> 00:05:31,870

they've tried to restore a balance if

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00:05:36,870 --> 00:05:34,720

they change it back within seconds the

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00:05:37,450 --> 00:05:36,880

skeptic types revert it is called

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00:05:40,090 --> 00:05:37,460

reverse

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00:05:41,890 --> 00:05:40,100

because they have a automatic alert if

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00:05:45,100 --> 00:05:41,900

any change was made on the site there in

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00:05:47,499 --> 00:05:45,110

immediately notified and then if someone

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00:05:49,719 --> 00:05:47,509

changed it back again if someone reverts

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00:05:52,600 --> 00:05:49,729

thinks three times in a day they can be

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00:05:55,719 --> 00:05:52,610

banned for called an editing war they've

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00:05:57,249 --> 00:05:55,729

got about five people banned so far so

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00:05:59,469 --> 00:05:57,259

this is the problem and it's not

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00:06:00,969 --> 00:05:59,479

confined to these skeptic groups there

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00:06:03,219 --> 00:06:00,979

are other groups on different parts of

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00:06:06,700 --> 00:06:03,229

Wikipedia who are editing it for their

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00:06:08,770 --> 00:06:06,710

own ends at Earth well the oxford

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00:06:11,560 --> 00:06:08,780

university internet research unit

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00:06:13,960 --> 00:06:11,570

published a list recently of the top

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00:06:16,450 --> 00:06:13,970

editing walls on wikipedia and the top

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00:06:19,150 --> 00:06:16,460

10 sites weathers editing walls and

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00:06:23,290 --> 00:06:19,160

contested editing concern climate change

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00:06:25,870 --> 00:06:23,300

God Jesus Christ Muhammad and it

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00:06:28,300 --> 00:06:25,880

homosexuality and they differ from

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00:06:30,460 --> 00:06:28,310
country to country most people who use

152
00:06:32,560 --> 00:06:30,470
Wikipedia think it's sort of a fair and

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00:06:33,909 --> 00:06:32,570
objective and in some cases it is I mean

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00:06:36,520 --> 00:06:33,919
if you're dealing with on controversial

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00:06:37,930 --> 00:06:36,530
subjects and I like the age of lincoln

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00:06:40,930 --> 00:06:37,940
cathedral or something then it's

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00:06:41,890 --> 00:06:40,940
probably very reliable but in anything

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00:06:43,899 --> 00:06:41,900
whether there's a differing opinion

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00:06:46,120 --> 00:06:43,909
there's a tremendous temptation for

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00:06:48,580 --> 00:06:46,130
people to try and capture it and use it

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00:06:50,740 --> 00:06:48,590
to promote their agenda so on my

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00:06:52,899 --> 00:06:50,750
particular biography page the rupert

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00:06:55,390 --> 00:06:52,909

sheldrake page on wikipedia a

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00:06:57,100 --> 00:06:55,400

superficial person just looking in me up

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00:07:00,219 --> 00:06:57,110

for the first time we get an extremely

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00:07:02,140 --> 00:07:00,229

distorted view if they persisted they'd

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00:07:04,060 --> 00:07:02,150

be able to correct the balance but many

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00:07:05,080 --> 00:07:04,070

of them might not persist Rupert

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00:07:06,990 --> 00:07:05,090

Sheldrake where we're going to talk

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00:07:09,040 --> 00:07:07,000

about the reliability of Wikipedia and

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00:07:10,149 --> 00:07:09,050

that's on the World Service facebook

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00:07:12,159 --> 00:07:10,159

page quite a lot of people also

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00:07:13,570 --> 00:07:12,169

commenting on Sheldrake's research

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00:07:16,240 --> 00:07:13,580

itself we're actually going to take that

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00:07:20,560 --> 00:07:16,250

up as an issue later at some time next

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00:07:22,749 --> 00:07:20,570

week so with that as a background let's

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00:07:26,390 --> 00:07:22,759

get right into the interview that I had

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00:07:31,070 --> 00:07:28,550

today we welcome Rome baharo to skeptic

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00:07:33,260 --> 00:07:31,080

Oh Rome is an entrepreneur and media

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00:07:35,960 --> 00:07:33,270

consultant who during the fall of two

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00:07:38,659 --> 00:07:35,970

thousand thirteen found himself right in

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00:07:41,300 --> 00:07:38,669

the middle of the Wikipedia war over

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00:07:42,860 --> 00:07:41,310

Rupert Sheldrake CIO page this is a

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00:07:45,230 --> 00:07:42,870

topic I've touched down a little bit

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00:07:47,629 --> 00:07:45,240

before and I'm really glad to welcome

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00:07:48,950 --> 00:07:47,639

Rome here so we can kind of fill in some

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00:07:50,629 --> 00:07:48,960

of the backstory here because it's

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00:07:51,950 --> 00:07:50,639

really fascinating and it fits in with

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00:07:55,219 --> 00:07:51,960

so many of the things we've talked about

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00:07:57,469 --> 00:07:55,229

on this show Rome welcome to skeptic oh

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00:07:58,820 --> 00:07:57,479

thanks for joining me oh thank you Alex

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00:08:00,890 --> 00:07:58,830

thank you for having me on I really

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00:08:03,950 --> 00:08:00,900

appreciate it so Rome I will have just

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00:08:06,110 --> 00:08:03,960

played for folks dr. Sheldrake's recent

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00:08:08,600 --> 00:08:06,120

interview on the BBC where he does a

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00:08:11,480 --> 00:08:08,610

pretty good job of outlining the

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00:08:14,360 --> 00:08:11,490

situation and the capturing as he calls

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00:08:16,790 --> 00:08:14,370

it of his bio page can you tell folks

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00:08:18,500 --> 00:08:16,800

how you became involved in this project

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00:08:20,620 --> 00:08:18,510

how you first got interested and then

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00:08:26,659 --> 00:08:20,630
made a little bit about what happened

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00:08:28,850 --> 00:08:26,669
sure sure so I became involved I met

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00:08:32,329 --> 00:08:28,860
Lewbert Sheldrake about one year

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00:08:35,180 --> 00:08:32,339
previously up in Northern California he

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00:08:37,130 --> 00:08:35,190
saw I you know I gave a TEDx talk he saw

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00:08:39,019 --> 00:08:37,140
it and he just want to know if we could

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00:08:41,540 --> 00:08:39,029
meet while he was in while he was in

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00:08:43,550 --> 00:08:41,550
town he just wanted some advice on his

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00:08:45,560 --> 00:08:43,560
social on his website and social media

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00:08:47,990 --> 00:08:45,570
properties it's a very common question

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00:08:50,720 --> 00:08:48,000
I'm asked I'm a consultant for social

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00:08:53,480 --> 00:08:50,730
media so I met with him I gave him kind

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00:08:55,640 --> 00:08:53,490

of like the usual spiel that I give to

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00:08:58,160 --> 00:08:55,650

most people we met for about 30 minutes

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00:09:00,170 --> 00:08:58,170

and and that was pretty much it i like

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00:09:02,590 --> 00:09:00,180

nothing I'm assuming he was satisfied I

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00:09:05,810 --> 00:09:02,600

mean nothing else kind of came of it and

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00:09:08,269 --> 00:09:05,820

he wound up eat sending me an email kind

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00:09:12,110 --> 00:09:08,279

of out of the blue in august of this

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00:09:14,900 --> 00:09:12,120

year asking for my advice about his

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00:09:18,680 --> 00:09:14,910

Wikipedia problem and at first I was a

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00:09:20,420 --> 00:09:18,690

little a little skeptical I know a lot

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00:09:22,340 --> 00:09:20,430

of people kind of look at wikipedia

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00:09:23,810 --> 00:09:22,350

sometimes it's kind of like a vanity

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00:09:25,550 --> 00:09:23,820

article or a way to kind of promote

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00:09:28,850 --> 00:09:25,560

their ideas and I wasn't at first wasn't

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00:09:32,240 --> 00:09:28,860

sure what he was asking and I personally

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00:09:33,530 --> 00:09:32,250

kind of believe in Wikipedia I believe

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00:09:35,690 --> 00:09:33,540

in the kind of like the neutral point of

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00:09:37,670 --> 00:09:35,700

view that the encyclopédie has to take

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00:09:39,950 --> 00:09:37,680

so at first I was a little uncomfortable

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00:09:41,870 --> 00:09:39,960

but then he then he explained that

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00:09:43,700 --> 00:09:41,880

they're with these editors that kind of

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00:09:45,230 --> 00:09:43,710

went on to take over his page and they

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00:09:46,940 --> 00:09:45,240

were bullying and people off of it and

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00:09:49,370 --> 00:09:46,950

could I just take a look and just

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00:09:53,360 --> 00:09:49,380

basically just give me some advice so I

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00:09:55,070 --> 00:09:53,370

went to his article page and I was

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00:09:56,870 --> 00:09:55,080

actually personally offended by what I

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00:09:58,670 --> 00:09:56,880

saw when I did see a lot of the evidence

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00:10:01,160 --> 00:09:58,680

of the bullying of what was happening

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00:10:05,150 --> 00:10:01,170

there was a few editors on there one

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00:10:08,570 --> 00:10:05,160

editor visakha kind of joined the site

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00:10:12,490 --> 00:10:08,580

it looked like just to edit lewbert's

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00:10:14,720 --> 00:10:12,500

page there were they were the comments

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00:10:15,890 --> 00:10:14,730

the way they would attack other editors

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00:10:17,180 --> 00:10:15,900

on the page I think there was like a

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00:10:19,940 --> 00:10:17,190

number of editors who were actually kind

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00:10:23,390 --> 00:10:19,950

of band away from the page and it to me

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00:10:25,130 --> 00:10:23,400

it just seemed like something that i was

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00:10:26,180 --> 00:10:25,140

i was just kind of disillusioned right

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00:10:28,040 --> 00:10:26,190

that I was actually seeing this happen

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00:10:29,960 --> 00:10:28,050

on Wikipedia and no one was doing

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00:10:31,730 --> 00:10:29,970

anything about it all right let's back

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00:10:34,130 --> 00:10:31,740

up for just a second and explain to

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00:10:36,500 --> 00:10:34,140

folks who are not totally familiar with

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00:10:38,150 --> 00:10:36,510

the inner workings of Wikipedia because

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00:10:40,880 --> 00:10:38,160

we all know what Wikipedia is right it's

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00:10:44,600 --> 00:10:40,890

online encyclopedia and uses the power

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00:10:47,330 --> 00:10:44,610

of the group to edit these articles so

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00:10:49,820 --> 00:10:47,340

for most people who don't who never have

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00:10:51,950 --> 00:10:49,830

taken the time to be common editor or

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00:10:53,660 --> 00:10:51,960

get involved with any editing they kind

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00:10:56,450 --> 00:10:53,670

of think have this idea that the whole

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00:10:58,160 --> 00:10:56,460

process just kind of works itself out in

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kind of a normal way like you would with

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00:11:05,270 --> 00:11:01,670

a small group and really there's quite a

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00:11:07,610 --> 00:11:05,280

complicated social structure that really

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00:11:10,280 --> 00:11:07,620

is developed behind these Wikipedia

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00:11:13,730 --> 00:11:10,290

pages so tell people a little bit about

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how it's supposed to work how you've

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00:11:18,890 --> 00:11:16,530

seen it work in the past and then what

273

00:11:20,060 --> 00:11:18,900

surprised you when you went to shelters

274

00:11:22,730 --> 00:11:20,070

page because I think you tell a great

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00:11:25,100 --> 00:11:22,740

story there you know you're experienced

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00:11:27,410 --> 00:11:25,110

in social media and even as an

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00:11:29,060 --> 00:11:27,420

experienced person who understands

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00:11:31,640 --> 00:11:29,070

Wikipedia and has really been involved

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00:11:33,710 --> 00:11:31,650

with some pretty sophisticated projects

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00:11:35,390 --> 00:11:33,720

of whipping Wikipedia some you were

281

00:11:37,400 --> 00:11:35,400

surprised so I've kind of gone on not

282

00:11:38,780 --> 00:11:37,410

tell us how it's supposed to work and

283

00:11:41,870 --> 00:11:38,790

then what you found in shelters page

284

00:11:44,510 --> 00:11:41,880

well I listened to be honest I had my

285

00:11:47,270 --> 00:11:44,520

own idea about how it was supposed to

286

00:11:50,180 --> 00:11:47,280

work I actually previous to this I

287

00:11:53,079 --> 00:11:50,190

actually never went through you know the

288

00:11:55,420 --> 00:11:53,089

mediation process on Wikipedia before I

289

00:11:58,210 --> 00:11:55,430

folk about it right in my in my TED talk

290

00:12:00,699 --> 00:11:58,220

I actually used the Wikipedia article of

291

00:12:03,249 --> 00:12:00,709

Israelis and Palestinians finding a

292

00:12:06,040 --> 00:12:03,259

consensus where politicians couldn't so

293

00:12:07,480 --> 00:12:06,050

I had this this idea about it and of

294

00:12:09,730 --> 00:12:07,490

course I've you know read about it and

295

00:12:11,019 --> 00:12:09,740

kind of researched it but myself I

296

00:12:14,019 --> 00:12:11,029

actually never went through the process

297

00:12:17,590 --> 00:12:14,029

but how it's supposed to work I mean

298

00:12:19,480 --> 00:12:17,600

Wikipedia does have a very large often

299

00:12:22,840 --> 00:12:19,490

complex confusing sometimes even

300

00:12:25,179 --> 00:12:22,850

contradictory set of guidelines and how

301

00:12:27,069 --> 00:12:25,189

it's supposed to happen is there's a

302

00:12:29,920 --> 00:12:27,079

voice that Wikipedia is written in and

303

00:12:31,809 --> 00:12:29,930

it's the voice of neutrality and for me

304

00:12:33,489 --> 00:12:31,819

it's almost like how a journalist would

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00:12:35,619 --> 00:12:33,499

write something like a like you know a

306

00:12:37,569 --> 00:12:35,629

proper journalist like from the New York

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00:12:39,639 --> 00:12:37,579

Times or The Washington Post not an

308

00:12:41,829 --> 00:12:39,649

opinion article but like a reporter

309

00:12:43,509 --> 00:12:41,839

which is to simply you kind of remove

310

00:12:45,249 --> 00:12:43,519

yourself to the best of your ability

311

00:12:47,590 --> 00:12:45,259

personally from the information on the

312

00:12:50,769 --> 00:12:47,600

article and you simply state the facts

313

00:12:53,799 --> 00:12:50,779

not the story not the opinion but just

314

00:12:55,600 --> 00:12:53,809

the facts and on Wikipedia the

315

00:12:57,340 --> 00:12:55,610

guidelines kind of guide editors how to

316

00:12:58,840 --> 00:12:57,350

approach this now there's all these

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00:13:01,059 --> 00:12:58,850

there's such a wide variety of different

318

00:13:03,489 --> 00:13:01,069

topics on wikipedia from politics

319

00:13:06,340 --> 00:13:03,499

religion philosophy potentially very

320

00:13:08,949 --> 00:13:06,350

kind of contentious articles with

321

00:13:12,249 --> 00:13:08,959

different ideologies that kind of guard

322

00:13:15,460 --> 00:13:12,259

them so Wikipedia does keep adding on

323

00:13:18,489 --> 00:13:15,470

new steps new rules right of how to

324

00:13:20,919 --> 00:13:18,499

approach all these instances and when

325

00:13:23,019 --> 00:13:20,929

you go into talk one the what makes

326

00:13:25,569 --> 00:13:23,029

Wikipedia very difficult is how

327

00:13:27,189 --> 00:13:25,579

discussion actually is formatted on

328

00:13:29,110 --> 00:13:27,199

Wikipedia it's not like a normal

329

00:13:31,090 --> 00:13:29,120

discussion forum that most people are

330

00:13:33,009 --> 00:13:31,100

used to it's not like a reddit for

331

00:13:36,519 --> 00:13:33,019

example it's not like most kind of BBS's

332

00:13:37,929 --> 00:13:36,529

so even just having a discussion or

333

00:13:39,519 --> 00:13:37,939

leaving a comment can be very confusing

334

00:13:40,960 --> 00:13:39,529

like the first time people can leave a

335

00:13:42,850 --> 00:13:40,970

comment and this actually happened to me

336

00:13:44,470 --> 00:13:42,860

when I went on the Sheldrake's plays

337

00:13:46,660 --> 00:13:44,480

they can put their comments in the wrong

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00:13:49,960 --> 00:13:46,670

area they might forget to put a

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00:13:52,239 --> 00:13:49,970

signature so the the format of it is

340

00:13:55,629 --> 00:13:52,249

just inherently confusing but the idea

341

00:13:57,999 --> 00:13:55,639

is that when you go on to edit an

342

00:13:59,259 --> 00:13:58,009

article you're you familiarize yourself

343

00:14:01,600 --> 00:13:59,269

with the general guidelines of how

344

00:14:03,280 --> 00:14:01,610

Wikipedia operates and you kind of

345

00:14:04,660 --> 00:14:03,290

follow them to the best of your ability

346

00:14:06,710 --> 00:14:04,670

what's really interesting about

347

00:14:08,679 --> 00:14:06,720

Wikipedia is they have some very kind of

348

00:14:12,379 --> 00:14:08,689

forward-thinking rules and guidelines

349

00:14:14,119 --> 00:14:12,389

one of them is if you believe that you

350

00:14:16,610 --> 00:14:14,129

have to break one of these rules or

351
00:14:19,340 --> 00:14:16,620
break one of these guidelines to make

352
00:14:20,480 --> 00:14:19,350
the page better then break the rule but

353
00:14:22,340 --> 00:14:20,490
they also have a lot of very kind of

354
00:14:24,800 --> 00:14:22,350
restricted rules and what winds up

355
00:14:28,610 --> 00:14:24,810
happening is you have all these rules

356
00:14:30,740 --> 00:14:28,620
that editors when they do have an agenda

357
00:14:33,170 --> 00:14:30,750
they kind of gain right they kind of

358
00:14:35,300 --> 00:14:33,180
gain these circumstances rules or

359
00:14:37,249 --> 00:14:35,310
guidelines so they can kind of get their

360
00:14:38,960 --> 00:14:37,259
agenda on the page and that's where

361
00:14:41,600 --> 00:14:38,970
things can get very confusing and the

362
00:14:43,819 --> 00:14:41,610
principal way that they do that is by

363
00:14:46,730 --> 00:14:43,829

banning anyone who disagrees with them I

364

00:14:49,249 --> 00:14:46,740

mean in simple yes that's what happens

365

00:14:52,300 --> 00:14:49,259

you go through this protracted process

366

00:14:54,769 --> 00:14:52,310

of editing and then re-editing and

367

00:14:56,420 --> 00:14:54,779

controversy in this but at the end of

368

00:14:58,220 --> 00:14:56,430

the day within a very short period of

369

00:15:01,040 --> 00:14:58,230

time you get banned and that's what

370

00:15:03,110 --> 00:15:01,050

happened to you yes and that was it was

371

00:15:04,369 --> 00:15:03,120

it was such a disillusioning experience

372

00:15:06,230 --> 00:15:04,379

when it happened to me too because I

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00:15:08,569 --> 00:15:06,240

mean I knew what I was walking into I

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00:15:10,009 --> 00:15:08,579

mean I I knew that I I knew that there

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00:15:12,499 --> 00:15:10,019

was editor Zhaan there that definitely

376

00:15:14,240 --> 00:15:12,509

had some kind of agenda I mean it was it

377

00:15:15,889 --> 00:15:14,250

was pretty clear so I was expecting to

378

00:15:17,990 --> 00:15:15,899

get you know challenge and things like

379

00:15:20,509 --> 00:15:18,000

that what happened to me is literally

380

00:15:22,879 --> 00:15:20,519

within the first two days that I was

381

00:15:25,100 --> 00:15:22,889

there they tried to get me banned twice

382

00:15:27,889 --> 00:15:25,110

you know when I first came on too i was

383

00:15:29,449 --> 00:15:27,899

i was just kind of sussing the situation

384

00:15:31,970 --> 00:15:29,459

now I'm just kind of orientating myself

385

00:15:33,740 --> 00:15:31,980

to the personalities and discussion you

386

00:15:35,150 --> 00:15:33,750

know to the process I didn't like jump

387

00:15:37,639 --> 00:15:35,160

in a hundred percent I jumped in like

388

00:15:40,220 --> 00:15:37,649

ten percent the beginning so i posted 1

389

00:15:43,280 --> 00:15:40,230

or 2 comments about my concerns and for

390

00:15:46,970 --> 00:15:43,290

I this one editor vizac immediately came

391

00:15:49,460 --> 00:15:46,980

to my page said I was warned me that I

392

00:15:52,519 --> 00:15:49,470

was personally attacking editors on the

393

00:15:55,429 --> 00:15:52,529

page and that could be cause for

394

00:15:59,600 --> 00:15:55,439

removing me from Wikipedia and then the

395

00:16:01,699 --> 00:15:59,610

second day bizzack how the Zac found all

396

00:16:04,490 --> 00:16:01,709

this I don't know but this aquent back

397

00:16:07,069 --> 00:16:04,500

like back to 2006 and the archives in

398

00:16:10,460 --> 00:16:07,079

Wikipedia and found links on internet

399

00:16:16,870 --> 00:16:10,470

archive of discussion activities that I

400

00:16:19,730 --> 00:16:16,880

participated in in 2003 2004 2005 and

401

00:16:23,000 --> 00:16:19,740

said that I was trolling

402

00:16:26,630 --> 00:16:23,010

back then and that therefore i'm

403

00:16:29,180 --> 00:16:26,640

trolling wikipedia now and posted my

404

00:16:31,550 --> 00:16:29,190

personal identity on the talk page on

405

00:16:33,710 --> 00:16:31,560

Rupert's page and on my own personal

406

00:16:35,210 --> 00:16:33,720

page in Wikipedia which that is just a

407

00:16:37,760 --> 00:16:35,220

completely that's just a complete

408

00:16:39,740 --> 00:16:37,770

violation of how Wikipedia works the

409

00:16:43,070 --> 00:16:39,750

guidelines in the principles so your

410

00:16:46,010 --> 00:16:43,080

anonymity was destroyed I mean this is

411

00:16:48,710 --> 00:16:46,020

clearly a case of cyberbullying of

412

00:16:50,810 --> 00:16:48,720

someone trying to use the internet and

413

00:16:52,580 --> 00:16:50,820

the power of social media to kind of

414

00:16:55,310 --> 00:16:52,590

attack someone and do them harm because

415

00:16:58,460 --> 00:16:55,320

you have the ability or you have the

416

00:17:00,350 --> 00:16:58,470

right to disclose or not disclose who

417

00:17:02,390 --> 00:17:00,360

you are you're an entrepreneur you're a

418

00:17:04,430 --> 00:17:02,400

business person involved in social media

419

00:17:06,440 --> 00:17:04,440

we can understand why you may or may not

420

00:17:08,300 --> 00:17:06,450

want to disclose that you know what I

421

00:17:10,430 --> 00:17:08,310

think though we need to add to this

422

00:17:12,110 --> 00:17:10,440

because people listening to this and

423

00:17:14,120 --> 00:17:12,120

they're trying to sort out you know it's

424

00:17:17,240 --> 00:17:14,130

a big debate it's a fight there's two

425

00:17:20,110 --> 00:17:17,250

sides to it no no no no no what we have

426
00:17:23,000 --> 00:17:20,120
to add to this room is a little bit of

427
00:17:26,570 --> 00:17:23,010
context let's go through some of the

428
00:17:28,730 --> 00:17:26,580
changes that we're so controversial to

429
00:17:31,370 --> 00:17:28,740
these folks who have captured again

430
00:17:34,880 --> 00:17:31,380
Rupert sheldrick Spade these folks are

431
00:17:37,250 --> 00:17:34,890
are very dogmatic skeptics it's really a

432
00:17:39,920 --> 00:17:37,260
cover for atheism and they're

433
00:17:42,230 --> 00:17:39,930
fundamentalist in that way but let's go

434
00:17:44,630 --> 00:17:42,240
through some of the changes that were so

435
00:17:48,350 --> 00:17:44,640
controversial to them and I'd start with

436
00:17:51,170 --> 00:17:48,360
the very first line in sheldrick page

437
00:17:53,090 --> 00:17:51,180
and you'd sent me an email on this just

438
00:17:56,150 --> 00:17:53,100

to the last couple days and it reads

439

00:17:59,740 --> 00:17:56,160

Alfred Rupert sheldrick is an English

440

00:18:02,390 --> 00:17:59,750

author lecture researcher and

441

00:18:05,240 --> 00:18:02,400

parapsychologist-- now the change that

442

00:18:06,590 --> 00:18:05,250

you sought to make was rather than

443

00:18:09,530 --> 00:18:06,600

leading with the fact that he's an

444

00:18:12,050 --> 00:18:09,540

author to lead with the fact that he's a

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00:18:15,230 --> 00:18:12,060

biologist right is in English biologist

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00:18:19,070 --> 00:18:15,240

yes exactly so so and also to it I mean

447

00:18:21,800 --> 00:18:19,080

it's a me personally right I have no

448

00:18:24,500 --> 00:18:21,810

vested interest in promoting rubert

449

00:18:27,140 --> 00:18:24,510

Sheldrake's ideas or his hypothesis and

450

00:18:29,420 --> 00:18:27,150

I really don't know like I can't say

451
00:18:32,180 --> 00:18:29,430
scientifically if they're valid or

452
00:18:33,320 --> 00:18:32,190
invalid and that was never my arguments

453
00:18:35,660 --> 00:18:33,330
I was never arguing

454
00:18:37,580 --> 00:18:35,670
like pro his ideas my arguments were

455
00:18:39,380 --> 00:18:37,590
always just on the what's called the

456
00:18:41,090 --> 00:18:39,390
lead section right which is just

457
00:18:43,820 --> 00:18:41,100
describing the basic information about

458
00:18:46,910 --> 00:18:43,830
the man Rupert Sheldrake is a biologist

459
00:18:49,190 --> 00:18:46,920
author and lecturer so why I was so

460
00:18:52,520 --> 00:18:49,200
offended is and this is this is the

461
00:18:55,970 --> 00:18:52,530
metadata on Wikipedia is that these

462
00:18:58,100 --> 00:18:55,980
editors were basically abusing the

463
00:19:00,170 --> 00:18:58,110

metadata the first sentence of the

464

00:19:02,560 --> 00:19:00,180

paragraph to immediately frame rubert

465

00:19:05,270 --> 00:19:02,570

Sheldrake in a light that one is just

466

00:19:07,340 --> 00:19:05,280

biographically not true but in a way

467

00:19:09,320 --> 00:19:07,350

where he has no credibility just after

468

00:19:11,450 --> 00:19:09,330

the first sentence so when i joined the

469

00:19:14,600 --> 00:19:11,460

page what i found offensive was Rupert

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00:19:17,390 --> 00:19:14,610

Sheldrake is a former biologist right so

471

00:19:18,800 --> 00:19:17,400

I I just found that like offensive and I

472

00:19:20,390 --> 00:19:18,810

was like where is the source that he's a

473

00:19:22,670 --> 00:19:20,400

former biologist where is the evidence

474

00:19:24,860 --> 00:19:22,680

of this so all I was trying to do was

475

00:19:26,990 --> 00:19:24,870

really just change the lead section

476

00:19:28,760 --> 00:19:27,000

right I never was arguing for his

477

00:19:31,790 --> 00:19:28,770

theories how if they were valid or

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00:19:33,890 --> 00:19:31,800

invalid so even just giving him his

479

00:19:35,690 --> 00:19:33,900

proper credentials academically right

480

00:19:38,150 --> 00:19:35,700

Cambridge University refers to him as a

481

00:19:40,400 --> 00:19:38,160

biologist there's a there's so many

482

00:19:42,950 --> 00:19:40,410

scientific publications that referred

483

00:19:46,580 --> 00:19:42,960

him as a biologist well it's absurd he

484

00:19:49,280 --> 00:19:46,590

has dozens and dozens of scholarly peer

485

00:19:51,020 --> 00:19:49,290

review papers in scientific journals I

486

00:19:52,940 --> 00:19:51,030

think he's published in Nature if I

487

00:19:55,070 --> 00:19:52,950

remember correctly he's published in

488

00:19:57,230 --> 00:19:55,080

some of the most respected biology

489

00:20:00,830 --> 00:19:57,240

journals and take line two from the

490

00:20:06,890 --> 00:20:00,840

wikipedia entry this is really it's

491

00:20:09,530 --> 00:20:06,900

unbelievable from 1967 to 1973 he was a

492

00:20:12,020 --> 00:20:09,540

biochemist and cell biologist at

493

00:20:14,180 --> 00:20:12,030

Cambridge University well what happened

494

00:20:16,520 --> 00:20:14,190

after that he stopped being a biochemist

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00:20:18,590 --> 00:20:16,530

he stopped being a biologist it's just

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00:20:20,390 --> 00:20:18,600

absurd it's like something from a Monty

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00:20:21,890 --> 00:20:20,400

Python movie that was in the hint

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00:20:23,180 --> 00:20:21,900

inherently where I was kind of focusing

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00:20:26,390 --> 00:20:23,190

my arguments just in kind of lead

500

00:20:27,860 --> 00:20:26,400

section i created a sandbox and the

501
00:20:29,030 --> 00:20:27,870
thing is is you know i was making this

502
00:20:30,950 --> 00:20:29,040
argument but so were a lot of other

503
00:20:33,320 --> 00:20:30,960
people like you know i personally do not

504
00:20:35,930 --> 00:20:33,330
identify myself as like a pro Sheldrake

505
00:20:37,370 --> 00:20:35,940
supporter in the sense there was you

506
00:20:39,920 --> 00:20:37,380
know Craig wheeler was involved in the

507
00:20:43,340 --> 00:20:39,930
page and he writes a blog about sigh and

508
00:20:45,620 --> 00:20:43,350
telepathy and things like this so he was

509
00:20:46,880 --> 00:20:45,630
kind of arguing from that perspective so

510
00:20:49,520 --> 00:20:46,890
but even the people

511
00:20:52,220 --> 00:20:49,530
who were you know arguing from that

512
00:20:54,080 --> 00:20:52,230
perspective no one had any problem with

513
00:20:56,060 --> 00:20:54,090

having any criticisms of Rupert

514

00:20:57,440 --> 00:20:56,070

Sheldrake on the page right so there's

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00:20:59,420 --> 00:20:57,450

there's a number of scientists that I've

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00:21:01,400 --> 00:20:59,430

said very critical things about him they

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00:21:03,290 --> 00:21:01,410

refer to his work as pseudoscience and

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00:21:05,300 --> 00:21:03,300

all these things no one was arguing

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00:21:07,070 --> 00:21:05,310

against that we everyone wanted that on

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00:21:08,780 --> 00:21:07,080

the page it's an encyclopedia it's

521

00:21:11,570 --> 00:21:08,790

notable it should be there well hold on

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00:21:14,180 --> 00:21:11,580

hold on a minute I mean it maybe it's

523

00:21:16,250 --> 00:21:14,190

notable maybe it's not notable there's a

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00:21:18,290 --> 00:21:16,260

lot of controversy about that I think

525

00:21:20,060 --> 00:21:18,300

one of the things that you bring to this

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00:21:23,450 --> 00:21:20,070

discussion the perspective that you

527

00:21:25,700 --> 00:21:23,460

bring is as a media consultant and as

528

00:21:28,550 --> 00:21:25,710

someone as you explain your story who is

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00:21:30,100 --> 00:21:28,560

neutral on the topic so i can get pretty

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00:21:32,600 --> 00:21:30,110

heated if we want to talk about

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00:21:34,550 --> 00:21:32,610

pseudoscience but so i don't want to go

532

00:21:36,320 --> 00:21:34,560

there necessarily i want to stick to

533

00:21:40,700 --> 00:21:36,330

what you were just saying about the real

534

00:21:44,030 --> 00:21:40,710

story here is about wikipedia and about

535

00:21:47,360 --> 00:21:44,040

how it has been rigged how the game has

536

00:21:50,000 --> 00:21:47,370

been gained by these folks and how it's

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00:21:52,670 --> 00:21:50,010

consistent it's not just about sheldrick

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00:21:55,130 --> 00:21:52,680

I mean the broader question that we have

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00:21:58,160 --> 00:21:55,140

to ask ourselves when we dig into it is

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00:22:01,250 --> 00:21:58,170

what does this say about science because

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00:22:03,200 --> 00:22:01,260

I think one of the on-going debates we

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00:22:06,200 --> 00:22:03,210

have on this show and with

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00:22:08,600 --> 00:22:06,210

forward-thinking scientists is we have

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00:22:11,150 --> 00:22:08,610

this perception sometimes because the

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00:22:13,850 --> 00:22:11,160

internet does have this long tail and it

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00:22:15,920 --> 00:22:13,860

does allow more voices and more variety

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00:22:17,810 --> 00:22:15,930

of voices we have this sense I think

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00:22:20,780 --> 00:22:17,820

sometimes that things are getting better

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00:22:22,370 --> 00:22:20,790

that a paradigm change is coming that

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00:22:24,680 --> 00:22:22,380

new I that were more open to new ideas

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00:22:27,260 --> 00:22:24,690
and I think when we run into something

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00:22:30,020 --> 00:22:27,270
like this we have to acknowledge that in

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00:22:33,320 --> 00:22:30,030
a lot of ways science is worse than it

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00:22:36,080 --> 00:22:33,330
was that power through the internet has

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00:22:38,510 --> 00:22:36,090
been consolidated in some respects into

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00:22:42,500 --> 00:22:38,520
the hands of a few people like this who

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00:22:45,170 --> 00:22:42,510
can kind of rig the game so let's talk

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00:22:47,150 --> 00:22:45,180
about what this might mean for science

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00:22:48,830 --> 00:22:47,160
or what the broader implications of this

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00:22:50,780 --> 00:22:48,840
are I'm not sure how much it affects

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00:22:53,600 --> 00:22:50,790
science is how much it affects knowledge

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00:22:56,030 --> 00:22:53,610
just to kind of jump in here I didn't

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00:22:58,300 --> 00:22:56,040

say how does it affect science I say

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00:23:01,690 --> 00:22:58,310

what does it say about science

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00:23:05,020 --> 00:23:01,700

what does it say about our perception

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that we have that the internet is going

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00:23:12,210 --> 00:23:08,710

to somehow save us liberate us from the

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00:23:15,160 --> 00:23:12,220

narrowed perspective that science

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00:23:17,470 --> 00:23:15,170

materialism sometimes gives sometimes

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00:23:19,870 --> 00:23:17,480

gives us there's kind of rhetorical

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00:23:23,470 --> 00:23:19,880

question it's to me it says that you

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00:23:25,690 --> 00:23:23,480

know science isn't as well off as it

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00:23:27,940 --> 00:23:25,700

seems and she'll drochs you know book

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00:23:30,660 --> 00:23:27,950

science set free his latest book is

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00:23:33,810 --> 00:23:30,670

really that it's an extension of that

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00:23:37,030 --> 00:23:33,820

condemnation of science and Sciences

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00:23:39,220 --> 00:23:37,040

inability to kind of get out of its own

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00:23:41,620 --> 00:23:39,230

mess and pull itself up from its

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00:23:44,110 --> 00:23:41,630

bootstraps I see what you mean now so I

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00:23:45,400 --> 00:23:44,120

actually agree with that I'll wouldn't me

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00:23:47,530 --> 00:23:45,410

person I wouldn't call it science I

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00:23:49,110 --> 00:23:47,540

would call it just philosophy though I

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00:23:52,420 --> 00:23:49,120

guess there's this philosophy of

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00:23:55,990 --> 00:23:52,430

scientific materialism this is referred

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00:23:57,610 --> 00:23:56,000

to as scientism physicalism it is it

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00:24:00,460 --> 00:23:57,620

draws from a lot of knowledge that

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00:24:02,710 --> 00:24:00,470

science provides but it is a philosophy

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00:24:06,130 --> 00:24:02,720

and I think what this does say is that

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00:24:08,320 --> 00:24:06,140

there is a bias of this philosophy and

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00:24:11,830 --> 00:24:08,330

it I do believe it's entrenched in

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00:24:14,130 --> 00:24:11,840

Wikipedia right there my own personal

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00:24:17,080 --> 00:24:14,140

experience actually really kind of

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00:24:18,550 --> 00:24:17,090

provided that to me right where you have

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00:24:21,130 --> 00:24:18,560

this just really kind of rigid

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philosophical bias that take science

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00:24:25,870 --> 00:24:24,020

kind of treats it like a fundamentalist

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religious person would treat their

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00:24:29,740 --> 00:24:27,410

religion right how they would treat

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00:24:32,290 --> 00:24:29,750

Christianity where it's just we're right

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00:24:34,000 --> 00:24:32,300

we can break any rules that we want

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00:24:36,220 --> 00:24:34,010
because we're right anyway it doesn't

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00:24:38,740 --> 00:24:36,230
matter and anybody who disagrees with

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00:24:40,360 --> 00:24:38,750
this not only they wrong as people but

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00:24:43,870 --> 00:24:40,370
they're whatever they're ignorant

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00:24:45,760 --> 00:24:43,880
they're stupid we can abuse them that is

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00:24:47,920 --> 00:24:45,770
a pattern and I have seen that happen

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00:24:50,170 --> 00:24:47,930
along on Wikipedia and in addition to

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00:24:52,300 --> 00:24:50,180
that you know I was exposed on Wikipedia

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00:24:54,480 --> 00:24:52,310
me personally right let me they added me

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00:24:57,790 --> 00:24:54,490
as a person and now they have created

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00:24:59,710 --> 00:24:57,800
this hit piece on me on rational wiki

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00:25:02,650 --> 00:24:59,720
and I'm sure you're familiar with

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00:25:05,020 --> 00:25:02,660

rational wiki which it's it's everything

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00:25:07,120 --> 00:25:05,030

but rational right and basically you

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00:25:09,190 --> 00:25:07,130

have there's probably isn't that many

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00:25:10,320 --> 00:25:09,200

editors involved in rational wiki but

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00:25:13,169 --> 00:25:10,330

they're these really

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00:25:15,990 --> 00:25:13,179

aggravated people who kind of adhere to

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00:25:17,549 --> 00:25:16,000

this kind of specific worldview and they

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00:25:19,830 --> 00:25:17,559

use it to basically abuse people and

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00:25:21,750 --> 00:25:19,840

there's this very abusive libelous piece

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00:25:24,360 --> 00:25:21,760

on me on rational wiki right now which

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00:25:26,880 --> 00:25:24,370

it shows up really high in search it's

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00:25:29,759 --> 00:25:26,890

harmful to be professionally and what it

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00:25:32,310 --> 00:25:29,769

says to me is if this you know

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00:25:34,380 --> 00:25:32,320

philosophy or however it's referred to

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00:25:35,850 --> 00:25:34,390

but these people who are part of this I

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00:25:38,279 --> 00:25:35,860

don't even know what to call it alex is

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00:25:40,740 --> 00:25:38,289

it a skeptical movement are they are the

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00:25:42,509 --> 00:25:40,750

atheists I have no idea but if they're

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00:25:45,899 --> 00:25:42,519

simply promoting science which is based

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00:25:48,060 --> 00:25:45,909

on empiricism logic rationality why do

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00:25:50,100 --> 00:25:48,070

they need to do all these dirty tricks

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00:25:52,860 --> 00:25:50,110

to get their point across why do they

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00:25:54,990 --> 00:25:52,870

need to you know abuse people why do

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00:25:57,840 --> 00:25:55,000

they need to defame people to make their

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00:25:59,879 --> 00:25:57,850

point well I think that's really kind of

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00:26:02,340 --> 00:25:59,889

the more interesting issues and I think

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00:26:04,830 --> 00:26:02,350

we can kind of sit on the sidelines and

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00:26:07,350 --> 00:26:04,840

co oh my gosh isn't this horrible and

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00:26:10,379 --> 00:26:07,360

you know won't things ever get better

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00:26:12,629 --> 00:26:10,389

and and these crazy skeptics then I

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00:26:16,289 --> 00:26:12,639

always point out to people is the

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00:26:18,810 --> 00:26:16,299

skeptics the dogmatic skeptics the

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00:26:20,700 --> 00:26:18,820

fundamentalist atheists who these people

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00:26:23,279 --> 00:26:20,710

represent are really the tip of the

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00:26:24,690 --> 00:26:23,289

spear for scientism we always want to

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

you know like you did and say well it's

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

really not a problem with science is it

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00:26:30,810 --> 00:26:29,019

it's a slot problem with scientific

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00:26:33,509 --> 00:26:30,820
materialism it's a philosophical issue

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00:26:35,970 --> 00:26:33,519
no forget it it's about science if we're

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00:26:38,639 --> 00:26:35,980
going to talk in general terms science

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00:26:40,350 --> 00:26:38,649
media has been completely co-opted by

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00:26:41,639 --> 00:26:40,360
this point of view and the reason I'd

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00:26:43,950 --> 00:26:41,649
come back and say it's the tip of the

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00:26:46,620 --> 00:26:43,960
spear is you don't see scientists

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00:26:49,110 --> 00:26:46,630
rushing to the aid of Rupert sheldrick

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00:26:50,820 --> 00:26:49,120
just on principle saying hey this is a

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00:26:53,310 --> 00:26:50,830
colleague of ours this guy's clearly

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00:26:55,649 --> 00:26:53,320
about ologist he said Cambridge fellow

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00:26:58,230 --> 00:26:55,659
you know he's all these things we need

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00:27:01,019 --> 00:26:58,240

to defend this no they sit on their

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00:27:02,639 --> 00:27:01,029

hands and silently cheer or some of them

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00:27:05,549 --> 00:27:02,649

sit on their hands and hope that the

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00:27:08,039 --> 00:27:05,559

arrow doesn't point to them next so it's

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00:27:10,230 --> 00:27:08,049

really akin to what you were talking

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00:27:12,299 --> 00:27:10,240

about with religious fundamentalism so

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00:27:14,399 --> 00:27:12,309

you know back when they were bombing

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00:27:16,580 --> 00:27:14,409

abortion clinics you know of course

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00:27:19,830 --> 00:27:16,590

there was an outcry of stop the violence

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00:27:21,990 --> 00:27:19,840

from other Christians but there wasn't

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00:27:24,180 --> 00:27:22,000

too much of an outcry right it's if

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00:27:25,860 --> 00:27:24,190

there's a lot of sympathy to four

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00:27:28,289 --> 00:27:25,870

well we can certainly understand how

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00:27:30,830 --> 00:27:28,299

upset people are by all those babies

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00:27:34,759 --> 00:27:30,840

dying you know so these frontline

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00:27:37,710 --> 00:27:34,769

soldiers these tip of the spear of a

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00:27:40,590 --> 00:27:37,720

ideological debate I think we have to be

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00:27:42,779 --> 00:27:40,600

careful when we kind of separate them

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00:27:45,629 --> 00:27:42,789

and bifurcate and say well they don't

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00:27:47,970 --> 00:27:45,639

really represent science yeah I think

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00:27:52,369 --> 00:27:47,980

they do they do form a pretty good

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00:27:55,919 --> 00:27:52,379

representation of the crazy scientific

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00:27:57,930 --> 00:27:55,929

materialism that really grips science as

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00:28:00,539 --> 00:27:57,940

we know it right now I don't see any

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00:28:05,310 --> 00:28:00,549

relief from that I hope you're wrong

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about that I I mean I don't know what to

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00:28:08,879 --> 00:28:07,090

say I mean I I definitely see it as a

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00:28:10,289 --> 00:28:08,889

problem especially going through this

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00:28:12,060 --> 00:28:10,299

whole process I mean listen me

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personally I love science right I've

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00:28:15,930 --> 00:28:13,389

loved science since I was a kid when I

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00:28:17,820 --> 00:28:15,940

was in 3rd 4th grade I was devouring

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00:28:19,440 --> 00:28:17,830

books on astronomy right so there's this

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00:28:22,409 --> 00:28:19,450

part of me that loves science as a

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process and as a way to kind of develop

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00:28:25,350 --> 00:28:24,190

knowledge right so maybe when I hear you

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00:28:27,810 --> 00:28:25,360

say that word science that's what I'm

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00:28:30,629 --> 00:28:27,820

you know I'm assuming you mean what how

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00:28:32,399 --> 00:28:30,639

I understand science I definitely see

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00:28:35,519 --> 00:28:32,409

this as it as a huge problem though I

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00:28:39,299 --> 00:28:35,529

mean there is this mindset personally I

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00:28:41,730 --> 00:28:39,309

think it's groupthink right I don't know

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00:28:43,710 --> 00:28:41,740

if you're familiar what groupthink is or

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00:28:45,480 --> 00:28:43,720

if your if your listeners are but

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00:28:48,389 --> 00:28:45,490

groupthink is a term that's used in

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00:28:50,129 --> 00:28:48,399

psychology and group thing can happen in

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00:28:52,710 --> 00:28:50,139

any place where groups of people form

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00:28:54,869 --> 00:28:52,720

right it's it's irrespective of what the

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00:28:57,600 --> 00:28:54,879

the beliefs of that group are and how

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00:28:59,850 --> 00:28:57,610

groupthink forms is people inside that

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00:29:02,100 --> 00:28:59,860

group are afraid to address conflict

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00:29:03,990 --> 00:29:02,110

inside that group and because they are

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00:29:07,470 --> 00:29:04,000

afraid to address conflict inside that

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00:29:10,680 --> 00:29:07,480

group they into form this kind of shared

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00:29:12,480 --> 00:29:10,690

language and the shared language really

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00:29:15,299 --> 00:29:12,490

is about avoiding these conflicts within

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00:29:17,519 --> 00:29:15,309

the group and from that from group think

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00:29:19,139 --> 00:29:17,529

you'll get delusion you know you'll get

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00:29:21,930 --> 00:29:19,149

course a lot of like a rationality

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00:29:24,389 --> 00:29:21,940

that's personally what I see happening

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00:29:27,029 --> 00:29:24,399

right I see that there's groupthink

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00:29:29,970 --> 00:29:27,039

happening and because it is science it's

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00:29:32,700 --> 00:29:29,980

it's potentially institutionalized

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00:29:34,289 --> 00:29:32,710

groupthink right but you would we find

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00:29:37,650 --> 00:29:34,299

this in government or we would find this

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in huge corporations right i l'm in my

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00:29:41,310 --> 00:29:39,370

industry right l'm in the median

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00:29:43,050 --> 00:29:41,320

technology space and l've have had a

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00:29:45,330 --> 00:29:43,060

horrible groupthink experiences with

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00:29:48,120 --> 00:29:45,340

companies and startups that's what l

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00:29:50,280 --> 00:29:48,130

personally think this is i think it's i

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00:29:52,530 --> 00:29:50,290

don't think it's like a conspiracy in

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00:29:54,780 --> 00:29:52,540

the sense that people are consciously

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00:29:58,050 --> 00:29:54,790

putting together strategies of how to do

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00:29:59,610 --> 00:29:58,060

this i think it is a if it is a

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00:30:02,070 --> 00:29:59,620

conspiracy it would be like a completely

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00:30:04,830 --> 00:30:02,080

unconscious conspiracy right and to

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00:30:08,370 --> 00:30:04,840

avoid conflict within the group and when

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00:30:09,930 --> 00:30:08,380

you begin to engage in an argument with

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00:30:12,960 --> 00:30:09,940

people who are have this kind of

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00:30:14,750 --> 00:30:12,970

groupthink process happening when you

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00:30:16,890 --> 00:30:14,760

engage in an argument and you begin to

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00:30:18,990 --> 00:30:16,900

conflict with their ideas that they're

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00:30:20,940 --> 00:30:19,000

avoiding inside of their group you will

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00:30:22,170 --> 00:30:20,950

get a very kind of violent reaction

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00:30:24,030 --> 00:30:22,180

because they're not just defending

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00:30:26,370 --> 00:30:24,040

themselves or their own personal points

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00:30:27,810 --> 00:30:26,380

of view they're actually defending the

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00:30:30,840 --> 00:30:27,820

paradigm of the group right there

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00:30:32,370 --> 00:30:30,850

protecting the paradigm of the group so

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00:30:34,590 --> 00:30:32,380

that is that's personally how I

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00:30:36,540 --> 00:30:34,600

interpret it what is what is really

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00:30:38,430 --> 00:30:36,550

interesting and this is you know

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00:30:41,640 --> 00:30:38,440

personally and you and I spoke once

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00:30:44,280 --> 00:30:41,650

before personally I'm an agnostic right

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00:30:45,810 --> 00:30:44,290

so I don't really have at least I'd oh I

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00:30:48,930 --> 00:30:45,820

don't think I do I don't really have an

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00:30:51,180 --> 00:30:48,940

ID I an idea an ideology on one side or

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00:30:52,260 --> 00:30:51,190

the other and I come from the Robert I

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00:30:54,810 --> 00:30:52,270

don't know if you know who Robert Anton

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00:30:56,220 --> 00:30:54,820

Wilson was but he was an author and so I

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00:30:58,860 --> 00:30:56,230

kind of come from the Robert Anton

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00:31:01,020 --> 00:30:58,870

Wilson School which is I'm not just

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00:31:03,660 --> 00:31:01,030

agnostic about religion I'm agnostic

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00:31:04,950 --> 00:31:03,670

about everything and what's really

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00:31:07,830 --> 00:31:04,960

interesting when you take an agnostic

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00:31:10,020 --> 00:31:07,840

approach and you're arguing or you

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00:31:12,510 --> 00:31:10,030

engage in a debate with someone who is

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00:31:14,400 --> 00:31:12,520

on one extreme or the other they really

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00:31:16,080 --> 00:31:14,410

don't know what to make of you because

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00:31:19,110 --> 00:31:16,090

you're not you're not really you're not

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00:31:20,790 --> 00:31:19,120

really taking aside and when you have

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00:31:22,080 --> 00:31:20,800

this kind of agnostic approach where

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00:31:24,990 --> 00:31:22,090

you're just coming from this place of

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00:31:27,630 --> 00:31:25,000

you know hey I'm kind of in the middle

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00:31:29,100 --> 00:31:27,640

it's kind of a known I don't really have

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00:31:32,880 --> 00:31:29,110

the answers are not arguing for the

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00:31:36,900 --> 00:31:32,890

answers it's really easy to expose where

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00:31:39,510 --> 00:31:36,910

people who are really I don't know

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00:31:43,020 --> 00:31:39,520

really what's the word I'm looking for

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00:31:44,550 --> 00:31:43,030

certain yeah they're really certain it's

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00:31:47,280 --> 00:31:44,560

really easy to expose their

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00:31:48,450 --> 00:31:47,290

contradictions well I'm not I might edit

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00:31:49,860 --> 00:31:48,460

some this out because I don't want to

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00:31:51,630 --> 00:31:49,870

get off on this whole side track but

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00:31:54,060 --> 00:31:51,640

yeah I don't think there's any such

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00:31:55,680 --> 00:31:54,070

is an agnostic we all lay our head down

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00:31:57,300 --> 00:31:55,690

on the pillow at night and wake up at

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00:32:00,270 --> 00:31:57,310

two o'clock in the morning and have

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00:32:02,070 --> 00:32:00,280

those fundamental X essential questions

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and we answer them one way or another

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00:32:08,550 --> 00:32:04,720

and the way we answer them is who we are

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00:32:10,620 --> 00:32:08,560

so I don't believe in agnosticism I just

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00:32:12,870 --> 00:32:10,630

don't think it exists we live our life

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00:32:15,390 --> 00:32:12,880

the way we live our life is the answer

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00:32:17,520 --> 00:32:15,400

for what we believe and again this is

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00:32:20,490 --> 00:32:17,530

kind of out of the context of this show

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00:32:22,920 --> 00:32:20,500

but for me I'm not about belief I'm just

801
00:32:26,400 --> 00:32:22,930
about following the evidence following

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00:32:29,750 --> 00:32:26,410
the data and i don't know what the real

803
00:32:32,790 --> 00:32:29,760
answer is i know that the paradigm of

804
00:32:35,670 --> 00:32:32,800
scientific materialism the paradigm of

805
00:32:37,920 --> 00:32:35,680
you are just a biological robot and the

806
00:32:40,920 --> 00:32:37,930
consciousness is an illusion I know

807
00:32:44,760 --> 00:32:40,930
that's been falsified the data that we

808
00:32:47,400 --> 00:32:44,770
have overwhelmingly suggest that that's

809
00:32:49,050 --> 00:32:47,410
the case so you know what that means in

810
00:32:50,460 --> 00:32:49,060
terms of what somebody wants a label

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00:32:53,070 --> 00:32:50,470
themselves or something like that I

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00:32:55,740 --> 00:32:53,080
don't know but let me get off of that

813
00:32:57,620 --> 00:32:55,750

aside and maybe respond to this and this

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00:33:00,510 --> 00:32:57,630

where I'd like to pick it up I'd say so

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00:33:03,570 --> 00:33:00,520

Rome maybe it is a group think thing and

816

00:33:06,480 --> 00:33:03,580

I'm open to that but I also have a sense

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00:33:08,610 --> 00:33:06,490

that it's really about culture and it's

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00:33:10,200 --> 00:33:08,620

about a culture war it's really

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00:33:12,860 --> 00:33:10,210

interesting you know because when you

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00:33:15,630 --> 00:33:12,870

really try and pin down these groups

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00:33:18,330 --> 00:33:15,640

it's fascinating because what are they

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00:33:20,580 --> 00:33:18,340

really about their about defending the

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00:33:22,800 --> 00:33:20,590

status quo they're about maintaining

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00:33:25,560 --> 00:33:22,810

things the way they are and it's a weird

825

00:33:28,070 --> 00:33:25,570

position to be in and they're also about

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00:33:31,800 --> 00:33:28,080

maintaining from what I can tell this

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00:33:34,460 --> 00:33:31,810

strange balance between the idiocy of

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00:33:36,930 --> 00:33:34,470

religion and the craziness of

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00:33:39,780 --> 00:33:36,940

materialistic science I mean they just

830

00:33:41,400 --> 00:33:39,790

don't want things to change in this

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00:33:44,130 --> 00:33:41,410

balance and that's why you know like you

832

00:33:47,460 --> 00:33:44,140

mentioned cold fusion a minute ago why

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00:33:50,570 --> 00:33:47,470

the heck would any won't be against cold

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00:33:53,310 --> 00:33:50,580

fusion why would why would a skeptic

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00:33:55,830 --> 00:33:53,320

quote-unquote skeptic have even an

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00:33:58,170 --> 00:33:55,840

opinion on that I mean it doesn't seem

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00:34:00,780 --> 00:33:58,180

to be a culture war issue but it is a

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00:34:02,130 --> 00:34:00,790

culture war issue if we look at it

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00:34:05,370 --> 00:34:02,140

through this lens that i'm talking about

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00:34:08,070 --> 00:34:05,380

of defending the status quo defending

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00:34:09,780 --> 00:34:08,080

things as they currently exist and if we

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00:34:12,510 --> 00:34:09,790

look at it and we come way and we say

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00:34:15,540 --> 00:34:12,520

maybe that is it then I think you have

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00:34:17,820 --> 00:34:15,550

to be more open to the conspiratorial

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00:34:20,580 --> 00:34:17,830

aspect of it and I don't want to go too

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00:34:23,190 --> 00:34:20,590

far in that but i will say that i don't

847

00:34:26,040 --> 00:34:23,200

think conspiracies work the way that

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00:34:29,760 --> 00:34:26,050

people generally think they work it's

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00:34:32,550 --> 00:34:29,770

not like a group of guys in a back smoky

850

00:34:35,070 --> 00:34:32,560

cigar filled room making decisions about

851

00:34:37,440 --> 00:34:35,080

how to rule the world it's just about

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00:34:39,629 --> 00:34:37,450

sitting back and seeing how the game is

853

00:34:42,720 --> 00:34:39,639

played in given a little wink and a nod

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00:34:45,030 --> 00:34:42,730

here and a little nudge they're cutting

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00:34:47,280 --> 00:34:45,040

the legs out of this guy over here and

856

00:34:49,530 --> 00:34:47,290

promoting this guy a little bit more

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00:34:51,629 --> 00:34:49,540

over here and you basically just let the

858

00:34:53,610 --> 00:34:51,639

system run its course and just make

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00:34:55,350 --> 00:34:53,620

these little tweaks and you can get the

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00:34:57,840 --> 00:34:55,360

outcome that you want that's what I

861

00:34:59,400 --> 00:34:57,850

think is going on well it listen that in

862

00:35:01,140 --> 00:34:59,410

that in that light there was definitely

863

00:35:03,960 --> 00:35:01,150

conspiracy to get me banned off of

864

00:35:05,910 --> 00:35:03,970

Wikipedia there's you know there's no

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00:35:07,320 --> 00:35:05,920

question about that I actually uh I have

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00:35:11,010 --> 00:35:07,330

there's actually a lot of evidence

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00:35:13,950 --> 00:35:11,020

compiled for for that and to your other

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00:35:15,360 --> 00:35:13,960

point you know I was really putting

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00:35:18,650 --> 00:35:15,370

forward a lot of very kind of strong

870

00:35:21,300 --> 00:35:18,660

guard arguments on Rupert's page and

871

00:35:23,250 --> 00:35:21,310

these arguments I think it was the first

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00:35:24,900 --> 00:35:23,260

time that the editors were really kind

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00:35:27,960 --> 00:35:24,910

of confronted with really kind of strong

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00:35:29,850 --> 00:35:27,970

arguments and although they banned me

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00:35:32,370 --> 00:35:29,860

right I was I was banned off Wikipedia

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00:35:34,080 --> 00:35:32,380

October 17th my arguments are still

877

00:35:36,210 --> 00:35:34,090

continuing right there's there's a

878

00:35:38,070 --> 00:35:36,220

number of editors who have come in and

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00:35:40,440 --> 00:35:38,080

have now picked up these arguments and

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00:35:43,080 --> 00:35:40,450

his page has gotten a lot better because

881

00:35:44,730 --> 00:35:43,090

of it right not to how I would think it

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00:35:46,410 --> 00:35:44,740

should be personally but there has been

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00:35:49,740 --> 00:35:46,420

a lot of very kind of positive changes

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00:35:51,510 --> 00:35:49,750

and I and then to your point I think

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00:35:52,740 --> 00:35:51,520

we're kind of using conspiracy and

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00:35:55,260 --> 00:35:52,750

groupthink probably as interchangeable

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00:35:58,980 --> 00:35:55,270

words right I definitely think that in

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00:36:00,720 --> 00:35:58,990

any kind of situation where any group

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00:36:02,550 --> 00:36:00,730

kind of feels threatened they're going

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00:36:04,770 --> 00:36:02,560

to try to advance their ideas or their

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00:36:09,810 --> 00:36:04,780

agenda their protocols however they can

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00:36:12,090 --> 00:36:09,820

and most people will lie ban someone

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00:36:14,640 --> 00:36:12,100

sensor someone maybe even kill someone

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00:36:18,300 --> 00:36:14,650

to forward any idea that they believe is

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00:36:19,559 --> 00:36:18,310

true and when you attack an idea that

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00:36:21,959 --> 00:36:19,569

someone believes it's true

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00:36:23,939 --> 00:36:21,969

they're really invested in that idea I

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00:36:25,799 --> 00:36:23,949

think what's going on in their minds is

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00:36:28,769 --> 00:36:25,809

it's as if you are physically attacking

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00:36:31,199 --> 00:36:28,779

them and if your if their idea is no

901
00:36:34,229 --> 00:36:31,209
longer true it means that they're dead

902
00:36:37,199 --> 00:36:34,239
almost right so it people have this

903
00:36:38,789 --> 00:36:37,209
really kind of protective sense of what

904
00:36:41,089 --> 00:36:38,799
they believe to be true and i agree

905
00:36:43,259 --> 00:36:41,099
people will plot and strategize

906
00:36:45,029 --> 00:36:43,269
defending their ideas as if they were

907
00:36:47,699 --> 00:36:45,039
defending their own lives so just like

908
00:36:50,519 --> 00:36:47,709
you know in world war two you had the

909
00:36:52,170 --> 00:36:50,529
Nazis and the Americans they were they

910
00:36:54,059 --> 00:36:52,180
were coming up with all kinds of battle

911
00:36:56,729 --> 00:36:54,069
plans and strategies to protect both of

912
00:36:58,859 --> 00:36:56,739
their sides in the conflict that would

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00:37:01,349 --> 00:36:58,869

be a similar analogy in this case it's

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00:37:02,640 --> 00:37:01,359

just a war of ideas and people will

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00:37:04,859 --> 00:37:02,650

definitely do whatever they can to

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00:37:06,779 --> 00:37:04,869

protect those ideas what's that's what I

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00:37:08,099 --> 00:37:06,789

think was really awesome about what

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00:37:10,589 --> 00:37:08,109

happened to be on Wikipedia is because

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00:37:11,880 --> 00:37:10,599

the case is so clear right I mean I

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00:37:15,089 --> 00:37:11,890

because everything is stored on

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00:37:17,400 --> 00:37:15,099

Wikipedia I have evidence I have actual

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00:37:19,559 --> 00:37:17,410

physical evidence of the discussions

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00:37:22,199 --> 00:37:19,569

they were having about me there were

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00:37:25,259 --> 00:37:22,209

that I have I have links to where they

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00:37:26,789 --> 00:37:25,269

are literally talking about getting me

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00:37:29,609 --> 00:37:26,799

band off the page and they're all

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00:37:31,680 --> 00:37:29,619

gathering one section and they're using

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00:37:34,199 --> 00:37:31,690

these these links that are cutting you

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00:37:35,989 --> 00:37:34,209

know they go back to 2004 and they're

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00:37:39,120 --> 00:37:35,999

using these links as evidence of me

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00:37:42,269 --> 00:37:39,130

trolling on Wikipedia in 2013 which is

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00:37:45,439 --> 00:37:42,279

really it's absurd right every nine

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00:37:47,880 --> 00:37:45,449

years you show up to troll well what is

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00:37:49,229 --> 00:37:47,890

potentially do for you wrong because

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00:37:52,019 --> 00:37:49,239

it's interesting the first time we

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00:37:54,870 --> 00:37:52,029

talked you were telling me about some of

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00:37:56,099 --> 00:37:54,880

these ideas you had coincidentally

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00:37:58,469 --> 00:37:56,109

really because there they weren't

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00:38:01,680 --> 00:37:58,479

connected at the time to this but ideas

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00:38:04,920 --> 00:38:01,690

that you have for engineering other kind

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00:38:08,069 --> 00:38:04,930

of social interaction tools and products

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00:38:10,170 --> 00:38:08,079

that transcend some of these or help us

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00:38:11,640 --> 00:38:10,180

transcend some of these problems tell us

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00:38:13,829 --> 00:38:11,650

a little bit about that and might this

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00:38:15,989 --> 00:38:13,839

be a blessing in disguise Flynn and an

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00:38:17,969 --> 00:38:15,999

impetus for you to even drive some of

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00:38:19,650 --> 00:38:17,979

that stuff further absolutely this is I

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00:38:21,749 --> 00:38:19,660

mean that I am so passionate about this

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00:38:24,329 --> 00:38:21,759

subject I have actually been developing

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00:38:25,559 --> 00:38:24,339

a platform for about 10 years now it's

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00:38:27,390 --> 00:38:25,569
actually in production right now the

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00:38:30,269 --> 00:38:27,400
first iteration hopefully going to be

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00:38:32,010 --> 00:38:30,279
ready in a couple weeks in in programmer

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00:38:34,710 --> 00:38:32,020
time that could be two months

955
00:38:37,560 --> 00:38:34,720
but I've developed a collective editing

956
00:38:40,620 --> 00:38:37,570
platform that can sort massive

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00:38:43,950 --> 00:38:40,630
large-scale discussions by rational

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00:38:46,770 --> 00:38:43,960
consensus personal commentary and open

959
00:38:49,260 --> 00:38:46,780
questions and how it sorts of

960
00:38:50,450 --> 00:38:49,270
discussions will allow the editors or

961
00:38:54,120 --> 00:38:50,460
the participants in those discussions

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00:38:55,830 --> 00:38:54,130
various editing powers so this is a bit

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00:38:59,010 --> 00:38:55,840

this is I am so passionate about this

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00:39:02,400 --> 00:38:59,020

this is why I was so interested in going

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00:39:04,940 --> 00:39:02,410

on Rupert's page right I actually wanted

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00:39:07,680 --> 00:39:04,950

to see how this process gets played out

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00:39:10,500 --> 00:39:07,690

when you have a very kind of conflicting

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00:39:13,080 --> 00:39:10,510

ideological based article how it kind of

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00:39:15,540 --> 00:39:13,090

works itself out on Wikipedia I believe

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00:39:17,670 --> 00:39:15,550

that collective editing platforms like

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00:39:20,700 --> 00:39:17,680

Wikipedia I look at wikipedia the way is

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00:39:22,320 --> 00:39:20,710

almost like a precursor I think it's the

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00:39:26,370 --> 00:39:22,330

future i think it's i think collective

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00:39:27,780 --> 00:39:26,380

editing platforms are going to evolve to

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00:39:29,210 --> 00:39:27,790

where governments will be using

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00:39:32,490 --> 00:39:29,220

collective editing platforms

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00:39:34,560 --> 00:39:32,500

corporations people businesses because

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00:39:37,140 --> 00:39:34,570

it does enable collective intelligence

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00:39:40,140 --> 00:39:37,150

itself does enable the most kind of

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00:39:42,090 --> 00:39:40,150

refined the most honest the most

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00:39:44,760 --> 00:39:42,100

rational idea to kind of form from a

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00:39:46,860 --> 00:39:44,770

collective but why would we want that if

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00:39:49,590 --> 00:39:46,870

we're in government or if we're in an

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00:39:52,830 --> 00:39:49,600

institution that exerts a certain power

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00:39:55,980 --> 00:39:52,840

control over an issue or topic why would

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00:39:57,540 --> 00:39:55,990

we want that wolfforth for that very

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00:40:00,030 --> 00:39:57,550

reason of what you just said well

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00:40:01,650 --> 00:40:00,040

collect a collective editing platform by

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its very nature is it's an open process

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00:40:06,570 --> 00:40:04,270

so it has the kind of like the spirit of

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00:40:08,310 --> 00:40:06,580

democracy but it doesn't have the flaws

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00:40:13,260 --> 00:40:08,320

it doesn't have the mathematical flaws

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00:40:16,530 --> 00:40:13,270

of voting well I'd certainly love and

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00:40:20,760 --> 00:40:16,540

admire your idealism and I can only hope

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00:40:24,210 --> 00:40:20,770

that you succeed in that effort but I'm

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00:40:28,170 --> 00:40:24,220

skeptical well this I'm skeptical I'm

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00:40:31,950 --> 00:40:28,180

skeptical too I'm I that's also to why

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00:40:33,120 --> 00:40:31,960

this is so perplexing because I think it

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00:40:35,300 --> 00:40:33,130

likely you two said I'm skeptical

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00:40:38,010 --> 00:40:35,310

skepticism is a very healthy attitude

1001
00:40:40,380 --> 00:40:38,020
right well I'll certainly be cheering

1002
00:40:42,540 --> 00:40:40,390
you on at the very least Rome bureau

1003
00:40:44,760 --> 00:40:42,550
thank you so much for joining me and

1004
00:40:46,680 --> 00:40:44,770
best of luck with that work

1005
00:40:48,780 --> 00:40:46,690
oh thank you so much else I really

1006
00:40:50,400 --> 00:40:48,790
appreciate you having me come on and

1007
00:40:52,200 --> 00:40:50,410
letting me tell my side of the story and

1008
00:40:54,690 --> 00:40:52,210
if I could just finish this with one

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00:40:57,030 --> 00:40:54,700
thing the reason why I appreciate this

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00:40:58,920 --> 00:40:57,040
so much as you know they are personally

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00:41:02,580 --> 00:40:58,930
attacking me right now is Roma Haru on

1012
00:41:05,010 --> 00:41:02,590
the internet and it has been very a very

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00:41:06,960 --> 00:41:05,020

emotional experience for me having to go

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00:41:09,480 --> 00:41:06,970

through cyber bullying and Wikipedia and

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00:41:11,040 --> 00:41:09,490

I just want to end with what is

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00:41:13,770 --> 00:41:11,050

happening Olga pedia without a question

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00:41:15,480 --> 00:41:13,780

is cyber bullying cyberbullying there is

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00:41:18,000 --> 00:41:15,490

there are laws against cyberbullying and

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00:41:19,440 --> 00:41:18,010

I believe that has to stop so I really

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00:41:21,780 --> 00:41:19,450

thank you for letting me tell my side of

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00:41:24,120 --> 00:41:21,790

the story well I thank you for you know

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sticking your neck out and persisting

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and i will tell folks that the

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genuineness that you're conveying i can

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00:41:35,790 --> 00:41:32,460

vouch for because before this really

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00:41:39,200 --> 00:41:35,800
spun out of control you and I talked and

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00:41:43,770 --> 00:41:39,210
you were coming at this from purely a

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00:41:46,980 --> 00:41:43,780
genuine need to to fix a problem that

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00:41:48,750 --> 00:41:46,990
you saw is a fair-minded person and you

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00:41:50,760 --> 00:41:48,760
really got sucked into this vortex

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00:41:52,710 --> 00:41:50,770
without without being someone who is

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00:41:55,950 --> 00:41:52,720
going into it trying to pick a fight and

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00:41:58,530 --> 00:41:55,960
I i also have to admire your persistence

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00:42:01,200 --> 00:41:58,540
because you didn't back down you know

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00:42:04,230 --> 00:42:01,210
and we can't really back down from

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00:42:06,930 --> 00:42:04,240
bullies it just doesn't work and in this

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00:42:08,730 --> 00:42:06,940
case i don't know and i don't think you

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00:42:11,130 --> 00:42:08,740

know what you're going to have to go

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00:42:13,920 --> 00:42:11,140

through to get to the other side but i

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00:42:15,690 --> 00:42:13,930

do think you're going to have to get to

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00:42:18,030 --> 00:42:15,700

the other side there's no way to back

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00:42:19,590 --> 00:42:18,040

out now no exactly there's no way to

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back out now and also if you wouldn't

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mind to chi Chi just give you a little

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update on what's happening two of ours

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00:42:29,160 --> 00:42:26,260

so you know there's been an i am going

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00:42:32,070 --> 00:42:29,170

to be putting my case and everything up

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00:42:34,530 --> 00:42:32,080

online it should be ready hopefully in a

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00:42:36,600 --> 00:42:34,540

couple of days if i can leave the web

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00:42:39,030 --> 00:42:36,610

address would you mind sure no go ahead

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00:42:41,160 --> 00:42:39,040

and I'll also link up to it in the show

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00:42:44,220 --> 00:42:41,170

notes Roman and will of course point

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00:42:45,660 --> 00:42:44,230

people to that website and the links to

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00:42:47,580 --> 00:42:45,670

the other relevant links that we've

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00:42:50,310 --> 00:42:47,590

talked about in this show and I do hope

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00:42:52,380 --> 00:42:50,320

people get involved and follow this okay

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00:42:57,300 --> 00:42:52,390

so thanks again room alright doc thank

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00:42:59,160 --> 00:42:57,310

you so much thanks again to Rome pajaro

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00:43:01,710 --> 00:42:59,170

for joining me today on skeptic oh I

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have a couple of questions or T up for

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00:43:06,930 --> 00:43:03,460

this interview but before I get there

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let me update you on Rome's web page

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00:43:13,440 --> 00:43:11,260

it's at Wikipedia we have a problem calm

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00:43:15,720 --> 00:43:13,450

its pretty long URL but you'll get there

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00:43:18,240 --> 00:43:15,730

if you google it and I'll also of course

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00:43:20,070 --> 00:43:18,250

have a link in the show notes on his

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website he really goes into a lot of

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depth provides a lot of background as

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you just heard in this interview he's a

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level-headed guy he's pretty balanced in

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his approach so it really does provide a

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good case study for really looking at

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Wikipedia so here are a couple of

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questions that are kicking around for me

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number one what does this say about

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00:43:41,640 --> 00:43:40,090
science and I know I keep saying science

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00:43:43,500 --> 00:43:41,650
and people go well it's not really

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00:43:45,630 --> 00:43:43,510
science science means this or science

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00:43:48,330 --> 00:43:45,640
means that but I tend to disagree i

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00:43:51,000 --> 00:43:48,340
think this situation really speaks to

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00:43:54,270 --> 00:43:51,010
the larger problem with the way science

1082
00:43:57,240 --> 00:43:54,280
is applied and i think as i said in the

1083
00:43:59,280 --> 00:43:57,250
show the lack of support for sheldrick

1084
00:44:01,410 --> 00:43:59,290
in a situation where the scientist

1085
00:44:05,520 --> 00:44:01,420
should obviously be supported by his

1086
00:44:07,830 --> 00:44:05,530
peers speaks loudly and clearly that

1087
00:44:11,100 --> 00:44:07,840
this is a problem with science in

1088
00:44:13,890 --> 00:44:11,110

general but maybe you disagree i'd like

1089

00:44:17,430 --> 00:44:13,900

to hear your opinion and the second

1090

00:44:19,950 --> 00:44:17,440

question is this whole process this

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00:44:23,670 --> 00:44:19,960

process of wikipedia we have a problem

1092

00:44:27,240 --> 00:44:23,680

this process of exposing this is grossly

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00:44:30,480 --> 00:44:27,250

unfair bias at wikipedia is it as it was

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00:44:33,360 --> 00:44:30,490

in the case a ted censorship of Rupert

1095

00:44:36,480 --> 00:44:33,370

sheldrick is it really a blessing in

1096

00:44:39,810 --> 00:44:36,490

disguise so those are a couple of

1097

00:44:42,060 --> 00:44:39,820

questions quasi questions but at least

1098

00:44:44,300 --> 00:44:42,070

starting points for a conversation of

1099

00:44:47,010 --> 00:44:44,310

course the place to pick up that

1100

00:44:51,420 --> 00:44:47,020

conversation thread and take it forward

1101

00:44:54,360 --> 00:44:51,430

is at the skeptical website at skeptical

1102

00:44:57,000 --> 00:44:54,370

oh don't forget to spell skeptic Oh with

1103

00:44:59,790 --> 00:44:57,010

a KO at the end and at the website

1104

00:45:02,100 --> 00:44:59,800

you'll find a link to our forum where

1105

00:45:03,660 --> 00:45:02,110

the conversation will continue you can

1106

00:45:06,180 --> 00:45:03,670

also leave a comment right there on the

1107

00:45:07,800 --> 00:45:06,190

website or jump on over to Facebook and

1108

00:45:08,329 --> 00:45:07,810

leave me a note there or send me an

1109

00:45:10,849 --> 00:45:08,339

email

1110

00:45:12,920 --> 00:45:10,859

while you're at the skeptical website be

1111

00:45:15,190 --> 00:45:12,930

sure to check out all of our previous

1112

00:45:18,410 --> 00:45:15,200

shows over 200 of them and growing and

1113

00:45:20,719 --> 00:45:18,420

be sure to subscribe through itunes all

1114

00:45:23,120 --> 00:45:20,729

that stuff is free as are the

1115

00:45:25,789 --> 00:45:23,130

transcripts as is everything else on the

1116

00:45:27,799 --> 00:45:25,799

site so please do check it out and share

1117

00:45:29,359 --> 00:45:27,809

it as much as you feel appropriate I

1118

00:45:31,729 --> 00:45:29,369

have a number of interesting shows

1119

00:45:34,579 --> 00:45:31,739

coming up the next one is going to be a

1120

00:45:36,589 --> 00:45:34,589

real well I gosh i don't i'm not sure

1121

00:45:40,700 --> 00:45:36,599

what adjective to use it's just going to

1122

00:45:42,680 --> 00:45:40,710

be a real real interesting shell but i

1123

00:45:44,299 --> 00:45:42,690

don't want to tip my hand too much on